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Immigration actions harming US world image

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When is a threat real?

The question is particularly important in a time of news manipulation, fear, distrust of differences and exploitation of human cultural and social isolation. The common result of the above is exaggeration of the rare expectation and stereotyping generally to the detriment of the person or group that seems foreign or different.

I believe that one has to understand a natural unease or even fear caused by the unfamiliar setting, social situation or cultural setting is not generally a rational mindset to assess a valid risk or danger. Individual perception in the absence of solid, factual, direct, extended face-to-face experience outside your comfort zone is often defined by ignorance and fear.

With regard to terrorism, the Cato Institute research is helpful to understand and assess if immigrants — legal or not — really pose a threat. The number of terrorism-related murders carried out by foreign-born attackers on U.S. soil from 1975 to 2015, or 40 years, was 88. The chance of an American being killed by a refugee in a terrorist attack is 1 in 3.64 billion, or by an illegal immigrant is 1 in 10.9 billion. The chance being killed by someone on a common tourist visa is the most common at 1 in 3.9 million.

In my view, the damage to our world image as a beacon in the world for freedom and justice done by the Republican immigration policy and Mexican roundups far exceeds any remote plus of isolationism.