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Joel Koltner wrote:

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Jobs moving offshore is simply companies fleeing oppression—a natural response. When the rules and burdens get too high, leave.

Most people don't consider stuff like "minimum wage" particularly oppressive, James

Sure it is! The s.o.'s teenager had trouble getting a job. There were a bunch of rules & reporting associated with hiring a teen, and most companies didn't want the overhead or risk of penalty for mistakes.

When he did get a minimum wage job, local "living wage" rules meant the kid earned enough to raise a small family, for bagging groceries. No wonder they can't afford to hire many workers!

The result was that his teen contemporaries mostly didn't work at all. Too bad—early jobs & real work, together, are one of the best learning experiences and preparations for real life there is.

— even if all the other rules were equal, companies are always going to be attracted to workers at \$0.25/hour compared to \$8/hour.

Not so, otherwise there wouldn't be any engineering jobs, for example, here at all. Someone local will always have big advantages over someone distant—communications are vital, and difficult enough in person. Throw in some time zones and several languages, and things quickly fall apart. Witness the Mars mission disaster just from metric vs. imperial units, and that gaffe arising amongst countrymen.

Over the long term this will sort itself out anyway — there's an article from a few days ago about how Indian wages have gone up enough that it no longer is the "obvious" choice for outsourcing, e.g., software development. (Plus any manager who visits somewhere like [www.thedailywtf.com](http://www.thedailywtf.com) can — if they have any technical background — see the folly of hiring overly cheap programmers, regardless of what country they're from.)

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Right, and that's super healthy. It's great to see other countries prospering, their people enjoying those fruits of technological and social progress which have been too exclusively ours for too long.

Oftentimes like Dorothy's predicament, the solutions have always been within their grasp, if they only chose to see them. India's mega-growth in IT comes from reduced taxation of same, I read.

Cheers,  
James Arthur

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