

Refugee Crisis Fox TV Interview Dr. Kamal Bewar

Talking Points

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1. Background:
 - a. The number of refugees is increasing.
 - b. According to the UNHCR, there are more than 70 million refugees worldwide, and half of this number are from Syria, Afghanistan, and Africa.
 - c. International communities have a responsibility to protect innocent people. Most refugees are victims of the war and should not be seen as a threat. We need to welcome refugees into our community with open arms.
2. Current Situation in Utah:
 - a. According to our local refugee resettlement agencies, the number could be around 1000. However, these numbers could change.
 - b. Challenges in navigating a new system and meeting daily survival needs.
3. Why Utah:
 - a. Helping others is rooted in the history of Utah State. Utah is a friendly place toward refugees, and we have diverse communities that care about people in need.
 - b. People, agencies, organizations and communities work together to support refugee families.
4. How can People Help:
 - a. Utahans can donate money to trusted organizations.
 - b. Organizations serving refugees need volunteers for a variety of services. People who want to help should contact trusted organizations directly.
 - c. See the list of agencies and trusted organizations accompanying the interview.
5. What SLCC is Doing to Help Refugees:
 - a. Dedicated Student Success Coordinator assists refugee students to ensure a successful journey toward their educational goals.
 - b. Refugee scholarship helps refugee students with tuition.
 - c. Partnership between SLCC and Utah Refugee Center to educate and train refugees to gain employment.