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robert j. kolker wrote:

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> *Paul Hovnanian P.E. wrote:*
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>> *You are assuming that we will be permitted to maintain a level of*
>> *protectionist policies necessary to keep everyone buying locally grown*
>> *products. As the prices go up following the wages, foreign produce will*
>> *take over the market and we won't need anyone to pick the domestic stuff*
>> *anyway.*
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> *Those who love the Proles should rejoice over that. No more exploitation*
> *of the Working Class.*

Bob and the original poster are real checkers players.....

You see, boys and girls, there are these 3 factors of production called land, labor, and capital. (there are actually 4 but we will leave the 4th one out because it will confuse things and checkers players are already obviously confused with just the basics). What actually happens is that if we hold capital constant than rent falls as the wages rise. The owner of the land will eat the cost. If you assume that the land will now be made unusable because it costs too much to grow tomatoes here then the price of that land will go in the tank. That means the rent will go in the tank. There is little doubt that the land owner will do everything in his power to convince the congress and all the rest of us that we need price supports or whatever it takes to keep the price of his land way up there. But the reality is that without government intervention it is rent that will take it on the chin and the price of the goods will rise ONLY if the people earning wages are getting MORE wages and not sending the wages back to Mexico. Like they can spend more on tomatoes.

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"I know no safe depository of the ultimate powers of society but the people themselves; and if we think them not enlightened enough to exercise their control with a wholesome discretion, the remedy is not to take it from them, but to inform their discretion by education." - Thomas Jefferson. <http://GreaterVoice.org>