

# Austria's Conservative Government Cracks Down on Migrants and Removes Benefits

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While much of Europe is bending over backward for incoming refugees, Austria, yeah, not so much.

The new government in Austria, made up of the Conservative People's Party and the far-right Freedom Party, both pledged to crack down in immigrants to the nation. And they've put their promises into practice.

"Phones will be seized upon entry, allowing border officials to analyse mobile data to determine migrants' identities," the [Express](#) newspaper reports. "Money will also be taken from migrants and put towards the cost of caring for people arriving in the country. And benefits will be stopped for some migrants who have not yet 'paid into' the country."

The move comes as European Union Commissioner for Migration Dimitris Avramopoulos writes that "Europe's Migrants Are Here to Stay."

"It's time to face the truth. We cannot and will never be able to stop migration," Avramopoulos wrote in Politico.

"Human mobility will increasingly define the 21st century," he wrote, adding that mass migration is an issue Brussels has committed Europe to "for the long haul." "Migration is deeply intertwined with our policies on economics, trade, education and employment – to name just a few."

"They have found safety in Europe, but we also need to make sure they find a home," he writes of refugees, going on to insist that programming Europeans to welcome mass migration is "not only a moral imperative," but "also an economic and social imperative for our aging continent – and one of the biggest challenges for the near future."

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