With all due respect to Republicans, as well as employers, the large-scale import of unskilled labor has not been the driving force behind rising wage inequality. The decline of unions has played a far larger role. Unions were not wanted by employers for the same reason that low-paid, unskilled immigrants are. Unions contributed more to reducing wage inequality and assuring healthier Americans for almost 30 years, and did so more effectively, than any other government policy over the same time period. Capitalism remained intact.

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