
Refugee crisis: Hungary launches border crackdown – live updates

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John Dettoni See the following link for another perspective:<http://townhall.com/.../europe-is-making-a-fatal-mistake...>



Dennis Prager - Europe Is Making a Fatal Mistake

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Tihomir Kukolja John, what is the alternative? How do we treat those people with dignity if we all barricade now our countries?

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John Dettoni Treating with dignity is one thing; inviting and/or allowing a people to enter one's country who are totally different from the European country is not wise. Check with France and other European countries with Islamic people who have not assimilated but isolated themselves into their own ghettos quite separate in culture and language from the European country.

Why would people from Turkey and Syria, etc. travel thousands of kilometers to Germany - a totally different country: geographically, language wise, historically, culturally, ethnically, religiously (remember Germany is part of the decadent West!)? Seems strange to me. As I look at the media videos of those seeking asylum, they tend to be younger males. Why? Several reasons are possible including that it was younger Islamic males who were in the USA legally who caused 9/11 in the USA. One would have to be in another dimension to think that ISIS and other radical jihadist would not send in 5th columnist into Europe.

Why not make the relatively easy trek to the Islamic countries in North Africa and the Near East? What is the draw to Western countries including what are often called Eastern European countries? Why the aversion of going to another friendly Islamic country closer by? Seems strange to me. I do not think the reasons are purely economic. But what are the real reasons? Ah, that is the BIG question.

If Europe and the rest of the world want to help, then send \$\$\$ to feed, clothe and house these people. Accepting hundreds of thousands of people from totally different cultures will only disrupt those European cultures and societies more than they are already disrupted. Why do you think Hungary, Serbia, Germany, Austria, et al are closing their borders? These Europeans are not heartless, but they do know they cannot assimilate these many people who are so very different from most in Europe. To quote the O.T. about aliens is a bit disingenuous. Israel was not being flooded with hundreds of thousands of refugees. Those who came into Israel on for their own

reasons and were assimilated being circumcised and becoming Jews or they were put into a separate category of aliens, basically heathens. And we know how non-Jews were considered by O.T. Hebrews. And they were few. They were not given spouses from within Israel. Keep in mind, Israel was commanded by the Yahweh to eliminate all the people in the Promised Land. Aliens and strangers were rather few in those days I suspect. Not quite so harboring of aliens back then.

Yes, there is a crisis. But being willing to totally change one's culture, language and society is not a wise choice. Help these people. Yes, but not with open borders.

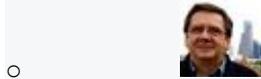
How many total strangers, speaking totally different languages, totally different cultures, totally different food, totally different mores, would you open your house to in Europe?

You could not handle more than a few, one or two perhaps. If you had several dozen who walked into your house and asked for food and shelter and a job, what would you do? And if you could help these several dozen, what would you do with the several hundred dozens others who heard of your generosity who are now camped on your door step? What would you do with these many?

Turning them away is heart breaking. Yes. But finding another solution before they get to your house is a better solution. Now European countries seem to have awakened to the problem, a bit late, but better late than never. Now the countries are appearing heartless. Difficulties arise when we do not think through the implications of "helping" others. European history is replete with this problem.

So, yes give help. Solve the problem before it gets to one's door step. Otherwise, one's house will be over run. And this seems to be the problem Europe is facing now. The hordes are in; now what? With a little foresight it would have been so much better to have stopped the problem before it came to lodge in their front yard.

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○ [Tihomir Kukolja](#) So from your point of view should Christians be helping the refugees at this time in Europe? What is another solution?

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○ [John Dettoni](#) Two issues:

