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But only a minority of people make the minimum wage, and many of them are teens or part-timers, people with other sources of family income.

Given that "minority" is anything less than 50%, this is certainly a true statement.

These folks were against minimum wage hikes in 2006, although the data is somewhat interesting: <http://www.heritage.org/research/economy/wm1186.cfm>. E.g., of minimum wage workers aged 25+, 10.6% has a BS or higher.

So much for telling kids that going to college will assure them of a decent future.

If someone makes min wage, they are inherently being paid more than their market value.

This is true enough, although it's not really an argument against the minimum wage, IMO... since if it were, you'd be on the slippery slope of perhaps deciding that, hey, why do we burden companies with the extra expense of controlling their emissions and discharges anymore than what the "market" asks for? Those companies are being forced to spend more than (at least today's) market value of clean air and water, after all!

So pressures exist to replace them: with automation, by contracting out to foreign countries, by using illegals.

Yes.

So, instead of working for below what some politician thinks they

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deserve, they have no job at all.

It's not a zero sum game, John. Replacing workers with automation also results in economic growth so the idea is that the jobs transition to simply requiring more skills but being better paying and more comfortable for the workers -- which is good for the world as a whole. (Although I'm the first to admit that this whole idea of "modern society" requiring "highly-skilled workers" has somehow morphed into, "...so everyone should spend four years in college!" when, in actuality, most jobs still just don't require that level of training.)

Illegal workers should of course be eliminated as much as possible.

---Joel

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