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STANDING UP FOR THE WEST

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Sri Lanka seems like a faraway place, but it isn't. Among the dead were four Americans. That devastating attack was not directed at Sri Lanka, but was a calculated attack on Christianity and the West. Two Catholic churches and one evangelical church were attacked, as were hotels that catered to Western clients. The international airport was also targeted, but not successfully. This came on the heels of the Christchurch attack, in which one man targeted mosques; and the Sri Lanka minister of defense claims this latest attack was in response to it.

Compare and contrast how these two events have been treated in the press. The Christchurch attack was carried out by a "white supremacist." Commentators from CNN to New York Mayor Bill de Blasio blamed "intolerance, an epidemic of hatred and fear." Presidential hopeful Cory Booker blamed "The rising tide of white supremacy and Islamophobia." Nihad Awad, director of The Council on American-Islamic Relations, blamed President Trump directly, "We hold you responsible for this growing anti-Muslim sentiment in the country and in Europe." Nancy Pelosi has said Trump advisor Stephen Mill-

er is a "white supremacist," who must be removed.

The Christchurch attack was actually carried out by Brenton Tarrant, a man allied with the National Bolshevik Party as evidenced from symbols in his "manifesto."

The National Bolsheviks are a Russia-based organization founded by Aleksandr Dugin, a political strategist with ties to Putin and the Russian military. Under his vision of "Eurasianism," the organization seeks to unify fascist and communist groups around the world, "including Germany, Central and Eastern Europe, the former Soviet republics, Turkey, Iran, and Korea into a grand Eurasian Union strong enough to defeat the West."

Tarrant's manifesto makes clear that he wanted to provoke civil war in the U.S. that would "balkanize society" and "reduce the USA's ability to project power globally." He also mouths numerous socialist dog whistles like "anti-imperialism," "envi-

ronmentalism," "anti-globalism," and "anti-industrialization." These slogans also animate much of the National Bolshevik narrative.

No informed conservative has these sentiments, but all conservatives, and President Trump, have been smeared with the brush of "white supremacy."

Meanwhile, few leftists could utter the word "Christian" in describing the main targets in Sri Lanka. Former President Obama and Hillary Clinton called the victims "Easter worshippers." Noted antisemite Ilhan Omar said, "No person, of any faith, should be fearful in their house of



worship," a condescending allusion to the Christchurch attack that never mentioned the Christian targets in Sri Lanka. Should we be fearful outside our houses of worship, Ilhan? Far Left sensation Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez couldn't find it in her heart to say anything.

Despite claims that the Notre Dame fire was an accident, there were 875 acts of vandalism, including fire,

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against Catholic churches in France in 2018. Oddly, officials made this pronouncement before they even had time to review the evidence. Notre Dame's Chief of Architecture publicly refuted claims that the fire started due to faulty wiring, adding that because oak is difficult to burn, "It would take a really combustible load at the start of such a fire for it to rapidly develop into the disaster we saw... In 40 years of experience, I have never heard of a fire like this."

A March 2019 *Newsweek* article states, "Catholic Churches Are Being Desecrated Across France — and Officials Don't Know Why." Seriously? Are they perplexed by the daily assaults, rapes, and murders in Europe being perpetrated by Muslims screaming "Allahu Akbar"? You cannot even ask, because you might be identified as an "Islamophobe."

Esam Omeish is a Libyan-born American physician, and Chief of Surgery at a northern Virginia hospital. In the wake of the New Zealand shootings, Omeish posted on Facebook a list of words that he defines as "Islamophobic."

So, if Islamophobia is defined by all these terms, then if we discuss the latest incident of Islamic terrorism, we are the ones doing the killing? And how does one react to someone who is out there "killing?" Does a negative reaction justify Islamic terrorism? If you read U.N. resolution 16/18, "Combating intolerance, negative stereotyping and stigmatization of, and discrimination, incitement to violence and violence against persons based on religion or belief", you will learn that the answer is YES! It is our reaction to events like 9/11 that has oppressed Muslims and caused them to respond

with violence, according to the U.N.

Omeish is the former president of the Muslim American Society, a front group for the Muslim Brotherhood's foremost front groups in the U.S. He is also a board member at the Dar al Hijra mosque in Falls Church, Virginia. Anwar al-Awlaki, who inspired Ft. Hood shooter Nidal Hassan and many others before he was killed in a drone strike in Yemen, led Dar al Hijra before he fled overseas. Dar al Hijra also assisted three of the 9/11 attackers. But can we question if Dar al Hijra is a jihadi mosque? Not aloud, according to Mr. Omeish.

