

Border problems plague American citizens' safety

Staff Editorial

As thousands of troops travel to the southern United States border, on the other side of that same border, thousands of individuals march for an ideal known to every American citizen: freedom.

The beginning of American history starts with a war for independence from a oppressive country. With such a proud beginning, citizens live and breathe freedom and are quick to defend themselves when they feel they are not being treated fairly.

As history goes on to the 1940s, many Jewish people sought asylum in the United States from what is now known as one of the worst genocides ever recorded. America turned them away.

Now, a country descended from

immigrants is rejecting people from Honduras wanting the same peace and rights United States citizens have. Granted, not all people in this caravan are peaceful, but it is compassion that should lead us to help those truly looking for aid.

It is not unreasonable for people to try and make new lives for themselves. Families are so plagued by oppression and pain, they have fled their own homes to come to America. The United States, despite all its issues, is still a better place for these people, and their introduction to this country is tear gas.

As we have a right to protect our borders, those individuals on the other side of it have a right to compassion. Brutality is not the way to handle this stressful situation.

Currently, 60 percent of all the caravan has a respiratory infection,



and there are more than a 100 cases of lice. Americans are not cruel, and this kind of irrational violence is not part of the American ideals that we stand for and fight to protect.

The United States' founders set up this country and its freedoms for any man, woman or child that desires them. We now turn those in-

dividuals away out of fear.

For some of the people fighting to get here, it is either try to be an American citizen or die at the hands of people in their home country.

According to the U.S. Department of State Travel Advisory, the country is a level three crime threat, which means people are strongly suggested

to "reconsider travel."

The United States should protect its borders; citizens deserve to be safe and protected. In that process, we as a country should not lose our humanity. America has let thousands of people die before, and this country can not live with more any-more blood on its hands.

How do you feel about Trump's way of handling immigration?



"Some of it's OK. A lot of things are really exaggerated."

-Justin Jolly, 9



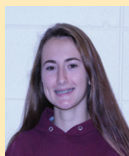
"He's not handling it very well. His wall method isn't working."

-Anna Maudlin, 10



"It's going pretty well. We're protected and safe."

-Cameron Demouey, 11



"He's trying to protect our country, but it's not working."

-Adrienne Young, 12

Conformity intimidates lives of many adolescents

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No one likes a snitch, but what if that "snitch" is the one who saves the life of a classmate?

The most recent data released by the School-Associated Violent Death Study covers the years 2014-2015 in which there were a total of 47 students, staff and other non-student school-associated violent deaths in the U.S. These deaths

included 28 homicides, 17 suicides and two legal intervention deaths.

When instances of homicide and suicide of school-age students at school were combined, there was at least one student homicide or suicide at school for every 1.9 million students enrolled.

The majority of this conduct could easily be avoided by a simple voice that speaks on behalf of the victim.

Many teenagers go through high school with the mentality that they cannot talk to adults about issues.

This is the mentality of many students today. The desire to speak up is within them, but this desire is too often silenced by the voice of fear.

For example, there is a party at Craig's house and a fight is planned. Jacob knows about the fight but does not see the need to share this information with an adult. As the crowd gathers around, a simple fight turns into the accidental death of a student. Now Jacob has to deal with the guilt that he could have possibly prevented this tragedy if he would

have spoken up. Speaking up can make a world of difference in these life or death situations.

It is the student's choice to speak up, and it is the adults' job to have a willing ear. Students should act before it is too late.

Lives are at stake, and no student wants to feel the guilt or responsibility of an accident or tragedy simply because he was afraid of how his peers would view him. When life or death is involved, there is no question about if, but when to speak up.

Males face persecution without proper reason

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Yale Law School, Georgetown Preparatory School, Yale School, Ezra Stiles College and Yale University. These are the Ivy League schools that Judge Brett Kavanaugh has attended. He has a total of 28 years in the legal system, but his whole career is being destroyed by the accusations of three women because of something that may or may not have happened in high school.

Kavanaugh had to stand on trial because these women have accused him of sexual misconduct during his time in high school as well as college. However, 30 years later, these accusations are just now being brought to light.

Many believe that these accusations are false; the women were paid by the Democratic Party to testify against Kavanaugh and keep him out of office.

In Salem of 1692, if one did not like someone else, he or she could just accuse them of being a witch, and he or she would suffer great consequences. There was no proof to

connect these people, just an accusation. Now in 2018, the same thing is happening through the accusations of sexual assault and misconduct.

A man's reputation can be obliterated because someone simply does not like them or for an ulterior motive. No evidence has to be given, just a statement. Years of education, experience and integrity disappear in the blink of an eye.

Women are taking advantage of the legal system. Because they are doing this, when a female is actually assaulted, the jury will not believe

her. The legal system was made to protect the citizens of the United States, but these women are not using the legal system for good but for evil and costing people their lives.

It is too easy for a woman to say that a man sexually abused her, when he did not. Even though most of the time there is no credible evidence available but the accuser's word, these men are found guilty and sentenced to years in prison.

Today's society is becoming corrupt, and there has never been a worse time to be a male.