

## 'Undocumented Worker' Means 'Illegal Alien'

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The Post uses the phrases "undocumented immigrants" or "undocumented workers" to describe illegal aliens.

These terms are not legally accurate and seem to be used to soften the nature of what is really occurring.

Our federal immigration laws do not refer to those who came into this country illegally as "undocumented immigrants" or "undocumented workers." It calls them "aliens" who are "present in violation of law." A more appropriate term for such people is "illegal alien." Clearly, one who has violated our immigration laws to remain in the United States has engaged in illegal behavior.

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