



Letter: The facts on crime by immigrants

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President Trump has chosen undocumented immigrants and refugees as his scapegoat.

If we've learned anything in his first 40 days, we've learned that the "president" is a great fearmonger. As if to strengthen this claim, he announced Tuesday that a new agency has been created with the intent to publish weekly statistics about the crimes committed by what he terms as "aliens."

While Trump was sharing this new group, VOICES, with the world, something about it caught my attention. To no one's surprise, this is something that has been done before.

Remember that slightly unpopular group from the 1920's? You guessed it: the Nazis did the same exact thing in a newspaper called Der Stürmer where they discussed all of the Jewish crimes taking place. Like Der Stürmer, this new "agency" is purely propaganda that is being put in place to support policies that are based in delusion from a president who has no idea what he is doing.

This sounds insane to me, but then again what can we expect from a guy who lies about petty things like inauguration crowd sizes?

That said, I wanted to find out the truth. Are immigrants actually causing as much ruckus as our "president" says? What does hard, factual data have to say about immigrants and crime?

Interestingly enough, the Bureau of Economic Research in 2007 came out with a report that stated, "Using the 1980, 1990, and 2000 censuses, we show that 18- to 40-year-old male immigrants have lower institutionalization rates than the native-born in each year. The gap in these institutionalization rates widens over the decades, and by 2000 immigrants have institutionalization rates that are one-fifth those of the native-born."

On top of that, a Cato Institute report states, "...the chance of being killed by a refugee terrorist in the U.S. is one in 3.64 billion."

Does the VOICES "agency" really seem that necessary?

Trump's policies are based in a false delusion that immigrants and refugees are bringing with them massive amounts of crime and this is simply not true. But what do I know? I've only read the facts.

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