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## Donald Trump Jr. compares Syrian refugees to lethal Skittles, draws instantaneous ire on Twitter

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Hate the rainbow.

Donald Trump Jr. tweeted out a distasteful graphic Monday afternoon comparing Syrian refugees to lethal Skittles.

"If I had a bowl of skittles and I told you just three would kill you. Would you take a handful?" an ungrammatical header to the **image** says. "That's our Syrian refugee problem." Trump Jr. captioned the outrageous tweet, "let's end the politically correct agenda that doesn't put America first. #trump2016"

The Wrigley Company, which produces and markets Skittles, was not pleased.

"Skittles are candy. Refugees are people," the Illinois-based company told the Daily News in a statement. "We don't feel it's an appropriate analogy."

Meanwhile, the Twitter-verse blasted Junior's image for what it is: insensitive, incorrect and ignorant.

"You're a refugee from simple human decency," one Twitter user **responded**.

But beyond a lack of decency, Trump Jr. appears to not have paid too much attention to facts before deciding to spew hatred over social media.

A CATO Institute **study** released Sept. 13 notes that the chance of an American being killed in a terrorist attack caused by a refugee is an astronomical 1 in 3.64 billion per year.

In addition to flawed statistics, Junior — like his father before him — also appeared to have snatched inspiration for the image from alt-right trolls. Earlier in the day, **an image** comparing

lethal M&Ms to Muslims made the rounds on social media, drawing praise from white supremacists.

To some Twitter users, Junior's Skittles-reference was **a clear stab** at Trayvon Martin — the 17-year-old Florida boy shot to death by neighborhood vigilante George Zimmerman in 2012. Martin, who was black and unarmed, was found dead with a bag of Skittles in his pocket.

Trump Jr.'s disturbing tweet comes mere days after he made an off-the-rails Nazi-reference during an interview with a Philadelphia radio station.

"They've let (Hillary Clinton) slide on every discrepancy, on every lie, on every DNC game trying to get Bernie Sanders out of this thing," he said on 1210 WPHY-AM **Thursday**. "If Republicans were doing that, they'd be warming up the gas chamber right now."

In March, young Trump apologized after he **incorrectly smeared** a Bernie Sanders supporter as a Nazi.