

SANCTUARY CITIES ARE SAFE

Trump continues to rail against “sanctuary cities.” His Agenda 47 will block federal grants to them. Yet, ‘sanctuary communities’ are as safe as other communities, with no difference in rates of violent crime, rape, or property crime. They are likely to decrease crime because immigrant victims are much more willing to call the police. They do NOT shield immigrants from deportation. Murders by undocumented immigrants are sometimes blamed on “sanctuary” policies. Such murders are heartbreaking tragedies but, fortunately, are rare. Both documented & undocumented migrants are LESS likely to murder than U.S.-born. Recent murders by the undocumented in Houston, Athens, GA, Grand Rapids MI & Poweshiek County IA, were not ‘sanctuary’ locations.

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