



Knowles: Three Things The Media Won't Tell You In Their Caravan Reports

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On Thursday's episode of "The Michael Knowles Show," Michael explained three things the media isn't telling Americans about the caravan situation and how this plays into Trump's ad targeting the Democrat Party's stance on immigration.

"How do you think the media are responding to this ad," he asked. "I'll give you one guess, two syllables. What is it? It's racist! That's what they're saying. It's racist!"

"I mean everybody is saying this shockingly racist ad is the most racist ad in 30, 50, a thousand years, okay," Knowles added. "What is the claim of the ad? The claim of the ad is we shouldn't let these illegal aliens, thousands and thousands, of them barge into the country, break our laws, illegally. The claim is that there are some criminals among them. The claim is that some of these criminals have not been deported. They've been allowed to stay, and they've committed more crimes. All of that is true."

On the topic of illegal immigration and crime, Knowles laid out some information that the Left does not seem interested in digging into more deeply.

"Number one: illegal aliens commit a disproportionate share of federal crimes, period," he explained. "It is often alleged on the left that illegal aliens commit fewer crimes than native-born Americans. It depends what studies you're looking at. It depends how you calibrate the data, but we do know that they commit a disproportionate share of federal crimes. 21% of non-immigration crimes are committed by non-citizens. That is over two and a half times their share of the population."

"Now, there are some conflicting studies," he said. "There is a study out from the Cato Institute that shows lower rates of violent crime among illegal aliens; however, the Crime Prevention Research Center shows significantly higher rates of violent crime among illegal aliens."

"Number two," said Knowles, "Lefties are pretending now that illegal immigration actually reduces crimes. You'll see it sounds like the same argument, but it's not. The one argument is that

illegal aliens commit less crime. The other is that illegal immigration decreases crime over time. There's a correlation between crime decreasing in America and illegal immigration increasing. Correlation is not causation."

Knowles also points out that the Left tries to conflate the low crime rate among legal immigrants as evidence that illegal immigrants should be welcomed.

"No," he emphasized. "It just means that legal immigrants are very law-abiding and what the left always tries to do, this is why they change the language here — it's why you now have to say undocumented immigrant or dreamer or whatever instead of illegal alien — is they want to conflate illegal immigrants with legal immigrants, but they aren't the same thing. They're not immigrants. They're foreign nationals who are here illegally."

Video and transcript below:

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It's racist! That's what they're saying. It's racist! Which is sort of ironic, because the claim that it is racist is itself racist. We'll get to that in a second.

What they're really claiming, I mean everybody is saying this shockingly racist ad is the most racist ad in 30, 50, a thousand years, okay. What is the claim of the ad? The claim of the ad is we shouldn't let these illegal aliens, thousands and thousands, of them barge into the country, break our laws, illegally. The claim is that there are some criminals among them. The claim is that some of these criminals have not been deported. They've been allowed to stay, and they've committed more crimes. All of that is true.

Here's what you need to know number one illegal aliens commit a disproportionate share of federal crimes period. It is often alleged on the left that illegal aliens commit fewer crimes than native-born Americans. It depends what studies you're looking at. It depends how you calibrate the data, but we do know that they commit a disproportionate share of federal crimes. 21% of non-immigration crimes are committed by non-citizens. That is over two and a half times their share of the population.

Now look, a lot of most crimes are state and local crimes. Okay, but as for federal crimes that commit two and a half times their share of the population worth of crimes non-immigration crimes. Now, there are some conflicting studies. There is a study out from the Cato Institute that shows lower rates of violent crime among illegal aliens, however the Crime Prevention Research Center shows significantly higher rates of violent crime among illegal aliens, so you've got different studies. This is why conservatives tend not to rely on social scientific studies too much, because they can be manipulated. They're easily politicized. As I believe it was Mark Twain said there are lies, damned lies, and statistics.

Number two that you need to know. Lefties are pretending now that illegal immigration actually reduces crimes. You'll see it sounds like the same argument, but it's not. The one argument is that illegal aliens commit less crime. The other is that illegal immigration decreases crime over time.

There's a correlation between crime decreasing in America and illegal immigration increasing. Correlation is not causation.

So, you see this in New York Times, all of the mainstream media reporting on this and it's true as over the last thirty years illegal immigration has increased dramatically and crime has decreased. Okay, Apple computers have gotten faster too. Illegal immigration increases the speed of Apple computers!

You know, over that time vegan coffee shops have increased as well! Illegal immigration results in a higher percentage of vegan coffee shops! Of course not.

There are different trends that are happening. Crime has fallen in the United States, violent crime, over the last thirty years dramatically. This is not because we've led a lot of illegal immigrants into the country and illegal aliens are residing here and they're like Tibetan monks or something. You know they're: *come on all we are saying is give peace a chance*. That's not what they're saying. Those are two different trends and they're not related.

Number three: Cato Institute observes that legal immigrants are less likely to be in jail or prison in the U.S., the point being that it's all of this immigration, legal and illegal, should be encouraged. That's how the left is using that statistic. No. It just means that legal immigrants are very law-abiding and what the left always tries to do, this is why they change the language here, it's why you now have to say undocumented immigrant or dreamer or whatever instead of illegal alien, is they want to conflate illegal immigrants with legal immigrants, but they aren't the same thing. They're not immigrants. They're foreign nationals who are here illegally. They are not immigrants and illegal aliens behave differently than legal immigrants to the United States obviously.

So the first act of an illegal alien in the U.S. is to break a fundamental law. Legal immigrants from the same countries from the same exact places wait online, respects the law of the United States and they tend to be more law-abiding. This is no shock at all. I mean the one thing we know about these two groups is one of them follows the law and one does not follow the law and it's a little sleight of hand that the left does.