

Cato Journal *tackles the immigration debate*

The Economics of Immigration

Immigration policy once played only a small role in policy debates—but the 2016 election changed that. Immigration has since become one of the most hotly debated policies in the country and remains a major focus of the White House’s agenda. Key to these debates are questions over how immigrants actually affect the U.S. economy. Do immigrants depress wages for low-income Americans? Do they have negative effects on American economic and cultural institutions? The Fall 2017 edition of the *Cato Journal* is dedicated to unpacking these questions, presenting the research of leading scholars in this field. It draws from presentations at Cato’s September 2016 conference, “Immigration Economics.” The resulting articles discuss how immigration affects housing prices; what impact

immigration has on neighborhood segregation; and how immigrants promote entrepreneurship, as well as several articles discussing America’s approach to border security. Contributors include Giovanni Peri of the University of California, Davis; Ethan Lewis of Dartmouth College; Douglas S. Massey of Princeton University; Susan M. Wachter of the University of Pennsylvania; and Benjamin Powell of the Texas Tech Institute. In the introduction, Cato immigration policy analyst Alex Nowrasteh, who coedited this edition with *Cato Journal* editor Jim Dorn, notes that immigration tends to be an emotional issue for most Americans. “Our hope is that this issue of *Cato Journal* will help cool some of those emotions and instead shed light on this important policy debate,” he writes. ■



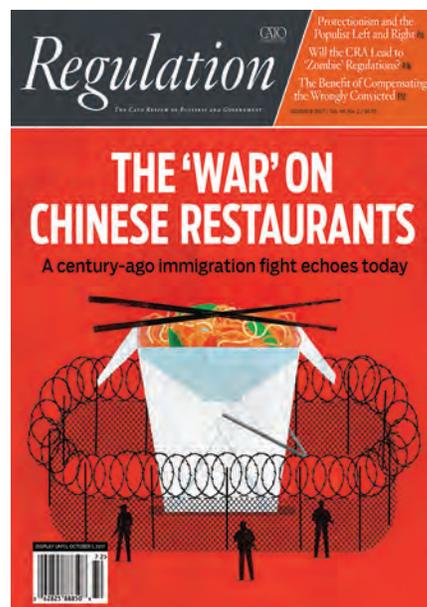
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How Regulation Nearly Killed Chinese Food

A hundred years ago, Americans waged a war against something they considered “a serious menace to society”: Chinese restaurants. Or, as they were disparagingly named by one commentator, the “iniquitous Chinese chop suey joints.” Chinese restaurants were accused of employing too many Chinese workers to the detriment of white unionists—they were even accused of posing a danger to white women, with one writer claiming that “beer and noodles in Chinese joints have caused the downfall of countless American girls.” Among other tactics, American officials discriminated against Chinese restaurants through licensing and regulation. Happily, the anti-Chinese campaign lost, and there are now more Chinese restaurants in the United States than there are McDonald’s,

Burger King, and KFC restaurants combined. Nevertheless, the anti-Chinese propaganda war did have grave and harmful effects in stereotyping Chinese people and nearly halting their immigration altogether. In the Summer 2017 edition of *Regulation* magazine, Gabriel J. Chin of the University of California and lawyer John Ormonde examine the repercussions of this unfortunate war, and the lessons that this unfair regulatory treatment provides today. Elsewhere in the issue, Christina Sandefur stands up for free speech in medicine; Michael L. Marlow asks whether government should subsidize and regulate electronic health records; and Jonathan Klick and Murat Mungan make the case for compensating the falsely convicted, along with other articles and book reviews. ■



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