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The media has been covering the migrant caravan since its start on Oct. 12. This has sparked a national debate: Can we allow these 7,000 migrants to illegally enter our country?

What if I told you that we already have.

The truth is, our borders have already received 7,000 migrants AND another 10,993,000 more. That's 11 million unauthorized immigrants that have been living here since 2015. Eleven. Million.

While it's a noble pursuit to become the caretaker for all, we simply can't. As of right now, we're unable to combat the issues affecting our country, our people.

"I'd prefer if they come in legally, but if they don't, that's cool, too. I read something once that talked about how unfair it is to legal immigrants to allow others to come in illegally, but I still believe everyone should have a chance at citizenship."

- senior Lucas Lubben

It's unreasonable to expect the U.S. to give the unauthorized immigrants the care they lacked in their own countries when we're failing to do so within this one. There are people suffering inside our borders, just as much as there are out of them.

According to migrationpolicy.org, 39.7 million Americans lived in poverty in 2017 alone. If we're unfit to help ourselves, how are we able to truly help anybody else?

In the name of tolerance, we disregard those who have

followed the right path to citizenship. By accepting immigrants illegally, we punish those willing to put in the time and effort to follow said path, but we cannot hurt the ones who are trying to do things the right way.

Encouraging others to bypass our laws goes against everything our country stands for. We are a country with rules and regulations, a country with a Constitution, for a reason- to prevent total chaos.

What does it say about America if we reward those breaking the very laws on which it was built?

Some media outlets and liberals seem to be telling us we suddenly have to accept the idea that every immigrant who comes to our borders should be welcomed with open arms, otherwise I'm deemed heartless.

To be clear, my heart does go out to those suffering and to those wanting a better life, in a better country. Not only do I have a heart, but I also have a head, a head that tells me that what makes our country "better" is the opportunity enabled through our laws, structure, and justice.

There's a correct path to obtain a better life here: the path to legal citizenship. That's what we should be helping these migrants find.

"I think that immigrants should go through the process of citizenship because (not doing so) is illegal, and it's good to follow the law."

- sophomore Regan Reichert

ERASING HISTORY

by sophomore Hannah Tjepkes

One by one, across America, statues, flags, and mascots are being erased because the possibility of offense. This is a mistake.

First of all, some of these things stand for pride and strength. The name of an NFL team, the Washington "Redskins", has often been criticized for being offensive to Native Americans. What is protested in the name of being politically correct is not as offensive as protesters would like you to think.

A poll done by The Washington Post found that 9 in 10 Native Americans are not bothered by the name of the football team. So if the people who are being "protected" by changing the Redskins' name aren't bothered by it, then why the protest?

Not only are these PC vigilantes going after NFL mascots, they're going after history. From buildings named after historical figures created in their likeness, erasing historical names and statues, it's almost like erasing history. In North Carolina, a statue was taken down by protesters which depicted a figure called "Silent Sam" who was a confederate soldier during the Civil War.

The statue stands in memory of the University of North Carolina's students that fought in the war. Once again- the protesters are wrong; the statue didn't stand for slavery, it stood for the loss of lives and for the remembrance of them.

Isn't that something that should be remembered? After all, if we erase everyone and everything, we risk repeating our history. We risk making the same mistakes we made 157 years ago.

You see, in order to prevent the past from happening again, we need to remember it- even if it is painful. We need to remember evil, not erase it. We, as a country, shouldn't be so fragile. Whether we like it or not, murder, brutality, slavery- it all happened. So stop trying to rewrite history by removing what others deem reminders.

Perhaps we need to stop worrying about being politically correct and worry more about being historically correct.

"I think it depends on the statue, but if you begin taking down all statues of the past you will start repeating it."

- high school social studies teacher Kim Culham

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