



Quotes on Syrian Refugees

"The Statue of Liberty Must be Crying with Shame"

Nicholas Kristof, November 21, 2015 New York Times Op-ed

"Desperate refugees flee persecution and war, but American politicians – worried about security risks – refuse to accept them."

Nicholas Kristof, November 19, 2015 New York Times Op-ed

"...when you get these terrorists, you have to take out their families. They care about their lives. Don't kid yourself. But they say they don't care about their lives. You have to take out their families."

Donald Trump, Republican Presidential Candidate, December 2015

Oct. 3, 2015: "This could be one of the great military coups of all time if they send them to our country – young, strong people and they turn out to be ISIS. Now, probably that won't happen, but some of them definitely in my opinion will be ISIS."

Donald Trump, October 2015

"I'm putting the people on notice that are coming here from Syria as part of this mass migration, that if I win, if I win, they're going back."

Donald Trump, October 2015 Keene, New Hampshire Speech

"Given all that has happened in Paris, it simply makes sense to take a step back for now, to press the pause button so we can determine the facts and ensure we have the correct policies and security screenings in place. That is the most responsible thing for the administration to do right now. That is the most reasonable and balanced thing for the administration to do right now."

Majority Leader Senator Mitch McConnell (R-Kentucky), November 19, 2015 Floor Statement

"While my heart hurts for the innocent people suffering in Syria, our priority must be in keeping Americans safe. That is why I oppose the President's effort to bring refugees to our shores without a real plan to vet them. That is not leadership. That is sticking your head in the sand. And in matters of life and death we must do better."

Representative Mike Bost (R-Illinois), November 18, 2015 Extension of Remarks/Congressional Record

"This is a real threat. ISIS has promised more attacks, and we must take that seriously. We need to, at the very least, pause and assess allowing Syrian refugees into the U.S. until we have a better screening procedure in place and focus on those that are persecuted, or even threatened with genocide, simply because of their being a religious minority."

Representative Doug LaMalfa (R-California), November 18, 2015 Extension of Remarks/Congressional Record

"I am committed to keeping Americans safe, but I know that doing so is not inconsistent with providing refuge to some of the world's most vulnerable people. To turn our backs on refugees would be to betray our values."

Representative Marc A. Veasey (D-Texas), December 1, 2015 Extension of Remarks/Congressional Record



"Here at home, we must ramp up measures to keep the American people safe. That means halting the admittance of Syrian and Iraqi refugees until we are sure the vetting is airtight. And right now it is not"

Floor Statement by Representative Kenny Marchant (R-Texas), November 19, 2015

"Refugees are victims, not perpetrators of terrorism. Categorically refusing to take them only feeds the narrative of ISIS."

Representative Seth Moulton (D-Massachusetts), Floor Statement, December 8, 2015

The Syrian refugees are seeking safety, and the United States has a thorough vetting process for those refugees and others. We can always improve our efforts to protect the American public while at the same time providing the very humanitarian aid that is necessary.

Representative Barbara Comstock (R-Virginia), Floor Statement, November 19, 2015