All symbols of the West, and much of its character, laws, and traditions are under direct assault. The Left seeks to balkanize our nation. The Left and its Muslim allies have sought to silence their political enemies by accusing them of "hate speech." And whites, with their "privilege" and "racism," "Islamophobia," are always the "haters." The Democrat Party is fully on board with this rhetoric, including ridiculous statements from some candidates disavowing and apologizing for their "whiteness."

At the same time, leftists embedded in government, media, education, and entertainment promote almost universal misinformation about our nation's founding, its culture, traditions, and laws, while seeking to import millions who hog our welfare resources, take our jobs, and do not assimilate, but promise to deliver votes to Democrats either legally or illegally. The ultimate goal is a permanent majority for the Left. U.S. elections would become a trivial formality.

This effort is much further along overseas, where in many nations, "hate" speech laws make it illegal to even describe what is happening, while citizens are routinely harassed, raped, and murdered in the streets by "migrants" and Islamic terrorists.

The 2018 U.N. Compact on Migration further guarantees that efforts to squelch freedom of speech will accelerate. Marcel de Graaff, a member of the Dutch Party for Freedom, warned what the Compact would mean:

[A]lthough this joint agreement isn't binding, it's still meant to be the legal framework on which the participating countries commit themselves to build new legislation. One basic element of this new agreement is the extension of the definition of hate speech. The agreement want [sic] to criminalize migration speech. **Criticism of migration will become a criminal offense, and media outlets... that give room to criticism of migration can be shut down. The compact for migration is legalization of mass migration.** [Emphasis added.] It's declaring migration as a human right. So in fact, it will become impossible to criticize Ms. [German Chancellor Angela] Merkel's "welcome migrants" policies, without being at risk to be jailed for hate speech.

We hear frequently that liberals "mean well," but they just happen to be wrong. The American Left and the Left overseas are not a "loyal opposition," nor do they have good motives. They are an enemy fifth column, operating under the protection of our laws. They seek nothing less than the complete destruction of the West.

Who will stand up against this onslaught? President Trump is the first in recent history to even take a stab at it. He has the right instincts, but is overwhelmed by the full-throated, relentless attack on his character and legitimacy being perpetrated by Congress, the Democrats, and the courts.

We must stand against the onslaught right now. President Trump is the first in recent history to try. 

CHILDREN ARE PAWNS AT BORDER

by John Daniel Davidson, Senior Fellow, Texas Public Policy Foundation, Congressional testimony reprinted with permission

I visited a migrant respite center in McAllen, Texas, run by Catholic Charities of the Rio Grande Valley, established in 2014 when Immigration and Customs Enforcement was overwhelmed with thousands of children and teenagers turning themselves in to Border Patrol agents. One year ago, the center was receiving between 60 and 120 migrants a day, nearly all of them families from Central America. Today, a larger respite center is receiving about 800 people



a day. The Sunday prior to my testimony before Congress, 1,300 people were dropped off by ICE.

Every afternoon, ICE dropped off migrants at a Greyhound bus station whose employees would then call the center to send vans to pick them up. Once at the center, the migrant worked with volunteers to get in touch with family members all over the country. The goal was to get them all bus tickets and send them on their way that same day to prepare for the next days group of adults with children.

McAllen, a city of fewer than 150,000 residents, daily receives thousands of migrants discharged from ICE custody, wandering the streets and sleeping in doorways and on park benches as neighbors complain about constant traffic and strangers wandering nearby streets where children play. The situation in McAllen is an emergency, but that's

just one border town in Texas. Something similar is playing out up and down the U.S.-Mexico border.

In El Paso, thousands of migrant families are turning themselves in to Border Patrol every day, overwhelming federal facilities and personnel. In five-minutes one day in March, Border Patrol apprehended two different groups totaling 400 people.

The Rio Grande River is shallow in El Paso and easy to walk across. Migrants walk across the river, continue a hundred yards to the border fence, and then follow the fence until they reach one of the gates. There, they simply wait for Border Patrol to arrive with vans to pick them up.

On the night of President Trump's rally in El Paso in February 2019, a group of 300 turned themselves in to the Santa Teresa Border Patrol station 22 miles west of El Paso. Since then, things have gotten worse. Even smaller and relatively remote communities are seeing large groups of migrant families turn themselves in. Recently, a group of nearly 60 was apprehended near the port of entry in Eagle Pass, Texas. In February, a group of 90 was apprehended in the tiny town of Quemado, Texas, population 230. That group included children as young as one year old and a pregnant woman who, upon arrival, went into labor and later gave birth.

As mass numbers of migrants are being released from federal custody along the border, cities further inland have also begun to feel the effects. In March, about 1,000 migrants arrived in San Antonio on buses from the Rio Grande Valley. Non-profit groups are struggling to house and feed them, and have appealed to municipal authorities for assistance. The process and logistics are haphazard and fluid.

No one is really in control.

