

PART 1: Description:



Topic: criticism of inconsistent treatment of illegal immigrants in the USA

Room, corner (which is in the middle of the picture) and two adjacent walls two halves, both look very similar, almost as if mirrored, both very relaxed/ in no hurry, working almost side by side - BUT there are some important differences

Left side:

Man wearing a cowboy hat, standing on a black chair and nailing a poster to the wall. On his shirt we can read big biz → big business → represents the big companies in the USA

Poster: shows a quit thin, sad-looking, Hispanic worker who has dirty, hands and is carrying a heavy container full of fruit/vegetable, seems to be working on a field or plantation during harvesting time.

Caption on the Poster says: Help wanted for cheap disposable labour. To keep our profits going through the roof.

Right side:

almost the same **man**, also hanging up a poster; difference: he carries a gun, is standing on a white chair and wearing a sheriff's badge. He is whistling, seems to be relaxed/in no hurry. On his shirt we can read ICE → U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement → government agency that officially deals with protection of the U.S.A's borders/ illegal immigration

Poster: shows the same Hispanic worker doing the same work.

But caption on the Poster says: WANTED for immediate deportation. To keep the help in their proper place.

Part 2: Analysis

Cartoonist shows and criticizes the hypocritical treatment of illegal Hispanic labourers in the USA. While government/politicians officially/legally persecute and threaten illegal immigrants with immediate deportation, to answer indigenous workers and voter's demands, whole industries, like the fruit farmers in CA, heavily rely on and openly welcome them, because they make very high profits possible as they earn less than any indigenous worker, have no rights/lobby and can be fired and deported, if they demand more or are no longer needed.

With its mirror-like structure the cartoon implies that the two sides are almost equally dishonest in their treatment of illegal immigrants and actually work together, as long as voters are happy and profits soar – the losers being the illegal workers who are exploited and live in constant fear of deportation and without any rights and security.