



LETTERS: Advice for healthy hearts and honest debate

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Stats & stuff

The Waco Trib, in its response to Eric Mach's letter concerning the negative effects of illegal immigration, can't help its liberal self by pointing out that illegal immigrants only account for a rather small fraction of homicides and crime in general, as if this is supposed to make us all feel safer. As they so deftly point out, native-born Texans commit the majority of crimes. So why would we want to allow even one more criminal to enter illegally if we already have so many? If I gave you 1,000 M&Ms and told you they were all good except one might kill you, how many would you let your child eat? We can't just let anyone and everyone come in.

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EDITOR'S NOTE: Sorry you see the insertion of facts into a daily newspaper as "liberal." We appreciate how inconvenient these can be. The crime statistics to which you object come from the Cato Institute, founded by that notorious "liberal" Charles Koch, chairman of Koch Industries and supporter of the tea party movement. Beyond that, some "facts" in the letter simply rate skepticism. Example: the 7,500 figure cited as the number of Americans "killed annually by illegal immigrants driving under the influence" appears to come from Fox News and refers to the number of fatalities caused by unlicensed drivers, only some of whom are probably illegal immigrants. We're happy to entertain arguments for and against illegal immigrants here, but not when they include groundless talk-radio chum passing for hard crime statistics. We have social media for that.