

Figure 17. Most immigrants are not Latino, and most Latinos are not immigrants

New Technology, Deskilling and Economic Power

The Glass Cage: Automation and Us, Nicholas Carr. New York: W.W. Norton & Co., 2014.

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his book looks at automation in a number of industries 46..p TJ ET EMC /Span <</MCID 3951 >>BDC BT /T1_1 1

acknowledges this in his brief discussion of Harry Braverman's *Labor and Monopoly Capital: The Degradation of Work in the Twentieth Century*. But Braverman based his thesis on the Boss/Worker essential antagonism, the capitalist's need to get as much work as possible out of the worker.

Carr's book lacks a similarly sharp focus on power imbalances that might have constructed a more sustained and coherent structure out of the building blocks of his various examples. Overall, though, his book is useful for showing the downside of automation in a number of fields and the similar challenges it poses to working people across many industries.

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