

Re: Home Depot Courts Hispanics (Partners With La Raza To Hire 20,000"Spanish-Speaking" Workers)

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Harry Krause wrote:

> *H. Reader wrote:*

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>> "*Gunner*" <gunner@lightspeed.net> wrote in message

>> *news:s16f111ks0k8rbgoc72ivq27sfn216cmbo@4ax.com...*

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>>> *Then of course there are the Amish and their Dutch, etc etc...*

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>> *The Amish aren't Dutch and don't speak Dutch, genius.*

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> *Most Amish are trilingual, and speak English, German and "Pennsylvania*

> *Dutch," which is a dialect of German.*

As a rule, while the Amish are competent in both German and English, their vocabularies are rather limited. Among other things, none of the Old Order Amish go to school past the 8th grade and none study any mathematics more advanced than ratio and proportion. Geometry and Algebra are considered "highfaluting" and a potential source of pride, which they wish to avoid.

Most of them speak Plattsdeutsche, in any case. It's quite similar to the German that the "civilized" Germans speak, but it originated as a regional rural dialect and was considered somewhat "off" even at the time the Amish began to migrate en-masse to the States. Probably most Germans and most Amish could understand each other, about as well as a Texas cowboy and an Aussie shepherd could understand each other, with a great deal of effort on both parts.

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The incapacity of a weak and distracted government may
often assume the appearance, and produce the effects,
of a treasonable correspondence with the public enemy.

--Gibbon, "Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire"

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"Sometimes, Evil drives a mini-van."

--Desperate Housewives

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