



There's better odds of your clothes killing you than an illegal immigrant

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Donald Trump set off chaos and protests with his last travel ban from seven countries. While he talks a lot about the dangers of immigrants and refugees, studies show the odds are low of an American being killed by a terrorist entering the country by either method.

Donald Trump raises a lot of hoopla over the dangers of immigrant and refugees entering the United States.

But, several studies have shown, Americans are more of a danger to themselves than anyone crossing the border. Heck, even some true odd events are more likely to kill a person than an immigrant.

The libertarian Cato Institute, a Washington, D.C. think tank, figures the odds of getting killed by a terrorist are long, quite long.

The folks at Cato put the number at one in 3.6 million, and that figure includes the 3,000-plus people killed in the Sept. 11, 2001 attacks.

For some perspective, common ailments, such as heart disease, stand a one-in-seven chance of killing someone.

The National Safety Council estimates that an attack by a wild animal - with odds of 1 in 30,167 of happening - is more likely than a person being killed by a terrorist immigrant or refugee.

Those odds, according to the council, are 1 in 46 million of a refugee terrorist killing an American citizen and 1 in 138 million of an illegal immigrant terrorist killing an American citizen.

So, whatever Trump's travel ban is intended to stop, it seems unlikely to the most common ways Americans will meet their demise.