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Commentary Open Forum: ‘Trump’s America’ ‘Roving bands of thugs’ ready to slap on ‘Deported’ brand

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Imagine you are a small child. Your days are filled with joy and wonder, you are loved by both parents in a strong family household. You spend your days learning the Three R’s while you enjoy evenings and nights playing with your mom and dad.

Imagine waiting for your father to come home from work at his usual time, but you keep waiting. Hours pass and anxiety builds as the door never opens and your father never appears. You learn days later that he has been something called “Deported.”

You see, you happen to be a shade of brown and your father happened to be born on the wrong side of an invisible line that, when push comes to shove, some people value more than the traditional family units they have claimed to love so much they push other ideologies on the rest of civilization.

Because of this invisible line, your father is not valuable. Because when he came to this country he decided to risk life and limb to flee a country our own war on drugs has made inhabitable, his life is somehow worth less. Because he works for pittance, living in fear of being found out, and speaks a broken form of the common language, he does not deserve to taste freedom and prosperity.

This is the vision of Donald Trump’s America: roving bands of thugs with unlimited powers snatching hard-working family people off the street who are never heard from again. In Trump’s America, arbitrary laws are worth more than actual economic laws and the benefits of having immigrants working certain jobs for low wages while raising their families.

The supporters of the arbitrary laws generate misleading stories about the vileness of immigrants, casting them as heathens andw the lowest life form inhabiting the planet. Our own president calls them rapists and murderers and his supporters cling to the occasional atrocity to paint an entire society of people as nothing more than murderers in the making.

This is all misdirection, or better yet, “Fake News,” because while you no doubt have heard the tragic story of Kate Steinle, something you likely have not heard is that immigrants, be they here legally or not, commit crimes at lower rates than native-born Americans. Put another way, illegal

immigration likely lowers our overall crime rates, specifically violent crime. This has been studied by many different groups and has been reported on widely and a good article discussing many different types of methodology and study results can be found at the Cato Institute web site: www.cato.org/blog/immigration-crime-what-research-says

So while Latino neighborhoods increasingly resemble the Christian idea of the Ascension with good family people suddenly disappearing, we are harming our nation economically, criminally, morally, and ethically.

Someone you know may end up being deported simply because they skipped a 20-year waiting list to bring his or her family to a more prosperous country and build their American dream.