

Immigrant minors come here to escape poverty, violence To the Editor: Mr Rasmussen's May 9 letter conflates many complex issues to a distillation of fear mongering. These unaccompanied minors are coming because of a humanitarian crisis of poverty and violence in Central America. But it didn't start under Biden. Some 400,000 unaccompanied minors have arrived at our southern border since 2003.

They come for the same reasons our ancestors did; to escape poverty and take their chance on the promise of success with hard work. If they have the courage to come here, surely it's not to live the meager lifestyle that welfare affords.

Our immigration system is broken. It's too expensive, takes too long and many U.S. companies like the cheap labor. Besides, they do the jobs Americans won't. By the way, 10 million unauthorized immigrants have flown in and overstayed their visas.

With the decline in American birth rate and immigration from Mexico falling 28%, who will be there to fund our Social Security and Medicare?

As migration patterns change due to civil wars, persecution, and climate change, more will be seeking refuge in a country that espouses the Christian values of welcoming the stranger and the least among us. Surely these ideals trump monetary concerns.

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