

Wall Street Journal Editorial Lying About REAL ID *October 10, 2006; Page A14*

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“It's unfair to say that the Republican Congress has done nothing on immigration. In one respect, according to a new report from state officials, Congress made matters worse.*”

The WSJ supports completely open borders point of view thus, when WSJ says a law makes things “worse” what they mean is that the law secures our borders. WSJ supports completely open borders and hiring of illegal aliens. Thus, any law which interferes with an employer’s ability to replace American labor with cheap illegal labor is bad.

“In May of last year Congress passed the Real ID Act at the urging of House Judiciary Chairman James Sensenbrenner (R., Wis.). It was yet another border-security measure, intended to thwart illegal immigration by denying drivers' licenses to undocumented aliens ***[illegal aliens]***. President Bush signed the legislation in hopes that Republicans then would meet him halfway on comprehensive immigration reform ***[giving amnesty to the 15 million illegals in the US.]*** Didn't happen. We now know that the Tom Tancredo "enforcement first" crowd has no intention of ever compromising with Mr. Bush.

We doubt Mexicans willing to risk their lives crossing hundreds of miles of desert on foot care much about not being able to obtain a drivers' license once here. ***[Illegals would not come to the US if they couldn't get jobs and free health care, etc]***. Nor is deputizing Department of Motor Vehicle officials going to force many illegal aliens already in the country to return home. The most likely result is more unlicensed and uninsured motorists, which means more dangerous U.S. roads. ***[Experience in Tennessee, North Carolina, Maryland and elsewhere shows that giving licenses to illegals does not decrease DUI by illegals, nor does it mean illegals will maintain insurance after getting a license. It also does not mean that illegals will remain at the scene of an accident.]***

Real ID gets worse. According to a new analysis from the National Governors Association, the National Conference of State Legislatures and the American Association of Motor Vehicle Administrators, the law is also going to be costly and burdensome. ***[Both the NCSL and NGA have received large numbers of grants over many years from the pro-open borders Ford Foundation. The numbers claimed by the NCSL and NGA are huge exaggerations and also fail to take into account the money saved by states through reduction of welfare fraud, Medicaid fraud, and holding deadbeat parents accountable for child support.]***

Under Real ID, all 245 million existing holders of drivers' licenses must apply -- *in person* -- for new, standardized identification cards. ***[False. Regulations being considered by DHS might exempt all people born before the mid 1940's. These are the people with the major birth certificate problems.]*** The report says that state motor vehicle department staffs will need to be more than doubled, ***[New York State has accomplished all the goals of REAL ID and has actually REDUCED its staffing since it undertook to make its licenses secure.]*** and workers will have to be trained to verify copies of original birth certificates, Social Security cards and the like. ***[A minor inconvenience compared to another 9/11]***

Misplaced your Social Security card? Have fun getting a new one. We're pretty sure that voters don't elect Republicans to increase the size of their already bloated state bureaucracies. **[And REAL ID, as shown by the NY State experience does not require such an increase]**

And yes, you can expect longer lines at the DMV in the future. "Real ID will reduce efficiencies and increase wait times," according to the report. **[In fact allowing millions of illegal aliens with "identity documents" from places like Afghanistan and who cannot speak English is what really lengthens lines at DMVs]** "Real ID will also effectively reverse state practices designed to ease an applicant's interaction with motor vehicle agencies (e.g., Internet, mail in renewal, over-the-counter issuance). **[All those Americans who prefer to reward lawbreaking illegal aliens and risk another 9/11 so they don't ever have to go to the DMV in person, raise your hands]** The deadline for compliance is May 2008. After that, identification from states that don't meet the new national requirements won't be accepted at federal agencies. **[Even the Wall Street Journal can be accurate occasionally]**

Proponents claim that standardizing drivers' licenses is essential to fighting terrorism on the domestic front. Mr. Sensenbrenner has said that Real ID will stop the next Mohamed Atta. But the 9/11 hijackers entered the country legally, which means they qualified for valid drivers' licenses. **[True, all the terrorists had visas. Those visas were issued in violation of U.S. law under pressure from open borders advocates like the WSJ in order to increase profits for big business. Furthermore, the 9/11 Commission noted that several of the terrorists had overstayed their visas and thus WOULD have been affected by REAL ID.** Nothing in the new law changes that reality, or the fact that you still don't need a driver's license to board a plane. Other forms of ID, such as a passport, will continue to suffice. **[Would you prefer that a half dozen young Arab terrorists board your plane with passports from their terrorist sponsoring home nations or with US issued drivers licenses that will not alert gate security?]**

All this cost and inconvenience might be acceptable if the law did what its proponents claim. But like a 700-mile fence along a 2,000-mile border, Real ID amounts to one more anti-immigration measure that ignores the economic incentives that draw immigrants here in the first place. **[Right. Punish employers and eliminate the incentive to break the law.]**

State agencies put the total cost of standardizing drivers' licenses at upwards of \$11 billion; **[Utter nonsense]** Congress has so far appropriated all of \$40 million. Again, this is from a Republican Congress that made its first legislation upon taking power in 1995 a bill against imposing "unfunded mandates." It included a pledge not to impose any burden on the states that wasn't fully financed from Washington. Now comes Real ID, transforming state departments of motor vehicles back into everyone's worst nightmare. **[A nightmare only for employers of illegals]** Some accomplishment.