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Katie Hopkins And The Boat People



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The *Sun* columnist Katie Hopkins is under pressure after her remarks about the refugees flooding out of North Africa and flooding *into* Europe caused widespread offence. Doubtless some of her comments have been taken out of context, and in any case few would take seriously the suggestion that gunships should be turned on desperate people fleeing from war and more often poverty in boats, but as pointed out in [a previous article](#), there are real issues here that must be addressed.



Katie Hopkins (Twitter)

It is easy to demonise Hopkins as a mere bigot...mere? As *Metro* columnist James Baldock **pointed out**, she's running out of people to offend. Nevertheless, just because she uses intemperate language does not mean she is wrong. There are also many people and political organisations that are quite cynical about exploiting human suffering in order to promote a political agenda or simply to make money.

The European Union has now **stepped into the fray** claiming it has a moral duty to act. Certainly it does, it has a moral duty to render humanitarian assistance, but first and foremost it has a moral duty to protect the livelihoods and the security of its own citizens. We don't know how many of these refugees/asylum seekers may be fleeing not simply from persecution but from justice, recall the Christian refugees who were murdered by Moslem refugees recently simply because they were Christians. In addition to that, we really cannot allow these people to take to sea in such ludicrously overcrowded boats; it is no wonder some of them capsize. Is there an alternative to end this suffering? Yes!

In the first place, Western governments must use any pressure short of war – diplomatic, financial, etc – to stop all conflict in the region. In the second place, it is not necessary for migrants to strike out for Europe when there is a hospitable, advanced country in the region, Israel. Israel was founded in the first instance as a haven from people fleeing racial persecution and genocide, it is close to both Syria and Libya, and because it is an overland journey, there is no risk of people drowning. Furthermore, due to the destruction of much of its infrastructure, Gaza is in need of massive redevelopment, which means work can be found for many of these refugees with relative ease. Nor will there be any language barriers because both English and Arabic are spoken widely in Israel.

Another practical measure to stop impoverished African immigrants making their way to Europe would be to insist that those who advocate for uncontrolled immigration foot the bill. If for example the staff of the Immigrant Council of Ireland were obliged to subsidise out of their own pockets every asylum seeker (so called) they lobbied on behalf of, they would think twice before making the problem worse.

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Katie Hopkins is 100% right. Europe has enough of its own problems. The responsibility for these refugees lies with their native countries, not Europe. We have seen right here in America what uncontrolled immigration brings. Those seeking asylum , for the most part, are not European, White, Christian. They will never, ever fit into European society. Call me a bigot if you wish, but I notice these refugees do not settle into the communities of the wealthy and powerful. Europe is dealing with unemployment, health, economic, trade, budget issues. Unsolicited immigrants add to the problems. Whether Libya, Somalia, Algeria, or any other nation is unable to care for its own citizens, too damn bad. It's their issue, deal with it. Don't hand your problems off to another country.

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