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Photographer of Donald Trump Jr.'s Skittle Analogy Image Was a Refugee

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The picture was used in a tweet by [Donald Trump Jr](#) that [caused outrage on social media](#).

But what we do often cover is copyright related issues - so it's interesting to find out that the image used in that Skittles graphic that Trump Jr. *posted* was [copied from Flickr](#), where it pretty clearly has an "all rights reserved" copyright notice on it.

As it turns out, Trump Jr's tweet had its own "refugee problem": the photographer who took the picture of the bowl of Skittles was once a refugee himself. "Because I've been trick-or-treating for years and I've never gotten Syrian refugees in my bag".

"This was not done with my permission, I don't support [Trump's] politics and I would never take his money to use it", Kittos said.

David Kittos, based in the United Kingdom, emailed [Buzzfeed News](#) to say "I believe that the picture was lifted from my [Flickr account](#) WITHOUT permission". He is not sure whether he will bring legal action against the Trump campaign.

Now a British citizen, he said: "We lived in the area of Cyprus that is now under Turkish military control".

Kittos recalled his family having to leave everything behind as a refugee, their property and possessions. When host Erin Burnett asked if Conway was "at all concerned that Trump may have broken the law", she [responded](#), "No, and I would point out that in the second paragraph of that story that you mention, Erin, it says 'may have' and later on in the story it says 'the IRS may want to look into it, ' but of course they haven't". "Let's end the politically correct agenda that doesn't put America first".

That's because the odds of getting killed by a refugee terrorist in the United States is 1 in 3.64 billion each year, according to Cato Institute data.

Thus, Philip Bump of the Washington Post calculates, to contain three killer Skittles, the bowl in Trump Jr's tweet ought to be filled with around 10.93 billion candies in total. The *post* caused a stir and negative tweets on the internet into Tuesday, including a terse response from Skittles parent company, Wrigley Americas.