

## Dobbs: “We’ve Never Opposed Legal Immigration”

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Based on statements by Dobbs or his team of “reporters”

### **Stories suggesting legal immigration may be good for the country: 2 –**

01/27/2006 – Dobbs’ reporter says legal immigrants make a contribution to American society (though the only person interviewed suggests that too many green cards are granted) –

<http://transcripts.cnn.com/TRANSCRIPTS/0601/27/ldt.01.html>

07/13/2007 - In story on O-1 visas, mention is made that some O-1s may be working on cancer research (though the story’s main focus is questioning whether O-1s are really just trying to get around H-1B caps). –

<http://transcripts.cnn.com/TRANSCRIPTS/0707/13/ldt.01.html>

### **Stories criticizing legal immigration: 96**

12/25/2001 - H-1B workers pose a terrorist threat –

<http://transcripts.cnn.com/TRANSCRIPTS/0112/25/mlld.00.html>

04/03/2003 – Dobbs commenting on abuses in H-1B program –

<http://transcripts.cnn.com/TRANSCRIPTS/0704/03/ldt.01.html>

09/23/2003 – American jobs are being lost to H-1B workers –

<http://transcripts.cnn.com/TRANSCRIPTS/0309/23/ldt.00.html>

09/24/2003 – American workers training L-1 replacements –

<http://transcripts.cnn.com/TRANSCRIPTS/0309/24/ldt.00.html>

09/29/2003 – All non-immigrant work category numbers need to be reduced due to high unemployment in the US –

<http://transcripts.cnn.com/TRANSCRIPTS/0309/29/ldt.00.html>

09/23/2003 – Separate story from above noting that the amount of legal immigration is “explosive” –

<http://transcripts.cnn.com/TRANSCRIPTS/0309/29/ldt.00.html>

10/1/2003 - H-1Bs can stay years longer than is necessary; H-1Bs keeping young people out of science and engineering fields –

<http://transcripts.cnn.com/TRANSCRIPTS/0310/01/ldt.00.html>

10/16/2003 – L-1s taking jobs away from US workers –

<http://transcripts.cnn.com/TRANSCRIPTS/0310/16/ldt.00.html>

10/22/2003 - H-1B workers work at a third of the cost of US workers –

<http://transcripts.cnn.com/TRANSCRIPTS/0310/22/ldt.00.html>

11/13/2003 - H-1B and L-1 abusers “have put hundreds of thousands of Americans out of work and changed their lives forever.” –

<http://transcripts.cnn.com/TRANSCRIPTS/0311/13/ldt.00.html>

11/27/2003 - Most H-1Bs hold technology jobs once held by higher paid Americans who are now unemployed –

<http://transcripts.cnn.com/TRANSCRIPTS/0311/27/ldt.00.html>

09/29/2003 – All non-immigrant work category numbers need to be reduced due to high unemployment in the US –

<http://transcripts.cnn.com/TRANSCRIPTS/0309/29/ldt.00.html>

04/06/2004 – American programmers groups commissioned a survey showing 81% of Americans want to cut H-1B visas (I’m just amazed that 81% of Americans have heard about the H-1B visa) –

<http://transcripts.cnn.com/TRANSCRIPTS/0404/06/ldt.00.html>

02/17/2004 – H-1Bs and L-1s source of cheap foreign labor -

<http://transcripts.cnn.com/TRANSCRIPTS/0402/17/ldt.00.html>

11/16/2004 - H-1Bs threaten the livelihood of US workers -

<http://transcripts.cnn.com/TRANSCRIPTS/0411/16/ldt.01.html>

11/16/2004 - "thousands of Americans who have lost their jobs to foreign workers with L1 and H-1B visas" –

<http://transcripts.cnn.com/TRANSCRIPTS/0411/16/ldt.01.html>

12/07/2004 – terrorists exploiting easy asylum system –

<http://transcripts.cnn.com/TRANSCRIPTS/0412/07/ldt.01.html>

02/14/2005 – Story criticizing bringing teachers to the US on visas –

<http://transcripts.cnn.com/TRANSCRIPTS/0501/14/ldt.01.html>

03/10/2005 – terrorist exploiting easy asylum system –

<http://transcripts.cnn.com/TRANSCRIPTS/0503/10/ldt.01.html>

03/15/2005 – Terrorists using asylum, naturalization programs to gain entry to US –

<http://transcripts.cnn.com/TRANSCRIPTS/0503/15/ldt.01.html>

04/14/2005 - <http://transcripts.cnn.com/TRANSCRIPTS/0504/14/ldt.01.html> - criticizing H-2A program and the proposed reforms he seems to now praise calling it a return to the Bracero program of the 1950s.

