

Immigration

What are the motives behind immigration? I think there is a moral argument that is driving it, and possibly an agenda of some kind, that benefits others at our expense.

What is fairness? We struggle to believe that it can be fair for someone to be born into unfortunate circumstances. I think it is correct to recognise this. It is correct to do what you can about it. Ignoring it doesn't seem right, and focusing just on the problems we can solve now can seem like a never ending excuse.

It is my thinking, that even with maximum effort towards a goal, if you are doing something good towards that goal, where you can, where it is most relevant and appropriate to your understanding and responsibility, then you are moving toward that goal in the best way possible.

If you are doing what's right in the best way possible, then it should be enough to know you are doing the most good you can, and doing it well.

It doesn't necessarily mean taking your eye off the problem, or not giving attention to it. We want to help, but it is not right to justify very real harm to New Zealanders here and now.

I will use an extreme example of the perception of fairness: If an old person and a young person stood side by side, someone might think it is unfair for one to have more than the other. It can lead to warped thinking. We do not know why, or how it works out.

We want people to have opportunities to travel, we want global freedom, for everyone, in principle. If we have something that other places don't have, that they want, we must ask; why don't they have those things? Is it really just about resources?

Why would someone need to leave where they are instead of improving where they are? Allowing ourselves to be overrun is not a moral argument. It is not actually on our doorstep, and we cannot see all the ways this has occurred, what the real problem is, or how to fix it. Yet our quality of life and our future is on the line.

Honestly, if the same problems establish themselves here, where will there be left to turn?

What does real help look like? If we truly have a place to live that people would want for themselves, why would we not protect what it is and try to share the ability to recreate what is great about it, instead of unrealistically thinking it can sustain an influx of people who may only see it as a resource?

I don't believe we actually need immigration for a skilled workforce, we have people, it is just a perpetual cycle of excuses keeping it that way. If we work out how much immigration is actually good for the country, then whatever quota we can allow, we can assess based on suitability, including any skills, plans to integrate, and a NZ citizen qualification.

If you import brand new citizens directly into “skilled” positions (of money, power, and influence), you are supplanting your current “unskilled” population.

If the people willfully doing this have no regard for the rights of the people already here, and no regard for the harm incurred to them, then they do not acknowledge those rights exist, they do not acknowledge the claim of anyone who was here before, and what they lived for, died for, and contributed, as if that personal effort is just a free for all.

Is that the attitude of a “globalist agenda”: ignoring the reality of what they cannot, or do not care to, account for? In the name of fairness?

If people are already willing to study a qualification to immigrate here, there should be a NZ citizen qualification to teach a deep understanding of our values, and what better way to impart whatever wisdom we have onto people inspired enough by our country to want to live here.

In an ideal world such a test would be free, accessible, and someone could pass it from the goodness of their heart, and in their own language, to remove barriers to entry, before being given the opportunity to make appropriate plans.

But obviously, we currently need people who speak English, and have the skills required to contribute to our society.

Keeping in mind, we are also pushing out people that we have invested a lot of our resources into, only to have them leave due to a lack of opportunities. This is probably not a net gain in terms of our own expenditure.