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you guys like John Oliver right?
by Lei Guy 20 hours ago via iPhone

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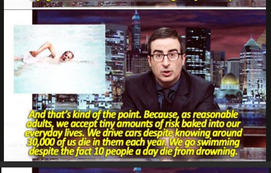
If you bought a 5 pound bag of peanuts and you knew that in the 5 pound bag of peanuts there were about 10 peanuts that were deadly poisonous, would you feed them to your kids? The answer is no.

Mike Huckabee is essentially suggesting that about 1 in every 100 refugees is a terrorist.

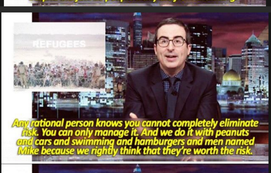
But, in reality, of the more than 784,000 refugees admitted to the US since 9/11, only three have been arrested for planning terrorist activities, none of which, by the way, resulted in attacks here.

So the actual known ratio of arrested terror suspects to refugees is not 1 in 100, it's 1 in roughly 261,000.

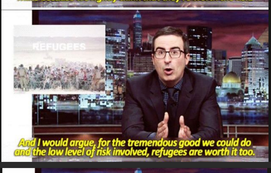
Peanuts themselves have killed far more people in the last decade than terrorist refugees. [In fact], men named Mike have killed more people than terrorist refugees and I don't see us rounding all of them up.



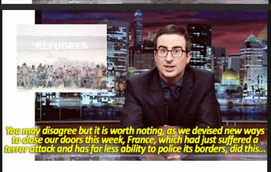
And that's kind of the point. Because, as reasonable adults, we accept tiny amounts of risk baked into our everyday lives. We drive cars despite knowing around 10,000 of us die in them each year. We go swimming despite the fact 10 people a day die from drowning.



Any rational person knows you cannot completely eliminate risk. You can only manage it. And we do it with peanuts and cars and swimming and hamburgers and men named Mike because we rightly think that they're worth the risk.



And I would argue, for the tremendous good we could do and the low level of risk involved, refugees are worth it too.



You may disagree but it is worth noting, as we devised new ways to close our doors this week, France, which had just suffered a terror attack and has far less ability to police its borders, did this...

President François Hollande says France will still welcome refugees into the country despite the Paris massacre... He said France will keep its commitment to take in 30,000 refugees over the next two years. Hollande added hat France will remain a country of freedom.

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I like hat France. Their headgear is rockin'.

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Meanwhile, peanut products are banned from most US schools.

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TL DR people named Mike are probably terrorists.

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I think France is sensible enough to realize that the first issue the need to properly address is their dangerous kinder egg dilemma.

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The Huckabee rip the Trevor Noah (Daily Show) about his obsession with food was amazing :)

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Turning down people in need is exactly what isis wants.

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Always the scare tactics of OH WHAT IF IT WAS YOUR KIDS?!?! "Dramatic lookback gopher music" Get fucked.

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30k is less than 5% of the migrants entering Europe this year alone. That number over two years is a gesture, not an act of bravery.

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30 000 over two years. Ridiculous. 30 000 are probably entering Germany per day.

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1 in 4 people trying to join ISIS is from MN. These are not the refugees from Somalia - it's their kids. Can you blame the parents?

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784000 is from all sources since ever. Not 784000 from current terrorist hotspots. All refugees are not equal risk.

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So what your saying is turn the refugees into peanuts?

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Aaaitth 9 points | 2 replies | 14 hours ago reply
And yet when it comes to firearms he applies the exact opposite logic. Hmm...

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Today I learned British stand up comics don't know shit about statistics.

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1/3 I hate these arguments. It isn't just about risk, picking up the tab for 250,000 new people costs money. You need a plan.

Andwhatdoesmyfactsgoto1 via iPhone 7 points | 4 replies | 19 hours ago reply
And the left has discovered their leader again in a comedian

greg980 3 points | 3 hours ago reply
"As adults we accept risk in our lives" ... "No citizens should be able to buy guns! Leave that to the police!" Sure John Oliver

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Bad logic. We NEED to drive and eat, so we take the risk associated. We don't NEED to accept refugees. Sorry. Oliver, but good try.

Jdevlan3s 3 points | 1 reply | 6 hours ago reply
Without taking any side here, John Oliver seems to conveniently forget that the Tsarnaev brothers (Boston bombing) were refugees as well.