

Yes, you can be a pro-immigration, anti-illegal immigration advocate

America's immigration policy can be a hot topic. Just discussing immigration can break up friendships and even cause a rift between family members. With a President Trump, things will continue to get worse before they get better.

The line is usually drawn and sides seem to be forced into two extreme camps: open border proponents or "wall builders." Even if your opinion on immigration falls somewhere in the middle, passionate people on the subject will place you in one of the two camps. Basically, "you are with us or against us" mentality. But immigration is a complex issue and not that simple. In my case, I'm a pro-immigration, anti-illegal immigration advocate. Let me explain.

I get extremely annoyed when politicians, almost always Democrat, say you are against immigrants when you oppose their sanctuary city policies. It's like saying you are against rape and they say you are against sex. They are either stupid, not listening or just trying to court the illegal immigration base. Either way they are dishonest and pushing you into the wall builder category.

For me, we are a nation of laws and I respect immigration laws of other countries when I travel abroad. After serving 20 years in the Air Force, I've been to 22 countries and always make sure I enter the country legally; I get my passport up-to-date and get any required visas. Is it asking too much to ask for other people to do the same? I can also tell you that most countries have tougher immigration laws than America.

If you are an open border advocate, what do you do when visiting other countries? I bet you enter other countries

legally.

Regardless of what side of the immigration argument you are on, you likely agree that the system we have right now in America isn't working. In an odd way, I fall into both camps on many of topics of immigration. I'm for increased legal immigration while cracking down on illegal immigration.

For example, I believe legal immigrating to America is too costly and takes too long. If I were President I would increase the size of government that processes immigration requests and triple the amount of legal immigration into America. I would also remove most of the cost to apply. Let's open our country to law abiding citizens and make the cost negligible, so a person has no reason to enter the country illegally. I've consistently stated to friends, if you are not a criminal and can contribute to my country, I want you to come to America. That's what America has always been about and should continue to be.

While being a strong advocate for legal immigration increases, we have to double down on penalties for those who come to America illegally. If we reduce all barriers to coming to America legally, you have no reason to come here illegally unless you are a criminal.

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11 People that make Facebook

a miserable place to be

When Facebook first came out you needed a .edu email to join. It was a great place for college students to connect. The social media giant was eventually opened up to the mass public and was a great way for friends and family to stay connected. Today, Facebook seems to be rife by hate, ignorance and copyright infringement.

At one time I had some 4,100 Facebook “friends,” but decided to cut that list down to 82. My social media life has never been better.

Moving past the obvious racists, sex offenders and other scum of the internet, here are 10 people that seem to dominate Facebook and make it a miserable place.

1. **Political partisans** – These are the people who make everything political. That’s fine on your personal timeline, but it isn’t urgent that the rest of Facebook know how they feel. House fire? Obama’s fault. Lost dog? Trump’s fault. These are the people who can’t turn off the election, in fact, they are always in the election cycle.

2. **The constantly offended people** – Some people wake up looking to be offended. Looking in their direction in a cafe offends them. Using the wrong pronoun can be dangerous. They even get offended for other people. If they ruled Facebook, nothing would be posted as not to offend anyone.