04/20/2005 – asylum applicants clogging courts –

<http://transcripts.cnn.com/TRANSCRIPTS/0504/20/ldt.01.html>

5/3/2005 – H-1B and L-1 overstays not being enforced –

<http://transcripts.cnn.com/TRANSCRIPTS/0505/03/ldt.01.html>

05/05/2005 – Public opinion poll suggests public wants to reduce H-1B and H-2B visa quotas –

<http://transcripts.cnn.com/TRANSCRIPTS/0505/05/ldt.01.html>

03/15/2005 – Terrorists using asylum, naturalization programs to gain entry to US –

<http://transcripts.cnn.com/TRANSCRIPTS/0503/15/ldt.01.html>

08/26/2005 – Criticizes lack of requirement that H-1B employers offer positions first to US workers –

<http://transcripts.cnn.com/TRANSCRIPTS/0508/26/ldt.01.html>

10/10/2005 – H-1B workers stealing jobs from displaced US workers in Katrina areas –

<http://transcripts.cnn.com/TRANSCRIPTS/0510/10/ldt.01.html>

10/20/2005 – USCIS “violated” law by issuing too many H-1Bs –

<http://transcripts.cnn.com/TRANSCRIPTS/0510/20/ldt.01.html>

11/02/2005 – Terrorists could use the green card lottery program –

<http://transcripts.cnn.com/TRANSCRIPTS/0511/02/ldt.01.html>

11/3/2005 - H-1B program is “hurting hard working Americans” –

<http://transcripts.cnn.com/TRANSCRIPTS/0511/03/ldt.01.html>

11/16/2005 – complains US grants asylum to cross-dressers –

<http://transcripts.cnn.com/TRANSCRIPTS/0511/16/ldt.01.html>

02/07/2006 – the reason we have too few engineering and science graduates is because students know H-1B workers would take the jobs they might otherwise get. –

<http://transcripts.cnn.com/TRANSCRIPTS/0602/07/ldt.01.html>

03/03/2006 – H-1B workers and L-1 employees are paid less than their American counterparts =

<http://transcripts.cnn.com/TRANSCRIPTS/0603/03/ldt.01.html>

03/08/2006 - “shocking fraud and abuse” in the L-1 program –

<http://transcripts.cnn.com/TRANSCRIPTS/0603/08/ldt.01.html>

03/15/2006 - <http://transcripts.cnn.com/TRANSCRIPTS/0603/15/ldt.01.html> - H-2A program used to take jobs from American workers

03/16/2006 – Chinese abusing asylum program –

<http://transcripts.cnn.com/TRANSCRIPTS/0603/16/ldt.01.html>

04/07/2006 – H-1B numbers would increase unacceptably under comprehensive immigration bill –

<http://transcripts.cnn.com/TRANSCRIPTS/0604/07/ldt.01.html>

04/13/2005 – Report critical of use of J-1 and H-1B visa for teachers –

<http://transcripts.cnn.com/TRANSCRIPTS/0504/13/ldt.01.html>

04/11/2006 - <http://transcripts.cnn.com/TRANSCRIPTS/0604/11/ldt.01.html> - report attempts to make it sound like H-2A is an amnesty program

04/25/2006 – asylum and refugee programs rife with loopholes –

<http://transcripts.cnn.com/TRANSCRIPTS/0604/25/ldt.01.html>

5/22/2006 - Small business owner losing on bids because competitors have cheap H-1B labor - <http://transcripts.cnn.com/TRANSCRIPTS/0605/22/ldt.01.html>

05/24/2006 – Dobbs: In reference to the H-1B “this failed, mismanaged guest worker program is taking jobs away from hard-working middle class Americans. All the corporations seemed to care about is continued unlimited access to ever-cheaper foreign labor.” –

<http://transcripts.cnn.com/TRANSCRIPTS/0605/24/ldt.01.html>

8/10/2006 – Government not tracking H-1Bs –

<http://transcripts.cnn.com/TRANSCRIPTS/0608/10/ldt.01.html>

08/17/2006 – story criticizing abuses in H-2B program –

<http://transcripts.cnn.com/TRANSCRIPTS/0608/17/ldt.01.html>

08/18/2006 – story noting abuses in H-2A and H-2B programs (Note – the story uses statements from the Southern Poverty Law Center to support contention; in 2007 and 2008, Dobbs will begin saying SPLC is an extremist organization after it criticizes Dobbs for hate speech –

