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MURDER IS PERSONAL, BUT CRIME PREVENTION ISN'T

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Here's what provoked me:

It seems logical that if a murderer has certain identifiable characteristics and affiliations, those are relevant to finding ways to keep that particular crime from being repeated. Yet common sense immigration control and crime prevention suggestions are too often labeled as racist, and sometimes even worse. I really don't understand the logic and will continue to verbally shake my finger of judgement at foolish statements and accusations.

Here's my response:

Murder is Personal but Crime Prevention Isn't

Mollie Tibbetts was murdered by an illegal immigrant. As with any crime, we should look for ways to keep that crime from being repeated. Mention of the murderer being "illegal," and suggestions that better border security would have reduced the chance of this particular crime from happening are accurate statements of facts. The left dismisses those comments as racist and xenophobic.

I've heard a demand that the perpetrator not be identified as an illegal alien, but rather as an individual from the general population. While an individual perpetrated that crime, the accused is an illegal immigrant, and as such, subject to inadequate vetting and less effective scrutiny than is the general population. The left says any generalization of illegal immigrants is wrong, and attempts to control crime through better immigrant vetting and border wall controls is xenophobic.

However, the left isn't afraid of generalizing when it serves their political purpose. For example, in recent years, killing of unarmed black men by police has ranged from only five up to about 19, annually. That's too high, but the left describes these numbers as being "out of control" and generalizes by demanding broad and comprehensive law enforcement reform. That's absurd and hypocritical.