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## Listen to president

### Bush is right about immigration policy

A year ago today, supporters of immigration -- legal and otherwise -- rallied on the Morristown Green and across the nation. Some 365 days later, the emotional fervor on both sides of this issue has increased, at least in Morristown, where Mayor Donald Cresitello's request to deputize a number of police officers to enforce federal immigration laws is pending.

Today, the pro-immigration group Wind of the Spirit plans another rally in Morristown, and on Wednesday, two other groups will hold news conferences in Morristown and Hightstown to dramatize how different towns are handling the immigration issue in different ways. While Cresitello is looking to declare war, Hightstown officials are working well with the immigrant community.

We reiterate our disagreement with Cresitello's approach. At best, it's totally impractical; at worst, it could demonize Latinos.

It's a shame that more officials are not listening to President Bush. The president's approval ratings may be in the basement, but on this issue, Bush is 100 percent correct. He said recently in Miami that "getting tough" with the estimated 11 million illegal immigrants (there may even be more than that) in the country won't work. Deportation would be a logistical nightmare and would run counter to American principles.

He again called on Congress to deal with this issue "without animosity." Congress has competing bills before it, but has shied from tackling this political minefield.

As long as Congress fails to act, we will see more rallies, more proposals like Morristown's, and, of course, more animosity on both sides. That will solve nothing.

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