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sublease rooms for profit, and, at the high end, open immigration-related businesses, such as shipping and remittance services. This means that profits are made at the expense of other immigrants.

Mahler argues that these facts must be understood in the context of a two-tiered economy in which Central and South Americans' undocumented status limits them to low-wage, precarious, under-the-table jobs. She also shows how the immigration reform legislation of 1996 further marginalizes them and makes them vulnerable to exploitation by employers. However, this is not how immigrants understand thei