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Skittles example distorts reality

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Donald Trump Jr. shows a bowl of Skittles. He says if three of the Skittles in the bowl would kill you, would you take a handful?

The bowl, of course, is immigrating refugees to the U.S.

The Cato Institute did a study from 1975 to 2016. It showed that the chance of an American dying in the U.S. from a terrorist attack is 1 in 3.6 million. The chance of an American being murdered by another non-terrorist American during the same period is 1 in 14,000.

If the U.S. press would quit entertaining us with misleading political statements but rather educate us about those misleading political assertions, we would be better off as a nation at election time.