

## Letter: Trump, letter writer, are wrong on 'illegals'

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To the editor:

A recent letter writer argued that President Trump isn't against immigrants, but just "illegal" immigrants. First of all, it's not illegal to enter the US and request asylum. Migrants who do this are "undocumented" not "illegal.". This is another attempt by his supporters to diminish their worth as human beings. It is the opposite of the values that this country was founded on and has stood for 250 years.

The writer claimed that Trump says that only some of the immigrants at the Southern border are rapists and murderers. In fact, when he announced his candidacy in 2015, most of his wrath was directed at Mexico, which he accused of "bringing their worst people" to America, including criminals and "rapists."

"They're sending people that have lots of problems and they're bringing their problems," he said. "They're bringing drugs, they're bringing crime, they're rapists, and some I assume are good people "

The writer continues by citing statements made by the Center for Immigration Studies (CIS) that falsely claim that undocumented immigrants are a severe drain on the economy. According to the Southern Poverty Law Center, "CIS reports have been widely criticized and debunked by groups such as the Immigration Policy Center and the CATO Institute.

In fact, undocumented immigrants are not eligible for any benefits from the US government. But, as Trump and his toadies have learned, "Why let the facts get in the way of the truth."

Trump promised that as president one of his first actions would be to build a "Great, great wall on our southern border, and I will make Mexico pay for that wall." We are still waiting for that one. Do Trump supporters really believe that Mexico is going to pay for his wall?

With regards to health care, Trump recently boasted that the Republican Party will become the "party of health care." Even Republicans gasped at that sure-fire losing proposition. The Republican Party has tried relentlessly to repeal the Affordable Care Act since it was passed. They have admitted that they do not have a plan to replace it and they will never have one. During their first attempt to write a health care bill, Trump said, "Who knew health care was so complicated?" Everyone but you knew it, Donald. Then he claimed that the new and improved, cheaper than ever with "bigly" benefits health care plan will be delayed until after the 2020 election. Remember that he promised to repeal and replace Obamacare immediately after his inauguration. How have those promises worked out?

I do not understand how anyone can rationalize this behavior. As his former "fixer" Michael Cohen said, "He's a con-man."

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