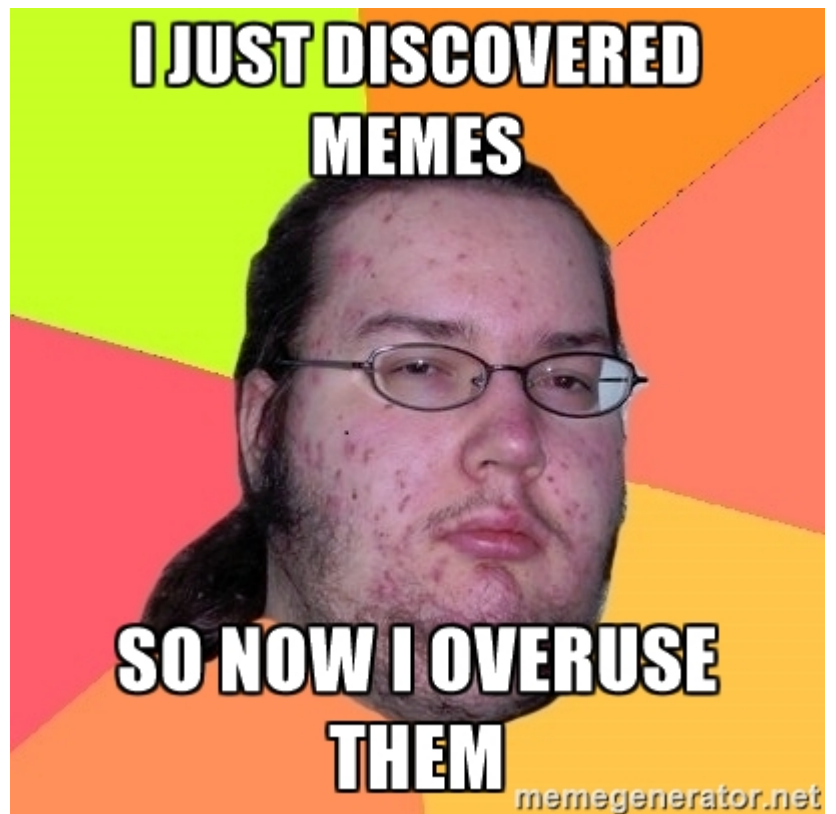
3. **The internet panhandlers** – It’s bad enough seeing panhandlers on every corner of a city, but now they dominate every corner of Facebook. No bad luck goes to waste for these people and they are almost always asking you to bail them out from their bad choices. All while the websites that host the panhandling make millions of dollars.

4. **The internet scammers** – Facebook groups dedicated to

cities and towns will provide you with some of the best discussion threads on the internet. The groups are also full scammers armed with bullshit stories and a laptop used to raise funds. One just has to follow **Turtleboy Sports** to see how crazy things have become.

5. **Grammar Nazis** – What would Facebook be like without the folks that do nothing but scour the internet for grammar and spelling mistakes? Probably a great place. No matter how important the story is, they will make it about the typos. A story about getting fuel aid to the poor? They will make sure the conversation turns to knowing how to use ‘an’ and ‘a’ properly. Often, they make mistakes of their own while arrogantly correcting yours.

6. **Virtue signalers** – the internet is full of people who point out all the world’s problems through social media, but never physically do anything to fix them. They solve homelessness with a hashtags and pick internet fights with anyone that disagrees with their cause. Don’t want 6’4 men in your daughter’s locker room? They’ll let you know how you are killing babies and raping women with your view.



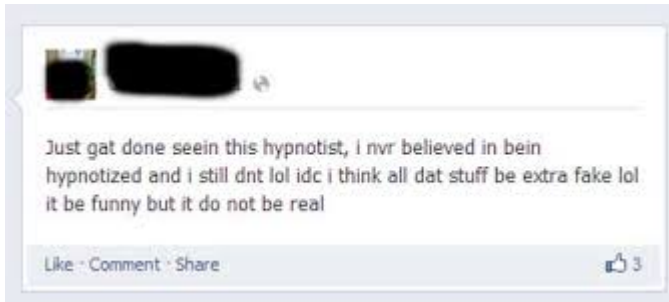
7. **Fake news factories**– Yes, fake news is a real thing and seems to dominate Facebook, usually in the form of memes and edited videos. How many times have you seen a video where you know the back story, but the popular video sharing page decided to add their own story for views?

8. **The smug** – these guys or gals think they the smartest person in the room and always let you know it. Some people are open to learning – not these people. They are only on Facebook to spread their wisdom. Spent 5 years in Korea and sharing your experiences? Wrong. They read the Wikipedia page on South Korea and let you know it.

9. **Those that use memes to argue their point** – having no ability to come up with original thought leads these people to have thousands of memes in their photo galleries. When they are not overpowering you with memes, they are killing you with the crying laughing emoji's.

10. **Those who can't string together sentences.** These people decided in kindergarten to stop listening in all future English classes – a 20 word vocabulary would be enough to get through life. The only good news is they drive the grammar

Nazis crazy.



11. **Those who steal all their content.** Share a video with a Beyonce song in it and Facebook will hammer you, but steal every viral video and make them your own and Facebook will reward you. The biggest asshole on the internet is SloFo who has been stealing videos for years to get a following of 11 millions fans. Go out there, work hard making a video and if it goes viral he'll steal it and drain your YouTube revenue.

New Bedford police officers saves life outside of police headquarters

New Bedford Police Sgt. Greg Demers was leaving police headquarters Tuesday, April 4, when, with assistance from other officers, he helped save the life of a 21-year-old Dartmouth man who was overdosing in a passing vehicle.

