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Oregon needs more auditing capacity

So there is a question of institutional memory within state

Oregon needs to increase its auditing capacity. There is too much at stake for us not to learn from state and local government's mistakes.

Congress must change federal immigration laws

“The DHS (Department of Homeland Security) does have discretion in the manner in which it chooses to fulfill the expressed will of Congress. It cannot, however, enact a

The answer may well be the result of a consensus of many stakeholders but it's up to Congress to enact the enabling statute.



Wal-Mart's visible hand

Then there's history. It turns out that the middle-class society we used to have didn't evolve as a result of impersonal market forces — it was created by political action, and in a brief period of time. America was still a very unequal society in 1940, but by 1950 it had been transformed by a dramatic reduction in income disparities, which the economists Claudia Goldin and Robert Margo labeled the Great Compression. How did that happen?



The point is that extreme inequality and the falling fortunes of America's workers are a choice, not a destiny imposed by the gods of the market. And we can change that choice if we want to.

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