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Letter: Crime not widespread among illegal immigrants

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I respond to the Thursday letter “**Schumer, Pelosi ignore illegal immigration**” from Don Eastman. Nobody is ignoring illegal immigration. I’m sure we would all respond with sympathy and concern to the families of any violent crime.

The June 27, 2018 article “Is illegal immigration linked to more or less crime?” on factcheck.org states: “Alex Nowrasteh, with the libertarian Cato Institute, analyzed the Texas data to make a comparison of immigrants in the country illegally and native-born residents. In a recent post he noted that in 2015 Texas police made 815,689 arrests of native-born Americans, 37,776 arrests of immigrants in the country illegally and 20,323 arrests of legal immigrants. Given the relative populations for each group, he wrote, ‘The arrest rate for illegal immigrants was 40 percent below that of native-born Americans.’ In addition, he wrote, the homicide arrest rate for native-born Americans was ‘about 46 percent higher than the illegal-immigrant homicide arrest rate.’”

Opinions expressed and based upon biased websites (whether Democrat or Republican), social media, and emails are questionable. Everyone should research carefully before spreading falsehoods indiscriminately no matter what their political affiliation may be.

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