As Sgt. Demers was driving onto Rockdale Avenue at about 4:20 p.m., a car approached his vehicle. Someone then exited the car, yelling for an ambulance and saying that a friend needed help. His friend was suffering from an overdose.

Sgt. Demers told the man to drive into the station parking

lot. He then went into the station for Narcan, a substance which counteracts the effects of a drug overdose. After telling a colleague to call for medics, Sgt. Demers asked Sgt. Troy Spirlet for assistance. They brought the Narcan into the lot, where a young man was now out of the car, sprawled on the ground. He was not breathing.

After the man failed to respond to the first dose of Narcan, Sgts. Demers and Spirlet gave him a second dose. He began to breathe, although his breathing was very shallow. Detective Al Silva and Sgt. Shain Ramos were also assisting on the scene. Det. Silva provided the victim with oxygen. Soon after, the medics arrived, gave the victim more Narcan and transported him by ambulance to St. Luke's Hospital, where he was treated and released.

This was the first time Sgt. Demers had used Narcan, although, like all members of the department, he is trained in its use. The 19-year department veteran works in the department's computer division.

"All police officers receive medical training and are first responders," he said.

Det. Silva said that, like everyone involved, he was glad he could help.

"It's sad when it's a 21-year-old kid," said Det. Silva. "He looked like a high school kid."

Sgt. Spirlet said the incident is a reminder of the importance of calling 911 in emergencies, rather than taking the person to the hospital in a private vehicle, which the friend was doing in this case when he was hindered by traffic.

"Stay in one spot," he said. "Don't race to the hospital. You can harm the injured person further by doing that and harm innocent drivers."

A few days after the incident, the young man who overdosed visited the station looking for some property that had been left behind.

He also thanked the officers for helping to save his life.

For the New Bedford Police Department, serving others is all in a day's work – and doesn't stop just because the workday has ended.

‘To See and Be Seen’ art project during AHA in New Bedford

During Thursday's AHA several people took part in the 'To See and Be Seen' art project right on the corner of Purchase and Union streets.

From the organizer: "It's a collaborative drawing performance that investigates the relationships between the artist, the model, and the audience. Simultaneously stepping into the role of both the observer and the observed, the artist, the subject, the documentarian, and the audience take part in the act seeing on multiple levels."

Video by Michael Silvia

Kekelhi African drumming and dancers in New Bedford

Here's a look at the Kekelhi African drumming and dancers live at the New Bedford Whaling Museum during AHA! this past Thursday. Video by Michael Silvia.

Residential trash, recycling, & yard waste collection delay for Patriots' Day



Notice

City of New Bedford

Solid Waste/Recycling Collection

Patriot's Day

Monday April 17th, 2017

Residential Collection

Monday Holiday-No Collection

All Trash, Recycling & Yard Waste Routes

Will be delayed by one day

Commercial Collection

All Commercial Trash & Cardboard Routes

will be running on schedule

On a holiday week, your collection will be as follows:

Regular Collection Day

Holiday Week Collection Day

Monday	→	Tuesday
Tuesday	→	Wednesday
Wednesday	→	Thursday
Thursday	→	Friday
Friday	→	Saturday

19-year old man out on bail arrested in stolen BMW

A 19-year-old man out on bail for carrying a loaded firearm in January was arrested again Friday evening after being found in a stolen 2006 BMW. Police arrested Rayshond Lewis, 19, of New Bedford for possession of a stolen motor vehicle on Water Street at 7PM. A second male, Emmanuel Barros, 23, of New Bedford was also arrested and charged with possession of a stolen motor vehicle.

Lewis who is well known by members of the gang unit was out on bail on charges of unlawful carrying of a firearm, and unlawful carrying of a firearm second offense. His first offense was from October 2013 in which he was found with a Browning .380 handgun and most recent was in January of this year when he was found with a loaded .25 cal Raven Arms pistol. A dangerousness hearing was held at Superior Court. On March 28th, Judge McGuire set bail on Lewis for \$5,000.00.

Lewis made bail on April 12th and was arrested 2 days later.

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22-year old Brockton man killed in Route 24 rollover

This morning at about 5:20 a.m., troopers from the Dartmouth Barracks responded to a single-vehicle rollover on Route 24 southbound prior to Exit 17 in Brockton which resulted in a fatality.

