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DeSantis Slams H-1B Visa Program as 'Scam,' Urges Protection for American Workers

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Florida Governor Ron DeSantis is once again making headlines for taking a firm stance on labor and immigration issues, this time targeting the federal H-1B visa program. In a recent speech during Florida's Back-to-School Sales Tax Holiday event, DeSantis described the long-criticized visa program as "a total scam," condemning its negative impact on American workers, particularly in the tech sector.

The H-1B visa, which allows U.S. companies to temporarily employ foreign workers in specialty occupations such as engineering, IT, and healthcare, has faced increasing scrutiny in recent years. DeSantis's remarks reflect growing frustration among middle-class Americans who feel they are being pushed aside in favor of cheaper labor imported under the guise of legality.

"A lot of these Republicans say, 'You can have a million people plow in. As long as it's legal, that's good.' Is that really good? A lot of these tech companies are laying off American workers and then importing H-1B visas. I think that's a TOTAL scam," DeSantis said, as reported by *WorldNetDaily*.

The program, initially intended to fill genuine skill gaps, has morphed into a loophole that some corporations exploit to cut costs. American workers, especially in the fields of software development and engineering, have been laid off in droves while foreign nationals are brought in—often at lower wages. Critics argue that the displacement disadvantages American workers, who find themselves competing against a growing pool of foreign labor brought in under federal programs.

Critics also argue that the H-1B visa system has effectively become a mechanism for corporate outsourcing, except the jobs aren't going overseas, they're just going to imported workers. By flooding the labor market, the federal government not only reduces wages across the board but also weakens the bargaining power of domestic employees. In practice, this undermines the principle of economic nationalism and raises concerns about the long-term health of the American workforce.

The Trump administration made early moves to address the issue. The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) under President Donald Trump filed a notice of a possible change in H-1B requirements with the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, signaling interest in tightening oversight and reforming the program.

DeSantis's critique signals a broader realignment within the Republican Party, one that emphasizes prioritizing American labor over corporate interests or globalist agendas. It's a message that resonates with voters in states that have suffered from deindustrialization and wage stagnation for years.

At its core, this debate is not just about immigration policy, it's about economic fairness. Advocating for lawful labor systems is one thing, but when those systems are manipulated

to undercut domestic workers, they cease to serve the national interest. DeSantis’s comments bring this issue back to the forefront, and in doing so, he is pushing for a needed reassessment of the so-called “legal” pathways that continue to harm the American workforce.

The political implications are clear: any candidate serious about defending the dignity of work in America must confront the abuses of the H-1B visa program. With an election season looming, this issue is likely to resurface as a key topic in the ongoing debate over how best to serve and protect American citizens in the job market.