<http://transcripts.cnn.com/TRANSCRIPTS/0608/18/ldt.01.html>

08/18/2006 - <http://transcripts.cnn.com/TRANSCRIPTS/0608/18/ldt.01.html> - story on exploitation of H-2A workers

11/10/2006 – Senate bill to increase H-1Bs would guarantee an “endless supply of lower-paid workers from overseas.” –  
<http://transcripts.cnn.com/TRANSCRIPTS/0611/10/ldt.01.html>

01/16/2007 – Dobbs: The H-1B program is a “cheap imported labor program brought to you by the United States government.” –  
<http://transcripts.cnn.com/TRANSCRIPTS/0601/16/ldt.01.html>

1/26/2007 – USCIS granted too many H-1B visas –  
<http://transcripts.cnn.com/TRANSCRIPTS/0701/26/ldt.01.html>

3/7/2007 - H-1Bs are cheap labor, discouraging Americans from going in to science and engineering –  
<http://transcripts.cnn.com/TRANSCRIPTS/0703/07/cnr.05.html>

03/07/2007 – Government has no idea how many H-1Bs are here –  
<http://transcripts.cnn.com/TRANSCRIPTS/0703/07/ldt.01.html>

03/10/2007 - H-1Bs push down wages for American workers –  
<http://transcripts.cnn.com/TRANSCRIPTS/0703/10/ldtw.01.html>

3/21/2007 - More H-1B visas part of “amnesty agenda” –  
<http://transcripts.cnn.com/TRANSCRIPTS/0703/21/ldt.01.html>

03/23/2007 - <http://transcripts.cnn.com/TRANSCRIPTS/0703/23/ldt.01.html> - H-2A workers are paid 20% less than US workers (not true by the way)

04/03/2007 – Employer abusing H-1B program –  
<http://transcripts.cnn.com/TRANSCRIPTS/0704/03/ldt.01.html>

04/05/2007 - H-1B workers driving down wages for US workers –  
<http://transcripts.cnn.com/TRANSCRIPTS/0704/05/ldt.01.html>

04/8/2007 - Fact that H-1B quota filled in a day is “proof” that “business is flagrantly abusing America’s visa program” –

<http://transcripts.cnn.com/TRANSCRIPTS/0704/08/ldtw.01.html>

4/23/2007 – H-1Bs are cheap labor, not attracting the “best and brightest” –

<http://transcripts.cnn.com/TRANSCRIPTS/0704/23/ldt.01.html>

05/04/2007 – Story criticizing legal family immigration – “chain migration” –

<http://transcripts.cnn.com/TRANSCRIPTS/0705/04/ldt.01.html>

05/07/2007 – Dobbs reporter Lisa Sylvester actually reports that the Bible commands us to look after our own citizens first and this translates to fewer H-1B visas –

<http://transcripts.cnn.com/TRANSCRIPTS/0705/07/ldt.01.html>

05/08/2007 – story criticizing “chain” family immigration –

<http://transcripts.cnn.com/TRANSCRIPTS/0705/08/ldt.01.html>

05/14/2007 – Dobbs praising Durbin/Grassley bill to restrict H-1B usage –

<http://transcripts.cnn.com/TRANSCRIPTS/0705/14/ldt.01.html>

05/16/2007 – Dobbs: Senate needs to deal with “chain migration” in immigration legislation –

<http://transcripts.cnn.com/TRANSCRIPTS/0705/16/ldt.01.html>

05/22/2007 – Dobbs criticizing “explosive chain migration” –

<http://transcripts.cnn.com/TRANSCRIPTS/0705/22/ldt.01.html>

05/23/2007 – 1965 Immigration Act brought us an explosion and “chain migration” –

<http://transcripts.cnn.com/TRANSCRIPTS/0705/23/ldt.01.html>

05/24/2007 - H-1Bs used by low lever workers and are mostly going to Indian outsourced IT labor –

<http://transcripts.cnn.com/TRANSCRIPTS/0705/24/ldt.01.html>

05/27/2007 – Dobbs online editorial on cnn.com criticizing “chain migration” –  
<http://www.cnn.com/2007/US/05/22/Dobbs.May23/index.html>

06/07/2007 - <http://transcripts.cnn.com/TRANSCRIPTS/0706/07/ldt.01.html> - discussing exploitation by H-2A employers

06/08/2007 - <http://www.cnn.com/2007/US/06/05/dobbs.illegal/index.html> - citing 3600 H-2A program violation citations

