

## Italian Welders Denied Entry to U.S.

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Since my commentary (11/25/09) about the Italian welders who are working in the U.S. illegally on the Margaret Hunt Hill Bridge in Texas ([“Italian Welders Work On Dallas Bridge — Texans Remain Jobless”](#)) was published, there has been a miraculous turnaround.

According to a February 5th news story on WFAA-TV by Byron Harris: [“Italian workers lose visas after WFAA investigation”](#). It might sound too good to be true, so be sure to go to the website to see the video report.

After the WFAA story broke in November, outraged unions and concerned Americans raised a big stink over the Italian welders. They let the Texas state government know that they weren't happy to see Italian welders take away jobs that belonged to Americans.

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Byron Harris and WFAA definitely deserve the lion's share of the credit for the good news. Most of the national news media ignored this story even while it was going radioactive in Texas. Harris was the lone journalist that dug the story up, and WFAA had the courage to put it on TV. In this age of politically correct mainstream media, it's very rare to see a story like this to make it to television.

### Give a tip of the hat to Byron Harris and WFAA Channel 8!

So, here is the good news:

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Harris didn't explain why the remaining Italians are still working in Dallas. It seems as though ICE is giving them a free ticket to remain in the U.S. as long as they don't leave and try to come back. There is no question the Italians should be deported because they used the B-1 visa improperly, so why are they allowed to stay in the U.S.?

Oh, and Cimolai's claim that they couldn't find Americans that had the special welding skills needed to do the job were exposed as lies in a real real zinger — not all the workers were Italian. Slovians

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were also used, which lends credibility to the claim that the company Cimolai was using foreigners to cut labor costs.

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