1. What is the Christian response to those already IN their European countries?

Possible answers: a). do nothing – not exactly a Christian response; b). do something to alleviate the immediate problem: food, shelter, medical when needed; c). work to send them back to their own countries or to a more hospitable culture and not keep them in Europe which is for all practical reasons quite different from Syria, et al; d). make them assimilate by not allowing ghettos; e) find jobs for them so they are not drawing millions of Euros from others in the European countries; f). evangelize them with the Good News about Jesus – I wish this would be possible and it might but would have to be done with great wisdom. Seems to me that a displaced people are open to a new perspective on the great things of life like whom we worship. But one must be careful not to make “rice Christians” out of them. The news last week was that many Muslims were “converting” to Christianity (to Christ? I don't know.). People however are skeptical about such conversions. Could be real or could be typical Islamic approach to how to conquer others. I have just finished reading *The Decline of Eastern Christianity under Islam: from Jihad to Dhimmitude* by Bat Ye'or, an Egyptian who resides in UK. She details the many ways Islam conquered North Africa which was very Christian at the time. Deception and promises that could be broken were common since the Christians and Jews, the “People of the Book” were not the people of Islam. So anything goes from slaughter to deception to using those “heathen” Christians and Jews to keep

the new Islamic government going. As I read her book, I realize that this kind of thinking was going on today as well as a century or more ago. So one must be careful. The American Indian (politically correct: "Native Americans") had a saying: "White man speaks with forked tongue." Indeed, we "white men" have not been the most honest people either. So watch out for all people who are interested in keeping their interest the main interest.

2. What is the response from the governments being inundated by these refugees? Ah, that is a question of national identity and self-preservation. Governments are to care first and foremost for their own people. When a government opens its borders to any and all and then expects the national people to foot the costs of having these refugees invade their country, well, then, the citizens of that country have a right to say No More! We cannot do everything. Why are European countries shutting their borders? For that very reason. If the country cannot assimilate (NOT just accommodate) totally foreign people, if a country does not have unlimited resources of money, housing, food, jobs, health care, etc., then what should a country do? Should a country let itself be overrun by refugees? Can any country do this? For a short while, maybe yes – depends on the country and the political will of both leaders and citizens. But it is not sustainable over more than a short time – weeks, at best months, not years. The refugees need to return or go to a more hospitable country and culture. Not a pleasant idea, but what will Europe do with several million refugees from Islamic countries? As I have said and many others, those from Islamic countries who have immigrated to Europe have not assimilate but isolated themselves from the main European culture of their country.

Part of the problem, perhaps the main problem, is that European leaders have not foreseen the magnitude of the problem until thousands and thousands have tried to cross borders to get to Western Europe. The Eastern European countries recognized the problem before Western Europeans and tried to seal their borders. Too late. The road to Western Europe was already mapped out. Now what?

Solution: compassionate help for the immediate days (not weeks or months, certainly not years) and a definite plan of action that returns these refugees to a more hospitable location outside of Europe.

Lack of strong, definitive action by Europeans will end up with an Islamic Europe with hardly any connection to its 2,000 or more years of European identity. Can Europe do it? We shall see. I'm hopeful that wise leaders will know that their countries' resources are not an endless pot of gold, that something needs to be done and done now, that something else needs to be done long range to solve the problem that the refugees present today and tomorrow.

No easy answers. But one must look not only at the day to day situation but long range. Why did Serbia not end up speaking Turkish? Why did Christians in North Africa almost disappear after more than 400 years of Christian history? What will happen to Europe (Western, Eastern, and Central) if all the many hundreds of thousands of refugees settle in Europe? The history of assimilation and integration of Islamic people of the last 40 or so years into European culture is not real positive. Is there any hope that the current refugees will be any different? If so, on what is that hope built? Not history.

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○ [Tihomir Kukolja](#) Ok. While the powerful are deciding what is the "right thing" to do

those people need food, shelter, place to stay, and witness of empathy and compassion. Who will provide those if the followers of Jesus are doubting what their duty is at this time?

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John Dettoni Re-read my comments especially # 1b and 1c. I am not suggesting we do nothing. But I do doubt that Europe can assimilate hundreds of thousands of refugees from totally alien cultures to Europe. If you have a better solution, please give it. Praying for the problem is of course good. But remember old Admiral Perry (or some admiral in some navy) who said, "Pray and keep the power dry." Don't just stand there and pray, do something worthwhile. But for goodness sake don't by trying to do good end up with a bad situation. As I said, if you have a better solution that solves both the immediate and long range issues, I am sure we all would like to know what it is. My solution is above. What's yours?

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Tihomir Kukolja I do not have. Our focus at this time is helping.

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Ali Ussery ...and this is a page specifically for prayer for the immediate response in providing food and shelter!

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Tihomir Kukolja Agree with you Ali.

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