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## Immigration policy shouldn't be based on myths

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If a person has the strength and resilience to travel over 1,000 miles while carrying their children with them, that is the kind of person I certainly want in my community and in my country. But the current administration is perpetuating a myth that those fleeing violence in Central America are dangerous criminals.

“Angel families,” family members of a person killed by an illegal immigrant, were hosted in a press conference at the White House last week. Each one of these cases is a tragedy, but they are outliers and not the norm.

A study published by the Cato Institute in February 2018 showed native-born Americans were far more likely to commit a violent or nonviolent crime than legal or illegal immigrants. Another study, published in March by the Journal of Criminology, looked at population-level crime rates. It concluded that from 1990 to 2014 increases in the undocumented immigrant population was associated with significant decreases in violence.

Our immigration system is clearly in need of improvement. But fear mongering, demonizing entire groups of people and provoking racial tensions will not lead to effective immigration policy. We need clear heads, truthful data and thoughtful debate.

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### Democrats need to get their act together

The Democrat Party, just like the KKK and MS-13, is a hate group.

Historically, they were the Confederacy. Republicans installed laws to help fold slaves into society; Democrats pushed laws to inhibit progress.

LBJ's “Great Society” arguably destroyed millions lulled into the idea that the government would take care of them. Rather than “teaching them to fish,” they continually gave them just enough of the fish to keep them in servitude. Now 50 years later we see the devastating effects of those well-intentioned government programs.

Occupy Wall Street, Hollywood, nearly every college and university campus, and now U.S. Rep. Maxine Waters, are inciting riots and uncivil discourse. Waters is suggesting that people go after conservatives, Trump supporters and administration officials wherever they are, even their homes!

A decapitated, burnt animal carcass was thrown on front porch of conservative by a Democrat protester. Threats now come from anyone with whom they disagree politically.

A few years ago, Senate Democrats suggested a constitutional amendment to limit the First Amendment. Americans used to have debates and civil idea exchanges. Now we're looking at the attempted rescission of an election and the undermining of the United States.

This is today's Democrat Party.

It isn't the Russians. It's the Democrats.

### **Crosby defense of pit bulls not fact-based**

Denise Crosby's column defending pit bulls overflows with emotion. Unfortunately, that causes her and her family to ignore the facts.

Pit bulls are involved in more attacks than virtually any other breed. It is listed as the No. 1 most aggressive breed by Puppypipe.com, thestacker.com, Insidedogsworld.com and many other animal sites. It is listed as the No. 2 attack dog by Chicagoinjurycenter.com and No. 3 attacker by Caninejournal.com. Thestacker.com says the breed is involved in five times the number of attacks than the No. 2 dog, the Rottweiler (3,397 attacks vs. 535 attacks).

You are putting the safety of your loved ones and your neighbors in jeopardy by denying these facts.