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Democrats and immigration policy

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At his rally in South Carolina on June 25, President Trump stated, "The Democrats want to protect illegals coming into this country, some of whom are not good, some of whom cause lots of problems in the worst possible way, they want to protect illegals coming into the country, much more so than they want to protect you, and that's not where we're coming from, OK?" On June 22 at a Minnesota rally, President Trump said, "The Democrats want open borders."

Apparently, the President of the United States feels that the only way he can justify his policies is to misrepresent where his political opponents stand.

Democrats do NOT favor open borders. President Obama actually deported more people than any other President, including Trump. Democrats are not completely united on their views on immigration, but we all are against welcoming gangs and criminals and thus all favor some kind of control over both illegal and legal immigration.

Demagogues have, for generations, tried to pit Americans against each other by claiming that recent immigrants commit crimes. This was done in opposition to Irish immigrants, Italian immigrants, Asians and others. But it is just not true.

After holding an event with relatives of people killed by illegal immigrants, the Trump Administration sent out a press release. It claimed that a 2011 report estimated that 25,000 "aliens" were arrested for homicide. But what it didn't say was that occurred over a 55-year period. During this time, the Cato Institute concluded that aliens accounted for 2.7 percent of the murders while they accounted for an average of 4.6 percent of the population.

The Trump Administration press release also stated that in the last seven

years in Texas more than a quarter million aliens had been arrested and charged with over 600,000 offenses. The Cato Institute concluded that the arrest rate for all immigrants in Texas was 65 percent below that of native-born Americans. More important, the conviction rate for immigrants was only 56 percent that of the nativeborn.

All Democrats do object to the recent Trump Administration policy that separated babies, toddlers, and other children from their parents to deter asylum seekers and others wishing to come to America. The fact that President Trump signed an executive order rescinding his family separation policy proved definitively that it was his policy, not the continuation of a policy instituted by Democrats as he repeatedly falsely claimed.

The Trump Administration “Zero Tolerance” policy that began the separation of children from their parents began last May with an announcement by Attorney General Jeff Sessions. Unfortunately, this practice was instituted without adequate provisions for later reunification of families. As a result, there are now over 2,000 children who will have a difficult time finding their parents, especially those who are too young to talk. There is complete agreement among child psychologists that separation from parents can cause life-long trauma.

Electing Democrats will assure a responsible, well-managed, humane immigration policy that results in lower crime rates