



Venezuela's refugee crisis will exceed Syria's; we must help

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Introduction

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The next refugee crisis is not being driven by a violent war but by a socioeconomic disaster of magnitudes hardly seen before.

The economic and humanitarian crisis in Venezuela is perhaps the worst that the hemisphere has seen in modern history: Without enough money to import food or basic medicine, most Venezuelans are going through severe hunger and are dying from preventable diseases.

Thesis

These migrants — my grandparents being a prime example — were received by the Venezuelan people with open arms. Migrants then helped to build a modern country that, at some point, was considered to boast the most promising economy in the region.

It is time for the international community to step up and help other countries to do for Venezuela what Venezuela once did for them. These countries will enjoy the fruits that will bear from these migrants as they integrate into the local economies.

Restatement of thesis

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Conclusion

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Will America Stand Again With the World's Refugees?

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Demonstrators protesting President Trump's first travel ban, in January 2017. Victor J. Blue for The New York Times

One year ago on Saturday, President Trump issued an executive order to severely restrict the entry of refugees and other immigrant groups to the United States. This first version of the so-called travel ban set off protests at airports, lawsuits and global outcry — while thrilling some of the president's supporters who were pleased by his swift fulfillment of a campaign pledge.

The past year has been a disaster for refugees and for those of us who are deeply concerned — many because of the convictions of our faith — with their well-being. But, because of my Christian faith, I also believe that people can repent, turning from a wrong direction and moving in the right way.

It's not too late for our leaders to examine the facts, apply the values of the faith traditions that inspire many Americans' concern for refugees, and change course.

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