



EVERYTHING
YOU KNOW
ABOUT
IMMIGRANTS
IS FALSE!

A SHORT MANUEL TO (FINALLY)
TELL THE TRUTH ABOUT
IMMIGRATION

WE ARE FACING AN INVASION!

FALSE. In the European Union, of more than 500 million residents of all ages (510 million) in 2015, **only 7% are immigrants** (35 million), while the natives constitute the vast majority (93%, equal to 473 million).

The proportion of foreigners widely varies between European countries (10% in Spain, 9% in Germany, 8% in the UK and Italy, 7% in France): is it curious, though, that **the most hostile countries towards the reception of immigrants are those who have less**: Croatia, Slovakia and Hungary, for example, that have almost 1%.

Across the European Union, compared to 2008, work permits issued to non-EU citizens have decreased by 8%: **In Italy there is a sharp decline** from about 512,000 entries in 2007 to 248,000 in 2014 (- 51,8%). In the same period, there was a significant increase only in Germany and France.

BUT THERER IS NOT EVEN WORK FOR ITALIANS, WE CAN NOT ACCEPT THEM!

FALSE. Given that between 2015 and 2025 the Italians will decline by 1.8 million, to keep the Italian population between 15 and 64 years old substantially unaltered in the next decade, **it is necessary to increase the number of immigrants by 1.6 million**: is it a fundamental requirement **to compensate the reduction of the Italian working age population** caused by the falling

birth rate, to **safeguard the existing workforce**, to guarantee the current production capacity of the country and to **ensure the sustainability of the pension system**.

YES, but they steal our jobs!

False. In Italy, the immigrants have mostly offset the decline in the number of Italians, and the modest overall population growth in the last decade (+4%) took place thanks to the increase in their number. **Unskilled jobs that are mostly rejected by Italians are reserved to the immigrants:** immigrants don't reduce the employment of Italians, **they gradually occupy the least skilled positions abandoned by the native population**, particularly in the personal services (personal caregivers), construction and agriculture: sectors where work is mainly manual, heavier, with modest payments and unstable work contracts.

In fact, the latest data of 2015 reveals that **over a third of immigrants hold unskilled jobs** (36% against 9% of Italians); almost 60% perform middle-skilled tasks (57% against 53% of Italians) and **only 7% have a high-skilled job** (against 37% of Italians). Compared to Italians, a higher share of immigrants is employed, however their salaries **are lower than that of natives and they continue to decrease over the time:** 48% at risk of poverty.

HOWEVER, they consume resources destined to our welfare!

False. The comprehensive costs of immigration, including welfare and security, **are lower than 2% of the public expenditure.** Moreover, **immigrants are mainly taxpayers:** in 2014 their social security contributions reached € 11 billion, which amount to 640,000 pensions. It

is worth mentioning that foreign retirees are only 100,000 out of over 16 million total pensioners. Furthermore, the total income tax revenues paid by immigrants (about 9% of taxpayers) is equivalent to nearly 7 billion Euros. The work contribution of foreigners **is fundamental to the creation of an added value for the economy**. From 1998 to 2007, total Italian GDP rose by 14.4% in real terms, without foreigners it would have risen by only 10.5%; the following seven years of crisis (2008-2015) the overall GDP fell by 7.3%, but would have fallen even more, ie by 10.3%, without immigrant workers.

Anyway, refugees are a lot, there is not enough space in Europe!

False. Of the 16 million refugees, **only 1.3 million are hosted in the 28 European Union countries (8.3%)**, including Italy (118,000, 0.7%). The countries hosting the highest number of refugees in 2015 were Turkey (2.5 million), Pakistan (1.6 million), Lebanon (1.1 million) and Jordan (664,000). The total arrivals by sea in Italy were 170,000 in 2014, 154,000 in 2015 and in 2016, up to September, 121,000. **The number, therefore, remains stable.**

FINE, BUT THEN WE HOST THEM IN HOTELS ...

FALSE. The extraordinary reception centers (CAS) are temporary structures which the Interior Ministry has resorted to, as of 2014, to address the increasing flow: the prefectures, together with the Regions and local authorities, search for more reception centers in the single regional

territories, and when they don't find them they **resort to hotels and other facilities**.

It is an extraordinary and emergency management, often criticized primarily by those who deal with asylum as they **lack the minimum standards of reception** and thus are inadequate to develop programs for refugees to build their self-reliance. **The real scandal is the bad management and the absence of services in these improvised centers.**

...AND WE GIVE THEM 35 EUROS PER DAY FOR DOING NOTHING

FALSE. If we analyze the average annual cost per refugee (2015), the country that spends most is Holland (24 thousand Euros) followed by Belgium (19 thousand), Finland (14 thousand) and Italy (13 thousand), while the country that spends less is the United Kingdom (2.5 thousand Euros).

In Germany asylum seekers can get a job and get a subsidy that amounts to almost 360 Euros a month. In the United Kingdom, refugees receive a subsidy of 160 pounds per month, which could increase in case of pregnant women or with minor children.

In Italy, in 2014, a total of 630 million Euros were spent on refugees reception, and in 2015 about 1 billion 162 million Euros. The average cost for the reception of an asylum applicant or a refugee is 35 Euros per day (45 for children) **that do not end up in the pockets of migrants but they are paid to the bodies managing the centers**, and they serve to cover the costs of management and maintenance, and to pay the salaries of the operators who work there. Of the grand total, **on average only 2.5 Euros are given as a**

“pocket money” to the refugees for their daily expenses (from phone cards to cigarettes).

YES, BUT THE ISLAMIST TERRORISTS ARE EXPOLOITING THE MIGRATION FLOWS TO CARRY OUT ATTACKS AND CONQUER EUROPE!

False. If we observe the casualties caused by the Islamist terrorism, the top 5 countries with the highest proportion of deaths are Afghanistan (25%), Iraq (24%), Nigeria (23%), Syria (12%), Niger (4%) and Somalia (3%). **The victims of Western Europe represent a residual share, even less than 1%.**

Italy is an immigration land with a lot of Orthodox Christians: more than 2 million between Ukrainians, Romanians, Moldavians and other nationalities. Followed by almost 1 million and 700 thousand Muslims (comprising undocumented migrants and minors), less than a third of the total of over 5 million foreigners living in Italy. In Europe, only 5.8% of the population profess Islam as their faith.

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