



Policy Summary: Refugee Resettlement

Ed Says:

"We have law enforcement officers, teachers, and nurses who can't afford housing. We must place a moratorium on refugee resettlement until our state can keep up with the growth happening in Idaho."

The Problem

Our nation has an incredible legacy helping the downtrodden and oppressed throughout the world. Unfortunately, like so many well-intentioned programs, our compassion is betrayed as our tax dollars are funnelled to politicized non-profit groups and government entities that promote open borders, critical race theory, and socialist welfare entitlements. **Idaho is the third-highest state in per capita refugee resettlement. We accept more refugees than eight other states combined.** However, it is not the State of Idaho that decides where refugees come from, it is the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) that typically decides through a process that is discriminatory to Christians. Many countries in the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC), the largest voting bloc in the UN, have outlawed Christianity, which explains why the vast majority of refugees are non-Christian. Considering that the UN body elected Communist China to its Human Rights Council, the UN has not proven they can act in the interests of the US. As socialism spreads throughout the world, one does not need to wonder why a disproportionate number of refugees are placed in conservative states.

Trump's efforts to mandate America First policies, reducing the cap on refugees and giving preference to persecuted Christians, have been reversed by the Biden Administration. Under Trump, Idaho settled 66 refugees per year. Now, under the Biden's administration's increased cap, **Idaho's International Rescue Committee (IRC) is gearing up for 600 refugees per year.**

The Solution

It goes without saying that **strong leadership is needed to implement Idaho First policies.** Because the US is party to a 1967 UN Refugee Convention treaty which guarantees refugees the right to housing and public assistance (welfare), taxpayers bear the responsibility for refugees who cannot support themselves after the eight months of assistance provided by the IRC. Idaho is already experiencing a housing price crisis and a housing shortage. Also considering the Biden Administration's reckless vetting and settling of refugees crossing the Southern US border, and the poor track record of the UN, **a moratorium on refugee resettlement is imperative.**

The US Constitution grants the powers of naturalization specifically to Congress alone. The power of the Governor is VERY limited on immigration issues. However, the Governor can craft a refugee resettlement policy that does not harm Idaho.

I will suspend immigration from regions comprised of radical Islamic terrorists, including the suspension of the Syrian refugee program, which is taking in thousands and thousands of people that we have no idea where they come from, no idea who they are.

-President Donald J. Trump

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