

Criminalizing Compassion is Wrong

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The United States Congress is attempting to not only make it a felony to be an illegal alien, but to also criminalize those who provide humanitarian aid to illegal immigrants. This law, if passed would be in direct violation of our Sacred {In:Principle of Compassion} and {In:Principle of Justice}. To be prohibited from providing aid to one's fellow human being is immoral. It violates the very core of every religion on this planet and is an affront to humanity itself. This edict applies to all people, not just to immigrants, but also to criminals and enemy combatants. It is fundamental to the nature of humanity to help other people and our human nature will not be denied.

Members of the Church of Reality are therefore directed to openly, willfully, and publicly violate this law and any other law that infringes on our need to provide food, shelter, medicine, and financial assistance to needy people for what the individual giver deems appropriate. The Church of Reality calls upon all other religions to issue edicts similar to ours. It is not those who help the needy who are criminals but those who pass laws that criminalize compassion.

The Church of Reality intends to invoke the Religious Freedom Restoration Act to defend any government action against a church member who is prosecuted for criminalized compassion.