Pattern Among Asylum Seekers

As I talked to migrants, a pattern emerged:

- A majority of the "family units" are men traveling with one or more children;
- Many of these men say they have a wife and other children back in their home country and that they intend to secure work in the U.S. to send money back home;
- They have family members or friends across the U.S. Many have jobs lined up;
- Nearly all say they left their homes because it is dangerous, citing gang violence, and threats. They are all claiming asylum;
- Many admitted that they don't plan to remain in the U.S. permanently and in fact have a set amount of time they plan to live and work here before returning home;
- All of them say they paid a smuggler to secure safe passage to the border (the amount varies from \$2,000 to \$6,000 per person). Despite the challenges and dangers they face in their home countries, the vast majority of these people are economic migrants; very few of them have valid asylum claims. They are not trying to evade U.S. authorities. In fact, they are seeking Border Patrol agents out in order to turn themselves in.

Previously, when these migrants were processed and released by ICE, the adults would be outfitted with an electronic ankle monitor. If they failed to check in at designated times or traveled outside a certain radius, immigration authorities would be notified. The ankle monitors are a major piece of ICE's Intensive Supervision Appearance Program, an alternative to detention for those in immigration proceedings. A former Border Patrol

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agent told me that almost everyone released with an ankle monitor cuts it off and absconds, effectively abandoning their asylum claim.

Billion Dollar Smuggling Industry

From the moment Central American migrants cross Mexico's southern border and begin their journey north, the entire process is a massive, multifarious, black-market, money-making machine. Smugglers, corrupt local officials, truck drivers, lookouts, loan sharks, and Mexican drug cartels exert absolute control over the migration flows in Mexico and have refined it into a lucrative business enterprise.

Exact figures are unknown, but a simple calculation will give you an idea of the amount of money changing hands along the migration pipeline. Customs and Border Protection Commissioner Kevin McAleenan said that the agency was on pace to apprehend more than 100,000 migrants in March. Assuming each migrant pays, on average, \$4,000 for safe passage over the border, that's about \$400 million — just for those apprehended crossing illegally in March.

Chief beneficiaries of this pipeline are Mexican drug cartels, which exert iron-fisted control over their territory. Cartels generally require every man, woman, and child who passes through their territory on the way to the U.S. border to pay a tax. Otherwise, migrants cannot cross the Rio Grande, and are at risk of being kidnapped or otherwise exploited.

The amount of money cartels are

making off migrant smuggling is substantial. For example, 162,000 people were apprehended in the Rio Grande Valley sector in fiscal year 2018. If each one paid an \$800 tax — a conservative estimate — that means the cartels in this region made nearly \$130 million by taxing people moving through their territory.

The black market for migration is remarkably sophisticated. At its inception point, in villages and towns across Central America, the market works mostly through word of mouth. If you want to migrate, you contact someone whose family member or neighbor migrated, and they put you in touch with a local smuggler who quotes a price or sometimes a range of prices contingent on certain conditions. For example, one Honduran man was quoted \$7,000 on the condition he bring his 6-year-old daughter and they agree to surrender to Border Patrol once they cross into the U.S. Otherwise, the price would be \$10,000. The reason for this difference in price is that it is much easier for smugglers to transport migrant "families" intending to claim asylum in the U.S. than migrants who want to enter the country undetected. Instead of crossing with the migrants and trying to evade Border Patrol, both at the border and at checkpoints further inland, smugglers transporting asylum-seekers need only to take them up to a crossing-point on the Rio Grande and tell them when to go over. There is zero risk for the smugglers themselves, hence the cheaper price if an adult brings a child along.

Smugglers tell potential migrant families that if they claim asylum, they will be allowed to stay and work, which is due to the immense backlog in U.S. immigration courts, with wait times for a hearing of up to three years.

Smugglers Exploit Families

The growing prices disproportionately affecting the Rio Grande Valley and El Paso is being driven by

three major factors:

- It's easier for minors or families to enter the U.S. now than it was during the Obama administration since there is no room at detention facilities and families can expect to be released soon after detention.
- Smugglers are marketing a sophisticated, efficient busing package to people — women, families — who do not want to undertake an arduous or dangerous journey. Word has gotten back to communities in Central America that they will not be long detained once they enter the U.S.
- Conditions in Central America have not improved. Persistent poverty, violence, and corruption, combined with the fear that it's not going to be this easy to get into the U.S. forever, are prompting "families" to come now.

There is no easy solution to this crisis. Border security is part of the solution, but so is congressional action. As long as Central American groups know they can gain entry to the U.S. by initiating asylum proceedings upon crossing the border, this will continue. As long as cartels and criminal networks know they can profit from trafficking migrant families to the border, they will do so. And as long as conditions in Central America continue to fester, families in those countries who can pay for it will seek a better life for their children by traveling north. 



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