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 **COUNTRIES
OFFERING
BIRTHRIGHT
CITIZENSHIP**

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President Trump made an imprecise claim, the kind he's famous for, regarding "birthright citizenship." In proclaiming his intent to eliminate the policy by executive order, he declared that the U.S. is the only country permitting the policy. Bam! He's called a liar by his opponents while they accurately claim 30 countries have the same policy. But they make it sound like any decent civilized country would have it, and that Trump is making us the outlier. Trump was factually incorrect, but the "resistance" was, in my opinion equally misleading.

There are 195 self-governing countries. Therefore, approximately 85% of these reject the policy. The proper claim should have been: "The U.S. and Canada are the only developed, industrial, free world countries to have a birthright citizenship policy." In fact, every country on the "list of 30" is from North or South America. Most are underdeveloped, struggling countries. Many are dictatorships or socialist economies whose citizens are fleeing and joining caravans traveling to the U.S.

Many in the Trump resistance covet the "wisdom of Europe." But not one European, Asian, African or "South seas" government has a birthright citizenship policy – whether developed or not.

Let's all get our facts and messages straight.