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My dog is named Milli. She and I have a fine dog/human relationship. She thinks I am as great as I like to think I am. Equally important, she offers no arguments to my ongoing rants about the shortcomings of everyone and everything but Milli and me. Our relationship is a great booster to my ego. Milli also likes the arrangement, as she is fed-back praise and bones.

Recently, Milli and I entered into this profound conversation:

"I've an idea, Milli. America's rust belt and blue-collar unemployment problems can be solved. Those economists in Washington are out of touch with an easy answer to this problem."

Milli nods in agreement and also from nodding-off. Furthermore, like any loyal dog, she does not contest my emerging tirade.

"Just think, Milli. We can ship our out-of-work folks to where the work is. Yeah, Milli, America's unemployed workers can move away from America to the new lands of plenty."

Milli continues to nod-off.

"We can migrate Americans to places such as Canton, China, say for our out-of-work textile workers. We can export our laid-off yard workers to Acapulco, Mexico; and Raipur, India for auto workers and Internet help desks.

"And consider this, Milli: They can send home their pay checks to their relatives and help balance America's budget!

"There you go. We've solved several problems with this reverse-immigration idea. One, we can inundate their cultures with ours, instead of their overwhelming our culture with theirs. Two, we reduce our national debt. Think of all that money coming back to America. Three, we can keep America like America is supposed to be: wealthy, courtesy of other countries. Four, we can stop paying unemployment checks to Americans. If a factory closes, say in South Korea, the South Koreans will have to foot the bill for unemployment checks to the American workers."

Milli continues to nod. Good girl, Milli. I'll keep you around. No arguments.

"OK, at first, there might be some resentment in those other countries. The Americans would talk funny and look funny to the natives. Just like the folks coming here appear to be a bit weird to us.

"But eventually, the American emigrants would blend in. Before you know it, our Americans in China will be able to speak Mandarin Chinese and use chop sticks on their chow mien."

Milli passively agrees.

"OK, granted, the pay in those other countries is not so good. But neither is the standard of living. So why would Americans need money over there if there is nothing to spend it on in the first place?

"Right, Milli, our citizens will just ship all that loot back to America and before you know it, America is great again!"

Milli continues with her somnolent agreement.

"Because these folks don't have any jobs or money here in America anyway, they've got nothing to lose. Just like the Donald told the black folks here in America.

"OK, India may not have ESPN, but patriotism and reverse repatriation require some sacrifice.

"Yes, I know there are a few holes in the idea. But what's good for the immigrant goose is good for the emigrant gander.

"Milli, doesn't this idea strike a chord with you? After all, turn-about is fair play." Milli wakes-up and barks in agreement.