

How are we going to treat those fleeing fascism in the ...

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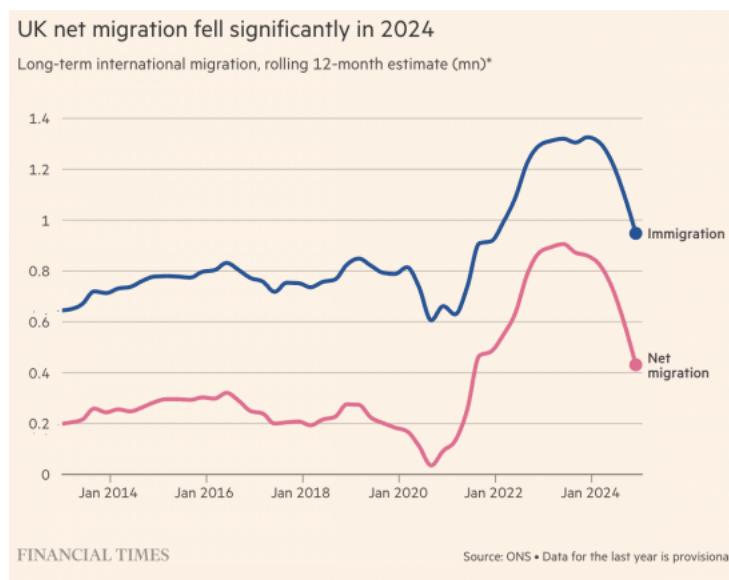
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As [the FT has reported](#):

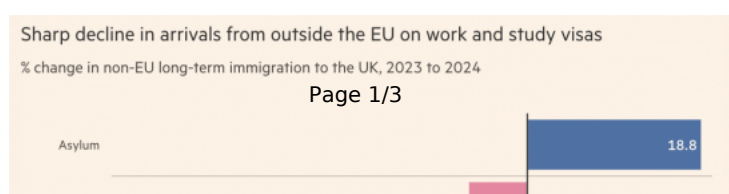
Net migration to the UK almost halved in 2024 as tougher visa rules took effect, in figures that could reduce pressure on Sir Keir Starmer's Labour government over the politically charged issue.

Politically charged? By racists, you mean? Because let's be honest about this, it's their propaganda which is the reason why this issue gets the airtime it does.

This is the data:



And this is the breakdown for non-EU citizens, who are the ones that the racists obsess about because they tend not to be white, and even the FT is pandering to this by breaking the data down in this way, since we are not in the EU anymore, meaning this division should not be relevant:



So, we are denying ourselves the labour we need.

And we are denying ourselves the export sales that foreign students attending UK universities represent, which is making life more challenging in the UK as a result.

And in net terms (humanitarian vs asylum), we are not helping the vulnerable people of the world.

As the article notes, all of this is at a cost to the UK: we lose a contribution to the UK as a result of cutting migration in this way.

But I really want to look at this through another lens, which is small as yet, but which I suspect will grow. This [is data on US applications for UK citizenship](#):



In 1933 the wisest Jews quit Nazi Germany whilst they could.

Fleeing fascism makes sense.

The US is now a fascist state.

The wisest are leaving.

This could become a rout in due course, except Trump is bound to want to stop it happening: he'll want to punish people for their temerity in opposing his regime. It is what fascists do. But right now, the numbers wanting to get out of the USA are going to increase very rapidly.

So, what does the UK do?

Does it welcome them? They are, after all, going to be political refugees who might well

qualify for asylum.

Is it going to celebrate what they can bring here? Like almost all migrants, those coming here will be the brightest, the risk takers, the innovators, the entrepreneurs and those who embrace opportunity. Why wouldn't we do that?

And, will we literally accommodate them?

Why wouldn't we do that? Because we did not do that to the Jews in 1933. Nor do we do it to others now. That's why not.

And why did we not do it for the Jews in the 1930s? Because papers like the Daily Mail ran anti-Semitic campaigns. That is why not.

Of course, this time they might say, but these are white Americans, so we have no reason for prejudice. But don't you believe it. [As I noted recently](#), the Mail has already run headlines like this:

Woke Yale professors announce they're fleeing the US as historian compares living in America to the Titanic

By [STEPHEN M. LEPORE FOR DAILYMAIL.COM](#)

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So, the arrivals will be categorised as woke, left-wing, disrupters, or as Palestinian supporters, anti-Israelis, or whatever else those who populate the Mail headline writing desk can think up to castigate those who care about humanity. The same as the 1930s, then, with a little twist.

Are we going to say no to those fleeing tyranny in the USA?

Is that going to be our approach?

Will we condemn people to their fate?

Is this going to be our human style?

That's what we're already doing to the rest of the world. Why should we be any different about those fleeing the US?

I will wait and see, but I suspect this will develop, and I am not looking forward to how it will.