

On the Immigration Bill

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I am saddened by the governments attack on immigration.

I have an Irish passport.

My family, on both sides, could fairly be called economic migrants only a generation or so back.

I think we, as a broad family, have added value to this country.

I think this country would be poorer without the impact of its long tradition of welcoming immigrants.

The Immigration Bill sends out clear signals to all immigrants that they are unwelcome, are not equal, and are suffered rather than welcomed.

That is not chance. That is deliberate.

This is a profound message from a dis-eased society.

My worry is that my sadness will explode into others pain.

This government has sought to wreak havoc economically. Now it seeks to create discord.

No wonder I, like so many, seek an alternative.

One that upholds all people, and the common good.