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## Why Anti-Immigration Politics Hurt White Workers

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President Trump is obsessed with “**JOBS, JOBS, JOBS!**” But his chants aren’t just about the economy — jobs are also central to advancing Trump’s anti-immigration agenda. He has **repeatedly**, and **inaccurately**, promoted the long-standing idea that working-class white Americans are losing jobs because of immigration.