Preliminary investigation by Trooper Michael Moitoza indicates that a 2012 Volkswagen Passat was traveling on Route 24 southbound when, for reasons still under investigation, it veered to the left of the roadway, struck the median barrier and rolled over. The operator and sole occupant, Brian Charles Jr, 22, of Brockton, was ejected from the vehicle and determined to be deceased at the scene.

All three lanes of Rte. 24 southbound were closed for

approximately 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ hours for the investigation.

The crash remains under investigation with assistance from members of the State Police Collision Analysis and Reconstruction Section, Crime Scene Services Section and the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner.

State Police were assisted on scene by Brockton Fire and EMS, as well as MassDOT. No further information is available at this time. Please do not contact the barracks for media inquiries.

2017 New Bedford Folk Festival Returns July 8 & 9

The Zeiterion Performing Arts Center presents the 22nd Annual New Bedford Folk Festival on Saturday July 8 and Sunday July 9, 2017 with an impressive lineup of the best in contemporary, Americana, traditional, blues and Celtic folk music. Aoife O'Donovan, Patty Larkin, Susan Werner, Catie Curtis and a 2015 finalist on NBC-TV's the Voice, Joshua Davis are joined by Lucy Wainwright Roche, Ellis Paul, Bill Harley, Jim Kveskin, Vance Gilbert, The Nields and many more. The festival runs from 11:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. both days and is located in the Zeiterion Performing Arts Center and throughout the 10 downtown city blocks that make up the Whaling National Historical Park in New Bedford, Massachusetts. Tickets ranging from day-passes to a full weekend VIP pass are \$22.50-\$140 and are available by calling 508-994-2900, online at www.newbedfordfolkfestival.org, or at the Zeiterion Box Office at 684 Purchase Street in New Bedford.

The New Bedford Folk Festival presents 83 shows on 8 stages in

and around the National Park that range from the 1200 seat Zeiterion Performing Arts Center to the intimacy of the "Meet the Performer" area. Performers are presented in concerts and in the popular festival "workshops" which feature 3 or 4 performers or groups on stage at the same time in one-time, unique shows. The festival also features a family performance and activity stage, an open mic stage and a high-quality crafts show with over eighty juried artisans. A food court features a variety of food vendors including the justifiably world famous New Bedford landed fish and scallops.

The New Bedford Folk Festival has been recognized as a "Critic's Pick" and one of "New England's Greatest Celebrations" by the Boston Globe. Yankee Magazine has selected the festival as an "Editor's Choice." Thousands of people from New England and across the nation attend the festival over the weekend, making it a major destination for this summer weekend. This year's festival promises an exciting and memorable celebration which shows the city of New Bedford at its best.

The lineup of performers is: Anna and Elizabeth, Benoit Bourque and Antoine Pigeon-Bourque, Kevin Burke, Copley Street, J.P. Cormier, Catie Curtis, Jeff Davis, Joshua Davis, Yann Falquet and Pascal Gemme, David Francey, Vance Gilbert, Sam Gleaves and Tyler Hughes, Seth Glier, Jefferson Hamer, Ry Cavanaugh and Laura Cortese of Session Americana, Bill Harley, Winifred Horan, Joe Jencks, The Jeremiahs, David Jones, Pete and Maura Kennedy, Jim Kweskin, Patty Larkin, New Bedford Harbor Sea Chantey Chorus, The Nields, Aoife O'Donovan, Chris Pahud, Ellis Paul, Steven Pelland, Pete's Posse, Dan Plews, Harvey Reid and Joyce Anderson, Lucy Wainwright Roche, Sally Rogers and Howie Bursen, Art Tebbetts, Hiroya Tsukamoto, and Susan Werner. All performers are subject to change.

Tickets range from \$22.50 to \$140 and are available at www.newbedfordfolkfestival.com, 508-994-2900, or in person at the Zeiterion Box Office at 684 Purchase Street, New Bedford,

MA. Box Office Hours: Monday-Wednesday and Friday 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Thursday 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Saturday 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Children under 12 are free.

New Bedford Folk Festival Community Partners include The City of New Bedford, the New Bedford Whaling National Historical Park and the New Bedford Whaling Museum. The New Bedford Folk Festival is supported in part by a grant from the Cultural Council of New Bedford, a local agency which is supported by the Massachusetts Cultural Council, a state agency.