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**STRUGGLING FOR A HOME**  
YOUR STORY "EXIT WEST" [Dec. 25–Jan. 1] weaved the hope and desperation of the three migrant families from Syria quite magnificently. The refugee crisis needs to be urgently addressed on a global level. My mother came to India as a refugee in 1947 from the then newly created Pakistan, and her recollections of the tribulations that her family faced at that time are no different from the ones in your story. The Rohingya refugees continue to suffer in Bangladesh while they have been turned away from India. Why are we so skeptical about those who have left their homeland in search of a better future? I wish that the U.N. played an active role so that we could have a global policy for refugees that guarantees them the respect and affection they deserve.

Gulbahar S. Sidhu,  
JALANDHAR, INDIA

LEAVING YOUR HOMETOWN is nightmarish, be it due to war, climate change or religious crackdowns. Sadly, I come from a part of the world that has witnessed many such exoduses. The plight of the homeless is anything but luxurious. For refugees the ordeal is no less miserable. So it would not be insensitive to point out that those depicted in your series

are inarguably sophisticated, stylishly clothed and even making decisions about moving to more welcoming nations of the West. All this is in stark contrast to the refugees in our part of the world, where this is unimaginable.

Manjari Bhowal,  
NEW DELHI

OVER MANY YEARS I HAVE seen and admired the readiness of TIME to confront issues that are, from an editorial standpoint, politically uncomfortable. Having read your article, I can find no acknowledgement of the basic cause of the immigration problem: religion. It is no surprise that the European countries that have experienced Islamic tyranny are reluctant to allow refugees in. I hope you are not losing editorial courage and submitting to political correctness.

Don Darke,  
STILTON, ENGLAND

YOUR STORY "EXIT WEST" raises a question that touches on the core of the anxieties that make the migration issue so contentious and a threat to the fabric of European societies. Why should a refugee who is granted asylum in Greece receive benefits that his jobless Greek neighbor, who is not much better off economically, is denied because of fiscal austerity measures? This is not



just about "the soul of Europe" but also very much about the realities of many native Europeans. Making people feel that newcomers are treated "more equal" will strengthen populist movements, which may be a greater danger to European ideals than tougher immigration policies.

Gerd Will,  
LUDWIGSLUST, GERMANY

sion to "feel everything and to express those emotions without shame." Without being taught to toughen up when needed, your sweet pea will be exposed, in a typical rough-and-tumble school environment, to plenty of testosterone-fueled competition, bullying and shaming. That could be hard on your tender boy.

Gerald Kamens,  
FALLS CHURCH, VA.

**ENGENDERING EMPATHY**

RE "HOW TO RAISE A SWEET Son in an Era of Angry Men" [Dec. 25–Jan. 1]: Faith Salie entreats all parents to raise a sweet son who will grow into a man who's vulnerable, empathetic, affectionate and so on. But even if you ignore key factors like genetics and financial status that may produce something other than a "sweet pea" son, our society may not give such a gentle soul permis-

THANK YOU FOR THE RELEVANT and important message about raising sweet boys. This is imperative. When my sons (now 40 and 42) were young, my motto for them was "Strong enough to be gentle." They are now sweet, gentle, caring and involved fathers. They both have only girls and are raising them the same way.

Cindy Dischinger,  
PLYMOUTH, MINN.

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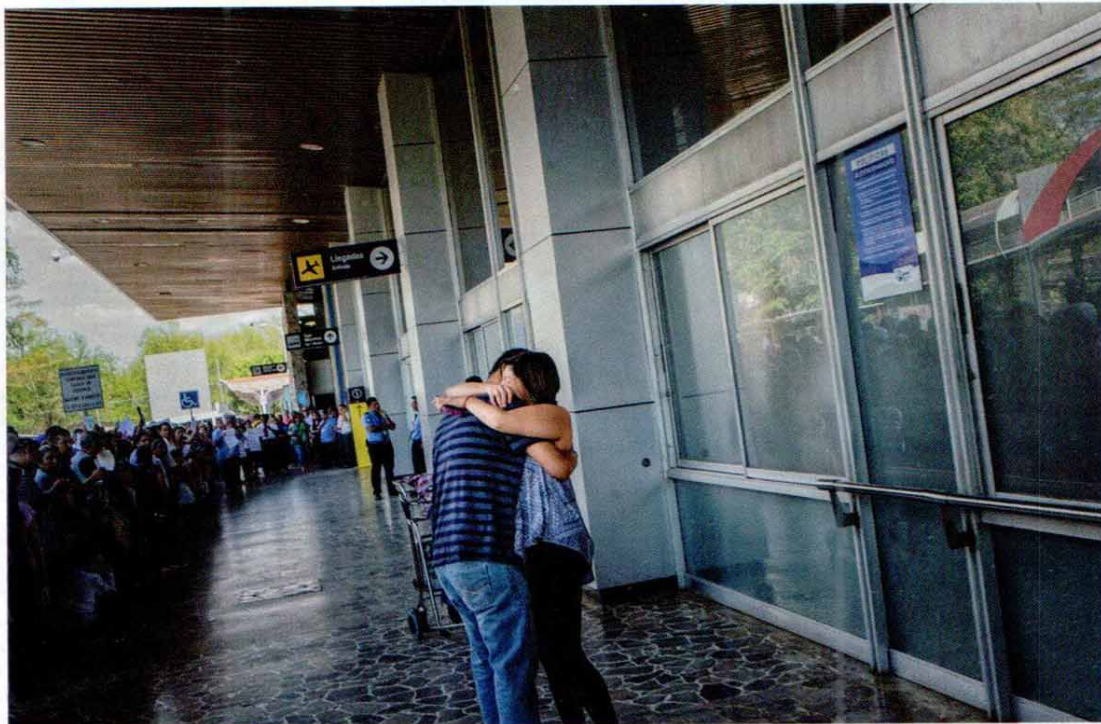
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Jose Escobar hugs his wife in El Salvador for the first time since his March deportation from Texas

## IMMIGRATION

### By ordering Salvadorans out, Trump inverts an American promise

By Karl Vick

FOR A NATION OF IMMIGRANTS, THE challenge is where to draw the line. A decade ago, Gallup asked adults the world over whether they would like to live somewhere else, if they could. They got a yes from 700 million people. Asked where they'd like to go, the destination of choice—named by 165 million people—was the U.S.

America can't take them all in, of course. But the idea of the nation as both a beacon and a refuge has softened the landing for millions of people who arrived without papers and over time became Americans.

It's an idea the Trump Administration is snatching back. The announcement on Jan. 8 ordering nearly 200,000 Salvadorans to return to Central America is only the latest inversion of an Executive

generosity that extends back at least six Presidents. About 46,000 Haitians were ordered out in November, when 2,500 Nicaraguans were also put on notice. Tens of thousands of Hondurans living in the U.S. await the next Department of Homeland Security take-back of what's called Temporary Protected Status (TPS).

TPS thus takes its place on protest signs alongside DACA, or Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals, in undoing the founding assumption of national identity since at least Plymouth Rock: that becoming an American was basically a matter of showing up and acting like one.

Border enforcement is one cornerstone of nationhood (as most of the 165 million would acknowledge). But historically, illegal aliens grew less