06/10/2007 – after clip of Senator Bernie Sanders criticizing H-1Bs and introducing amendment to charge additional \$8000 fee in H-1B cases, Dobbs says Sander is “dedicated to the national interest and the common good, and reason, rather than rhetoric.” –  
<http://transcripts.cnn.com/TRANSCRIPTS/0706/10/ldtw.01.html>

6/16/2007 - Use of H-1B to hire California Republican party worker a “a slap in the face to hundreds of qualified Americans” –  
<http://transcripts.cnn.com/TRANSCRIPTS/0706/16/ldtw.01.html>

06/19/2007 - <http://transcripts.cnn.com/TRANSCRIPTS/0706/19/ldt.01.html> - "humanitarian concerns" with H-2A program

6/19/2007 - Labor certifications – loopholes ensuring American workers have no chance at jobs –  
<http://transcripts.cnn.com/TRANSCRIPTS/0706/19/ldt.01.html>

06/21/2007 – 70% of H-1Bs go to Indian outsourcing companies (Note: this is impossible since only half of all H-1Bs go to the IT industry) –  
<http://transcripts.cnn.com/TRANSCRIPTS/0706/21/ldt.01.html>

06/22/2007 – Story about Pittsburgh law firm’s Youtube seminar Dobbs claims showed the H-1B program is fraudulently used to deprive US workers of jobs (Note: the Youtube video actually is about green cards and has nothing to do with H-1Bs).-  
<http://transcripts.cnn.com/TRANSCRIPTS/0706/22/ldt.01.html>

06/24/2007 – Cites H-1B visa abuse and “humanitarian concerns” in the H-2A and H-2B programs –

<http://transcripts.cnn.com/TRANSCRIPTS/0706/24/ldtw.01.html>

06/24/2007 - Call for investigation of fraud and abuse in the labor certification green card program –

<http://transcripts.cnn.com/TRANSCRIPTS/0706/24/ldtw.01.html>

6/27/2007 - “H-1B visas that allow American companies to replace American workers with cheaper paid foreigners.” –

<http://transcripts.cnn.com/TRANSCRIPTS/0706/27/ldt.01.html>

7/8/2007 - “H-1B program has been corrupted both by outsourcing firms as well as by cheap labor”; Bill Gates “blackmailing” Congress with announcement of Vancouver research center –

<http://transcripts.cnn.com/TRANSCRIPTS/0707/08/ldtw.01.html>

7/15/2007 - Senator Clinton’s call for an increase in H-1B visas is an attempt to court rich Indian American voters –

<http://transcripts.cnn.com/TRANSCRIPTS/0707/15/ldtw.01.html>

07/18/2007 – Authorities break up a crime ring selling H-1B and F-1 visas in India -

<http://transcripts.cnn.com/TRANSCRIPTS/0707/18/ldt.01.html>

08/07/2007 -Proposals for new guest worker program for legal immigrants are based on a lie; Dobbs: “not a single fact to support anything they’re saying.” –

<http://transcripts.cnn.com/TRANSCRIPTS/0708/07/ldt.01.html>

08/14/2007 - <http://transcripts.cnn.com/TRANSCRIPTS/0708/14/ldt.01.html> - criticizing H-2A and bringing in cheap foreign labor in to the agricultural field

08/30/2007 – H-1Bs are cheap labor, displacing US workers –

<http://transcripts.cnn.com/TRANSCRIPTS/0708/30/ldt.01.html>

9/8/2007 - STRIVE would add “millions” of H-1Bs and the numbers were “pulled out of a hat” –

<http://transcripts.cnn.com/TRANSCRIPTS/0709/08/ldtw.01.html>

9/19/2007 - H-1Bs are cheap labor taking jobs from US workers –  
<http://transcripts.cnn.com/TRANSCRIPTS/0709/19/ldt.01.html>

10/18/2007 – H-1B program rife with fraud and there is too much unemployment –  
<http://transcripts.cnn.com/TRANSCRIPTS/0510/18/ldt.01.html>

11/13/2007 - H-1Bs take jobs away from Americans -  
<http://transcripts.cnn.com/TRANSCRIPTS/0711/13/ldt.01.html>

11/21/2007 – Story on abuses in the H-1B program and need for legislative changes –  
<http://transcripts.cnn.com/TRANSCRIPTS/0511/21/ldt.01.html>

12/15/2007 – H-1B program is for large companies seeking cheap labor –  
<http://transcripts.cnn.com/TRANSCRIPTS/0312/15/ldt.00.html>

12/17/2007 - <http://transcripts.cnn.com/TRANSCRIPTS/0712/17/ldt.01.html>- Report on how big farms are using the H-2A program to bring in cheap labor at the expense of American workers