

Letters: Trump's words

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RE: Trump and the 'Spirit of the Statute of Liberty'

Trump must love the taste of toe jam. He has learned to put both feet in his mouth simultaneously, with two absurdly offensive remarks in the same statement.

President Trump (allegedly) used a vulgar and graphic term that attracted widespread attention. At the same time, he denigrated the people from poor non-white countries, and stated his preference for immigrants from countries like mostly white Norway.

It is blatantly racist to prefer any white race or country over any other race or country. It is racist to prefer ANY color or ethnic origin over another. Such preference and profiling violates the Spirit of the Statue of Liberty.

"Give me your tired, your poor, Your huddled masses yearning to breathe free, The wretched refuse of your teeming shore. Send these, the homeless, tempest-tost to me, I lift my lamp beside the golden door!"

If America gives Trump a pass on this, then we have compromised our core value of blind compassion. We cannot fix all the world's problems. We ought to give aid. We cannot take in all the poor. We ought to take in some, as many as our security and economy will allow. We have laws governing immigration.

Let those laws be employed blindly, individually with compassion.

Let us cling to blind compassion, or let us dismantle the Statue of Liberty.
Or we may be seen as whitewashed tombs by the Judge of Heaven.

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