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THE FACES OF MIGRATION

Migration! That term may seem very complicated already - not only in its earlier stages of demographic social development but in its aspects nowadays as well. That is so because in reality moving from one place to another or from one country to another, going to live in a new and completely unfamiliar place, is not easy at all. That dynamic process, with all its complications, is migration.

In fact, the word migration originates from the Latin word "migratio" which means: resettlement or movement of people from one place to another with the crossing of a border be it over a long or a short time period. Migration has many forms, different appearances and many, many faces. But what are its faces actually? I would answer that question with a short and laconic answer, with typical but generalizing words: The faces of the migration we witness today are varying. They can hardly be analyzed all together, but they can be described, although in a different light and aspects. Migrants nowadays certainly are very different - from innocent, little children and fragile women to strong, even aggressive men. Migration nowadays is a whole age - an age of acceptance and rejection, of integration and discrimination, one that tries to solve the complicated "to do or not to do" dilemma. Processes of migration on their own are a phenomenon, a pressing one too. It has deep historical roots and is unbreakably connected with globalization, which is otherwise known as movement of capital, commodities and people. The migration of those people with their individual faces, with different moral categories, describes a multilayer dynamic picture, which has huge impact and powerful political meaning. Exactly that is the reason for most passionate reviews and completely opposite opinions. Why? Because of the progressively increasing movements of big masses of people which cross borders and are described and categorized with one single word - "refugee". Today refugees are presented either as victims whose human rights were violated and who ran away from war and genocide or the polar opposite - as safety threatening invaders which create huge trouble for the country that accepted them.

After all, as I said - the faces of migration today are many and with a huge variety. I personally believe that every person who has been wronged by war and is looking for a safe place to live with his family is owed a humane treatment and care. We cannot remain indifferent to the huge eyes of suffering children or to the horrible photos of drowned people and screaming infants. Because if we do, that would mean we have lost everything humane about us, that we have turned into emotionless and impersonal people. The death of innocent little children is a huge reproach against humanity. We are all debtors to those who have lost their home and country and we must help them with our whole heart, entire soul and with the best goodness we can provide, anywhere and whenever we can.



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Refugees are in fact in an unfavorable situation. They have run away from their homeland which has become an arena of bloody battles and horrible wars. They have lost the protection of their human rights, they have lost their home, they have lost everything while running away in panic from the horrors of the bloodshed. That part of the refugees is forced to run away due to the wars in Syria, other countries in the Middle East and Northern Africa. Women and children who have lost everything - home, property, relatives. Those are people with no future, with absolutely no perspective. They leave their country with an intent to find better living conditions despite the risk of losing their most valuable possession - their life. That is why we cannot and should not refuse to help those who are looking for salvation in a better and more peaceful world. There is nothing better than being humane, compassionate and helping. There is nothing greater and more powerful than being human. The tragedy of these tortured refugees should mobilize and unite European institutions in the search for a solution of the problem and should not generate hatred outbursts towards refugees.

Another part of the migrating groups are the young and highly educated people which have gone on a search for a new way of life with different conditions. These are people whose aim is the rich western countries in Europe. They represent the so called economical migration in the foundation of which stand economic interests. That is how it should be! Let everyone realize their own aims and follow their own interests if of course they are doing no harm. Let everyone discover their own happiness and make their dreams a reality! It would be more than useful for the growth of the economy if foreign specialists were to come.

Now we come to a certain group of migrants (although a smaller part) which is grasped by fanaticism and violence. These are paid people, trained to kill and to fill humanity with fear and confusion. These are cruel, malicious people who have lost everything humane about them. They mix up with the other groups of migrants and successfully arrive in Europe where they commit their hellish doings-blowing up railway stations, stadiums, theaters and other place where many people tend to go. Why was all that necessary? Why is it necessary that the whole world tremble and be in mourning, why must there be so many lost lives? World terrorism makes us all more or less despise all the migrants in Europe. This is where we reach the other end-being negative towards migrants because no country wants its safety put to risk. Despite Angela Merkel's call that all immigrants will be accepted into Germany. Despite that the immigrants in Europe are now approximately half a million people. In some countries, members of the EU like Hungary, Austria, Slovenia and Bulgaria huge fences are being built in order to prevent people from coming in. It is nice that our country is handling with the immigrant stream and for now there are not that many people stacking. Will that remain the same? Who knows? One thing is undoubtedly a must-do: international forces must immediately cease fire not only in Syria but everywhere in the world.



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Then people will stop running away and the immigrant streams will stop. The EU and we Bulgarians have no use of people who are illegal immigrants. It is extremely important that the institutions of a country cooperate in the picturing of the image of the immigrant in its entirety and in the inclusion of the immigrant in the global society as a carrier of the human rights.

The faces of migration are really dissimilar. The whole process should be a chance for something new, something positive and humane, because migration is not an invasion when it is integrated. It is a process that should be handled wisely-not only by the countries accepting immigrants but by the immigrants themselves. A process defending not only the new tendencies on global and regional scale but the interests of each country. We want to live in a peaceful and calm world without wars, threats, attacks and destructions and that must happen! Only then will migration be a natural process and not a problem or an unusual occasion. On our Earth, for us and the coming generations, here, now and for the future.

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