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Raising the Minimum Wage

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Last month, nearly four hundred thousand Florida workers got a dollar-an-hour raise. It wasn’t because employers had suddenly become more generous. In November, Florida voters had approved a ballot initiative to raise the state’s minimum wage to $6.15 an hour—a dollar higher than the federal level. Furthermore, Florida’s new minimum wage is pegged to inflation. In the future, the state’s lowest-paid workers will receive automatic...

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