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Brief: A Resolution to Make the World Tolerant Again!

Xenophobia, defined as intense or irrational dislike or fear of people from foreign countries, is increasingly present on a global scale. Many attribute the rise of xenophobic sentiments to the rise of right-wing populism around the world not unique to the platform of President Donald Trump which Vox news calls a “global white backlash.” In Hungary, Viktor Orban, the prime minister who has been noted as increasingly authoritarian, has began construction of a wall to keep out immigrants and holding migrants in detention camps. In Italy, the anti-immigrant Northern League has become the country’s third most popular party, polling at more than three times its 2013 level. And in Finland, the Finns Party, a party aiming to drastically cut immigration numbers and keep out many non-Europeans, is the party of Finland’s foreign minister, Timo Soini. A more well-known figure on the nationalist stage is Marine Le Pen of France, who heads the National Front, a far-right party notorious for anti-immigrant sentiment. Hate speech and violence motivated by xenophobia continue to be significant issues, and it is thought validated by these ascensions to power. Immigration is a historically contested issue, and nativist sentiment has been a formative force in many policy decisions. Immigrants around the globe have paid the price.

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<http://www.buzzle.com/articles/causes-and-effects-of-xenophobia.html>

<http://www.newsweek.com/refugees-migrants-international-organization-migration-afghanistansyria-408017>

https://www.nytimes.com/2016/05/29/world/europe/rise-of-donald-trump-tracks-growingdebate-over-global-fascism.html?_r=0

MIDDLE SCHOOL MODEL UNITED NATIONS

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Title of Resolution: A Resolution to Make the World Tolerant Again!

RESOLUTION OF THE PEOPLE OF THE MIDDLE SCHOOL MODEL UNITED NATIONS

- 1 Whereas xenophobia is defined as intense or irrational dislike or fear of people from foreign
2 countries;
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- 4 Whereas xenophobic sentiment continues to increase globally, often characterized by the
5 rising prevalence of far-right populist political agendas;
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- 7 Whereas UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres said recently, “We are seeing a deeply
8 troubling rise in extremism, xenophobia, racism and anti-Muslim hatred. Irrationality and
9 intolerance are back.”
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- 11 Whereas xenophobic sentiment is attributed to causing many outbreaks of violence, the
12 attacks in South Africa in 2015 being one of many examples;
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- 14 Whereas political scientist Roger Petersen has argued that ethnic conflict around the world
15 is often caused by what he terms “resentment”: the feeling of injustice on the part of a
16 privileged portion of society when it sees power slipping into the hands of a group that had
17 not previously held it;
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- 19 Whereas immigration is proven overall beneficial to host economies and xenophobic
20 influence in policy making thus poses economic burdens;
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- 22 Whereas xenophobia tends to build on the existing bias and prejudiced notions that are
23 prevalent in a society.
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- 25 **Resolved** by the People of the Middle School Model United Nations,
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- 27 1. Urges member nations to create educational curricula that instill tolerance, educate
28 on, and celebrate diversity.
 - 29 2. Advises member nations to fully prosecute any crimes of xenophobic motivation,
30 including hate speech.
 - 31 3. Encourages member nations to seek institutional equality, including equitable work
32 place guidelines regardless of background in
 - 33 a. Hiring and firing
 - 34 b. Benefits and compensation
 - c. Wages

A Resolution to Aid Suffering Refugees Receive Clean Drinking Water

A human being can survive a week without food but cannot live more than three days without water. While the abundance of water in our daily lives causes most of us to take it for granted, around the world millions suffer from lack of access to water. Many of those suffering from a lack of water are Syrian refugees. Refugee camps often do not have enough water to supply all refugees residing within them. The majority of refugee camps in the world are unable to provide the recommended daily water minimum of 20 liters water per person per day. These conditions are also due to the fact that many countries hosting refugees already suffer from a scarcity of water. Jordan, for example, is one of the top 10 water-scarce countries in the world and holds more than 1.4 million refugees (mainly from Syria). This has caused tremendous strain on the country's very low water resources, making it extremely difficult to supply sufficient water for refugees. Diseases from dirty water and poor sanitation spread like wildfires in the crowded camps where many Syrian refugees live. When people like these refugees don't have proper nutrition, especially children, they become ill and may die even more quickly from preventable and treatable diseases.

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<http://www.un.org/en/sections/what-we-do/deliver-humanitarian-aid/>

<http://www.unrefugees.org/what-we-do/emergency-relief/>

http://www.un.org/arabic/waterforlifedecade/unhcr_water_brochure.pdf

<http://www.ecomena.org/water-crisis-in-refugee-camps/>

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RESOLUTION OF THE PEOPLE OF THE MIDDLE SCHOOL MODEL UNITED NATIONS CONFERENCE

- 1 Expressing the sense of the people of the Middle School Model United Nations
- 2 regarding the international water crisis.
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- 4 *Whereas* as stated in the United Nations' charter, one of the main purposes of the
- 5 international governing body is to "achieve international cooperation in solving
- 6 international problems of an economic, social, cultural, or humanitarian character;"
- 7 *Whereas* there are approximately 60 million refugees worldwide (United Nations);
- 8 *Whereas* the UNHCR (United Nations Refugee Agency) deploys supplies and
- 9 trained medical and humanitarian aid to refugee camps worldwide;
- 10 *Whereas* poor water quality in refugee camps encourages the spread of waterborne
- 11 disease such as cholera, typhoid, and hepatitis;
- 12 *Whereas* the majority of refugee camps are often unable to provide the United
- 13 Nations recommended daily water minimum of 20 liters per person;
- 14 *Whereas* access to clean water is fundamental to the health of all people.
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- 16 Resolved by the Social, Humanitarian & Cultural Committee,
- 17 1. Calls upon all nations, especially those in water-scarce
- 18 environments, to allot 20 liter of water per day to each refugee living within
- 19 the country's borders.
- 20 2. Encourages nations cooperate with the United Nations and accept
- 21 humanitarian aid from both UN organizations and NGOs (non-
- 22 governmental organizations).
- 23 3. Calls upon all nations to accept refugees fleeing from drought
- 24 stricken nations.
- 25 4. Encourages a coordinated military effort to ensure clean water is
- 26 delivered to refugees.

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