

Trump Executive Order Allows Local Governments to Reject Refugee Resettlement Program

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Nine favored “nonprofit” organizations financially benefit from immigration. The federal government pays them \$2,125 per refugee for initial reception plus thousands more for post-placement services. The cost to American taxpayers is estimated at \$79,600 PER REFUGEE in the first 5 years of resettlement. [In short: Americans are being forced by their leaders to pay for the destruction of their own economy and their culture. If this executive order is not overturned by the courts, and if local governing councils are responsive to their constituents, voters finally may have the right to say no.] -GEG

Should U.S. citizens have input into whether their neighborhoods are fundamentally and permanently transformed into United Nations refugee camps full of welfare dependents and tax burdens?

Government-funded charities that profit mightily from the federal refugee resettlement program say: “Hell, no!”

But President Donald Trump and growing numbers of informed Americans across the heartland are raising their voices to say: “Heavens, yes!”

This week, an extraordinary revolt took place in Bismarck, North Dakota, where an overflow crowd of residents braved subzero temperatures to register their opposition to allowing the Lutheran Social Services to dump any new refugees in their backyard.

Thanks to an executive order signed by Trump in September, local communities now have explicit opt-in rights to stem the lucrative tide of refugees coming largely from Third World countries and jihadist breeding grounds. Open borders legal groups are, of course, challenging the order in court. These zealots object to states and localities exercising self-determination when it comes to rejecting refugees because it would undermine

“national immigration policy,” yet they promote illegal immigrant sanctuary policies in states and localities that create uncontrollable criminal anarchy.

While GOP Gov. Doug Burgum signaled his **support** for increased importation of refugees, Brian Bitner, chairman of the Burleigh County Commission, echoed the concerns of his constituents. “North Dakota is already the highest per capita state for refugee resettlement in terms of number of citizens, so in the absence of any sort of number, there’s no way we could know the cost to the state or the county, and I simply can’t support that,” Bitner told local media at the Bismarck protest.

Similar outbreaks of resistance have taken place in Maine, New Hampshire, Indiana, Massachusetts, Michigan, Vermont, Wyoming and Tennessee over the years. But many Americans remain alarmingly clueless about the four-decade-old, tax-funded racket lining the pockets of nine privileged, nonprofit contractors (and scores of their subcontracting partners like Bismarck’s LSS):

Church World Service
Ethiopian Community Development Council
Episcopal Migration Ministries
Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society
International Rescue Committee
S. Committee for Refugees and Immigrants
Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Services
United States Conference of Catholic Bishops
World Relief Corporation

As I report in **“Open Borders Inc.”**, the U.S. State Department pays each agency \$2,125 per refugee for initial reception and placement; the nonprofits can take up to a 45% cut and use the rest for the initial resettlement costs. Subsidies for management costs are negotiated separately. Unknown thousands more per head are collected for post-placement services.

That’s just the tip of the iceberg of refugee resettlement costs imposed on American taxpayers. In the 2016 annual report to Congress by the Office of Refugee Resettlement, the agency reported that in the year prior, 26.7% of refugees received cash assistance from at least one federal program; 66.1% of refugees had received noncash assistance such as SNAP (food stamps). The Federation for American Immigration Reform crunched the numbers in 2018 and estimated the annual cost of refugee resettlement to U.S. taxpayers at \$1.8 billion, and \$8.8 billion over a five-year period. Using ORR data, FAIR estimated the cost per refugee to American taxpayers at just under \$79,600 in the first five years after a refugee is resettled in the U.S.

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