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Response to “[Growth too slow to drive up hiring](#)”
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The two writers might have considered other reasons why growth has not led to more employment. First, the jobs that workers would have gone back to have largely been offshored as employers sought cheap foreign labor. Second, cheap foreign labor by way of illegal immigration seems to have been welcomed by U.S. employers trying to fill the remaining jobs at home. These employers’ interests are served by the federal government’s obligingly poor job of enforcing our democratically enacted immigration laws. And third, jobs have been “outsourced” to the consumer (the ultimate source of cheap labor), who is now his own checkout clerk, travel agent, baggage handler, bank teller, gas station attendant, etc. These obvious but unmentioned facts suggest other policies for increasing employment beside the mindless call for ever more “growth.”

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