

## COMMON TROPES CONT...

<p><b>Economic Burden</b> - <i>Ireland is full - they are a drain on our public services, infrastructure, and economy!</i></p>	<p>Refugees are often wrongly portrayed as a drain on national economies, with the trope suggesting that they consume resources without contributing. In reality, refugees can positively impact economies through labour force participation and entrepreneurship.</p>
<p><b>Security Threats</b> - <i>Danger to our women &amp; children - bring crime and pose a threat to our safety!</i></p>	<p>This trope falsely links refugees to increased crime rates and terrorism. In truth, refugees undergo rigorous security checks, and statistically, they are not more prone to criminal activities than the general population.</p>
<p><b>Cultural Outsiders</b> - <i>We are losing our "Irishness" we are Christians and too many foreigners will dilute who we are!</i></p>	<p>Diverse communities enrich culture: Rather than diluting Irish culture, the presence of newcomers can enhance it by bringing in new perspectives, traditions, and experiences. This diversity can contribute to a more vibrant and dynamic society.</p>
<p><b>Job Competition</b> - <i>They are stealing our jobs! They come here for jobs. We need to prioritize our own people over these outsiders.</i></p>	<p>Another stereotype suggests that refugees take away jobs from the local population. Research indicates that refugees often fill gaps in the labor market, performing jobs that may be difficult to fill otherwise.</p>
<p><b>Welfare Dependency</b> - <i>Look after our own first - They come here to live off our benefits, and take out houses!</i></p>	<p>This trope insinuates that refugees primarily come for social benefits, burdening the welfare system. In reality, refugees often strive for self-sufficiency and contribute to the economy over time.</p>
<p><b>Overwhelming Numbers</b> - <i>We are taking more than our fair share we are being taken for a ride!</i></p>	<p>This narrative exaggerates the scale of refugee arrivals, creating fear of an uncontrollable influx. In fact, the number of refugees globally is a fraction of the total population. It is also worth noting Ireland unlike other European countries has a smaller population than it did in the 19th Century.</p>
<p><b>Criminalisation of Seeking Asylum</b> - <i>They have no right to be here, we need to do more to stop them coming in!</i></p>	<p>Refugees may be unfairly painted as criminals simply for seeking asylum. In truth, seeking asylum is a legal right, and individuals have the right to flee persecution and violence.</p>