



Shutdown appeals to racists (letter to the editor)

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According The Department Of Homeland Security, legal immigration is at a 50-year low and the number of illegal border crossings have dropped at an even faster rate.

Texas law enforcement statistics say there is no link between immigration and crime. As a matter of fact, in Texas, legal immigrants and illegal immigrants are less likely to commit crimes than native-born Americans. This is according to the statistics gathered by the Cato Institute, which is anything but a liberal organization.

The U.S. Drug Enforcement Agency states that Heroin, Methamphetamine, Cocaine and Fentanyl, the latter of which is the cause of deaths during the current epidemic, are, for the most part, coming in through legal ports of entries, not along the open border. That includes all legal border crossings, not just our southern border.

Unless one believes the Cato Institute, Texas law enforcement, The Department Of Homeland Security and The US DEA are all lying, there is only one reasonable conclusion to come to about the situation at the border. It is all about Republicans appealing to racists.

This horrible government shutdown isn't about Democrat -vs- Republican. This is about what kind of people we are. Are we a racist nation? Are we a people who sit back and allow our government to take 3,000 children, babies and toddlers from their parents? If so, tear down the Statue of Liberty and ship the metal to the border for a statue of Himmler and Trump.

I am going to the gym, but I should be sitting in traffic on a bus going to Washington. The roads should be jammed with angry protesters from every state. Every church, synagogue, mosque, college and institution should be sending crowded busses to show that Americans are not racists.

To do nothing in the face of tyranny is cowardice.