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The Migration Game and the Streets of Europe

From Mauritania to the Channel, an undercover documentary follows a migration pipeline that institutions claim to be fighting while they keep funding it.

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A new undercover documentary has just been released that strips away the carefully maintained illusions surrounding Europe's migration crisis. Produced by the investigative outfit Muckraker and titled "Replacing Europe", the film follows the West African route from the smuggling hubs of Mauritania, through the Canary Islands and mainland Spain, across the French border, and onward toward the Channel to reach the UK. What it actually shows are not scenes of a humanitarian emergency, wartime chaos or active and urgent threats, but it instead documents a

carefully managed pipeline, sustained by taxpayer money, NGOs, international organizations and governments that publicly claim to be trying to stop the flow while quietly doing everything they can to ensure it continues.

The film's most striking admissions come directly from people inside the system. A worker for the UN's International Organisation for Migration states on camera that Spain deliberately allows the boats to keep arriving because the European Union funding that follows is too lucrative to miss out on. A major Catholic NGO, ACCEM, which received roughly €225 million in 2024, the overwhelming majority from the Spanish state, is shown organizing the transfer of arrivals from the islands to the mainland, housing them and providing monthly allowances. Activists paint literal trails of footsteps on pavements to guide migrants to evade Spanish police and find their way into France. Publicly funded shelters then process them onward with minimal documentation. The overall picture is one of institutional incentives that reward volume rather than control.

This is the operating system that the EU's migration policy has been running on for years in practice and its consequences are now visible in the streets. This month France experienced some of its worst urban violence in decades. What began as student protests over deteriorating schools and the cost of living escalated into widespread arson, looting and attacks on private and public property. A 19th-century town hall in Limoges was largely destroyed by fire. City halls and public buildings were targeted from Lille to Marseille. Over 1,200 police officers have been injured so far and thousands of shops were damaged and looted. The scale of the destruction left many residents describing their neighborhoods as looking like a war zone.

Italy saw similar unrest, as did Spain, Belgium and more recently Germany, where the violence spread last weekend. Across the continent the same pattern is repeating and it is becoming undeniable that there is something deeply wrong in Europe.

Mainstream coverage has been remarkably consistent in its framing. A recent Reuters piece, for instance, attributes the French eruption and the broader rise of what it calls "far-right" parties primarily to fuel-price anger linked to the Iran conflict. And sure, rising energy costs are real and painful and yes, this completely unnecessary war is making everyone's life harder and more expensive. However, this only one layer of a much deeper failure and it certainly doesn't explain the rise of the "far-right", especially since the parties that are seeing these gains in popularity have one policy in common that they have been pushing for over a decade and that is immigration reform.

The mainstream media reporting systematically downplays or omits the demographic and cultural transformation driven by sustained high levels of low-skilled immigration, the parallel societies that have formed in many urban areas, the strain on housing, schools, hospitals and welfare systems, and the resulting erosion of trust between citizens and the institutions that govern them. When the public reacts to the cumulative effects of these policies, the preferred explanation remains economic hardship or "populism," rather than the policies themselves.

This is not accidental. For years the dominant narrative has treated mass migration as both inevitable and morally unassailable, while any serious discussion of its fiscal, social and security costs was treated as illegitimate. The result is a widening gap between official language and lived reality. People notice when schools in certain districts become unmanageable, when public spaces feel less safe, when housing becomes unattainable, and when the welfare state is asked to support both an ageing native population and a continuous inflow of new claimants. They also notice when the media and the political class insist that the primary problem is actually their own reaction and not the thing they are reacting to.

An incredible example of this shameless victim-blaming attitude came during the riots in France a couple of weeks ago. In footage that circulated widely online, Bettina Zourli, a supporter of Mélenchon's far left party, self described "journalist" and gender studies graduate, was confronted by a woman who said rioters threatened to rape her after she tried to prevent them from looting a shop while she was upstairs in her apartment with her child. Zourli's response was: "It's collateral damage… Revolution isn't peaceful. It doesn't stay within bounds".

There were also reports and footage from supposed Antifa "rioters" that appeared to be actually undercover police acting as agents provocateurs. The claim was that masked individuals committed destructive or violent acts (setting bins on fire, throwing projectiles) and then moved or were escorted back toward or behind police lines. There were also videos and reports, particularly from the 24 October riots in cities such as Montpellier, Nice, and Nancy, of far-right groups attacking protesters and then again moving behind or interacting with police lines. Though the reports remain unproven according to mainstream French fact-checking, undercover officers do operate inside protest crowds and this is legal and standard practice under France's public-order doctrine, primarily for intelligence gathering and making targeted arrests.

What is clear is that there are elements within the state and certainly in political parties that wish to see their own cities burn and their own citizens victimized. Those people actually want to see peaceful demonstrations escalate, they celebrate

the violence and they hope for more of it, until the situation reaches breaking point and civil war becomes a scenario that is very much on the table. They relish the destruction, they pit one group against the other, they stoke hatred and division and they will not be satisfied until there is nothing left to burn.

Europe is not experiencing a series of isolated cost-of-living protests that happen to benefit certain political parties. It is experiencing the predictable consequences of a long-running policy of demographic change conducted without democratic consent and by force. Not only is there no regret, shame or guilt shown by those who did this, there is actual glee. We are seeing the Old World die in front of our eyes, and it is not a death inflicted by some foreign hand, it is by suicide.

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