

Immigrants! (RAP NEWS 34)

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News flash! Humans are migrating en masse.
Many in search of work and better circumstance.
Many more displaced by wars and massacres, predatory trade pacts,
ethnic clashes, historical fractures, climate change impacts.

Some call them "Refugees"; others "Illegal immigrants".
Whatever the label, there are more displaced people today than ever in history;
collectively they form one of the world's largest nations,
a flagless country of tens of millions, half of them children.

So how is the world handling this crisis today?
Surely the wisest, richest societies are responding in enlightened ways.
We now invite three guests from such countries... first up
business magnate, presidential candidate, Donald Trump

- My fellow Muricans, our great nation's become a rotten dump.
Thanks to that communist Obama chump
our southern border is an open door for any Juan to come.
Illegals are pouring through the country scooping all the dollars up.

12 million undocumented aliens
That's 4 percent of us! And 6 million are Mexicans.
I'm told they're all drug dealers, rapists and criminals,
and hundreds are working in my Trump hotel businesses.

I just don't get it! After all we've given them:
We signed NAFTA which trashed their economic system
put them out of work and raised the price of tortillas... but despite our efforts
we can't seem to satisfy those taco-munching peasants.

- Let's bring in Katie Hopkins, a tabloid paper columnist.
What's your take on immigrants? - It's the day of apocalypse,
and the EU is doing nothing to stop loads of unwashed droves
from crossing over the ocean like cockroaches.

They get on wobbly boats, and drown... if we're lucky.
Then the survivors arrive on Greek Islands and head for this fine country:
Great Britain, the Whitened, I mean United Kingdom,
where they swamp our local culture and welfare system.

Feral migrants, spreading like the Norovirus,
We've had to put up miles of fences to stop the tide of outsiders,

with jihadi names, weird clothes and cruel customs.
They're robbing us of our own country. Truly Disgusting!

- Ah... Next up then: Australia's Prime Minister Tony Abbott
- Sounds like a bad... a bad problem you have there... but we don't have it:
We've solved it. - You have?? - Of course we have all sorts of
desperate people tryna get to our shores, but we got it all sorted.

- How? - Well, tell us!
- We took this bloody UN Refugee Convention and chucked it in the dunny;
To all asylum seekers, we shut our borders;
we turn their boats back mid voyage, or bribe people smugglers to do it for us.

And if anyone slips through to our shores after all that
we lock em up in concentration... I mean detention camps...
on remote islands like Manus and Nauru. - For how long? - Indefinitely!
- Heinous! - True. - Genius! - Definitely! - How do you get away with this?

- It's easy as killing the ABC
when both major parties are vying for the cruelest policy on refugees
And you ban anyone reporting on the camps and what goes down inside...
Even rape and child abuse. Out of sight, out of mind!

- Tony, when I'm president in these parts
I'm gonna make you head of immigration. You're hired!
To guard our border, we'll erect a huge rampart
And you know, when it comes to building walls I've got it down to a damn art.

- Aussies, you are a shining beacon of vicious cruelty.
If you can do it, by jingo, so can we.
Quick, go! send our gunships and British Navy.
Blow those Sweaty Syrians straight out of the flipping grey sea!

- Ripper, Katie. Glad to be an inspiration
- Well, it's great to see such close collaboration
between nations. But is it ethical? Let's pose that question
to Mr Moonseed from the NGO: 'Real Humans Say Welcome'

- Greetings, xenophobic pundits.
My preaching from the pulpit today shall focus on the gleeful topic of one-ness.
Different cultures can bring new and positive customs
great food, music, yoga, hot people... a melting pot of abundance.

We need to open all borders, and receive the magic
let people roam the globe: choose love, not fear and panic
...Unless of course they're trying to migrate to Atlantis,
which is reserved for me, the highest race on the planet.

- Multiculturalism means the death of our fragile white race
- They're trying to wipe us out without a trace
- Only white countries are forced to mix with other ethnic types
- Dead right, if we get lax on immigrants, it'll be... - White Genocide!

- Genocide? That's an interesting choice of expression...
 Didn't you yourselves migrate to the countries you now live in,
 and push the locals out of their homes, imposing
 your own language, laws, and culture across their homelands?

- Exactly, you saw how that went for Native Americans...
- And for Aborigines... - We're living proof of the danger of immigrants!
- They'll steal the land we stole! - Invade our barbecue areas
- I'd rather leave than witness this! - Don't try to come to Atlantis, you barbarians!

- Howzit, my chinas, let's call an intermission
 I've been listening in and it
 seems like it's time for one of my bliksem interjections
 - Bill de Berg from the New World... - Ach, no introductions.

I'm pleased to see that you're focusing your anxieties
 on the hordes of poor people trying to flee
 to your borders and shores, seeking sanctuary
 from scarcity, wars and eco catastrophes...

rather than focusing on these migrants,
 who cross all borders at will, overriding
 the laws of your countries; wreaking havoc
 destroying thousands of local jobs, and paying no taxes....

- Corporations! - Corporations are people too. With special needs!
 And right now, while you scream about migrants and refugees
 you're about to see the signing of three giant corporate treaties:
 The TTIP, TISA and TPP.

- Free Trade Agreements? - Indeed!
 So "free" that they're being negotiated in secret
 - The only details we've seen are thanks to these
 drafts leaked by whistleblowers and published by WikiLeaks.

- Worried about migrants affecting the economy when they barge in?
 Wait till you see these trade pacts annihilate the job market,
 slash wages and leave collective bargaining rights discarded.
 Worried about your sovereign laws?
 These treaties will override them

so foreign companies can make you a lawsuit target
if your country ever threatens their potential margins.
Worried about guarding your culture from outsiders?
These treaties will extend copyright terms for decades after,

siphoning knowledge out of the public domain
and robbing you of your collective culture and scientific gain
And the spoils from all this plundering will be taken
not by local populations, but by foreign corporations

- We welcome that kind of immigrant here! - Here too!
- We give them visas, and let them leap the queue
- Ah, my faithful minions, I knew we could count on your commitment.
Who ever said your immigration policies lacked compassion and wisdom?

Thanks to our guests for engaging in this conversation on the
contentious issue of migrations on the planet
Mass exoduses like the ones we're witnessing, cause real problems and tensions
there's no question. But as we've discovered,

when it comes to managing borders and cultural habitats,
these migrations are just one part of a larger pattern.
Yet this is the part we're told to fear and fret about... Why does that happen?
By now we should have gathered this:

when politics, lobbyists, business and media machinate
to divert, scramble and mangle our view of the world we're inhabiting,
we'd be wise to ask ourselves:
whose interests does this skewed perception actually benefit?

Some day, historians will look back and label this
the age of mass displacements, and assess how we handled it.
Will they condemn our blindness; or celebrate our vision and humanity?
That's up to us in the present, where History is Happening.

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