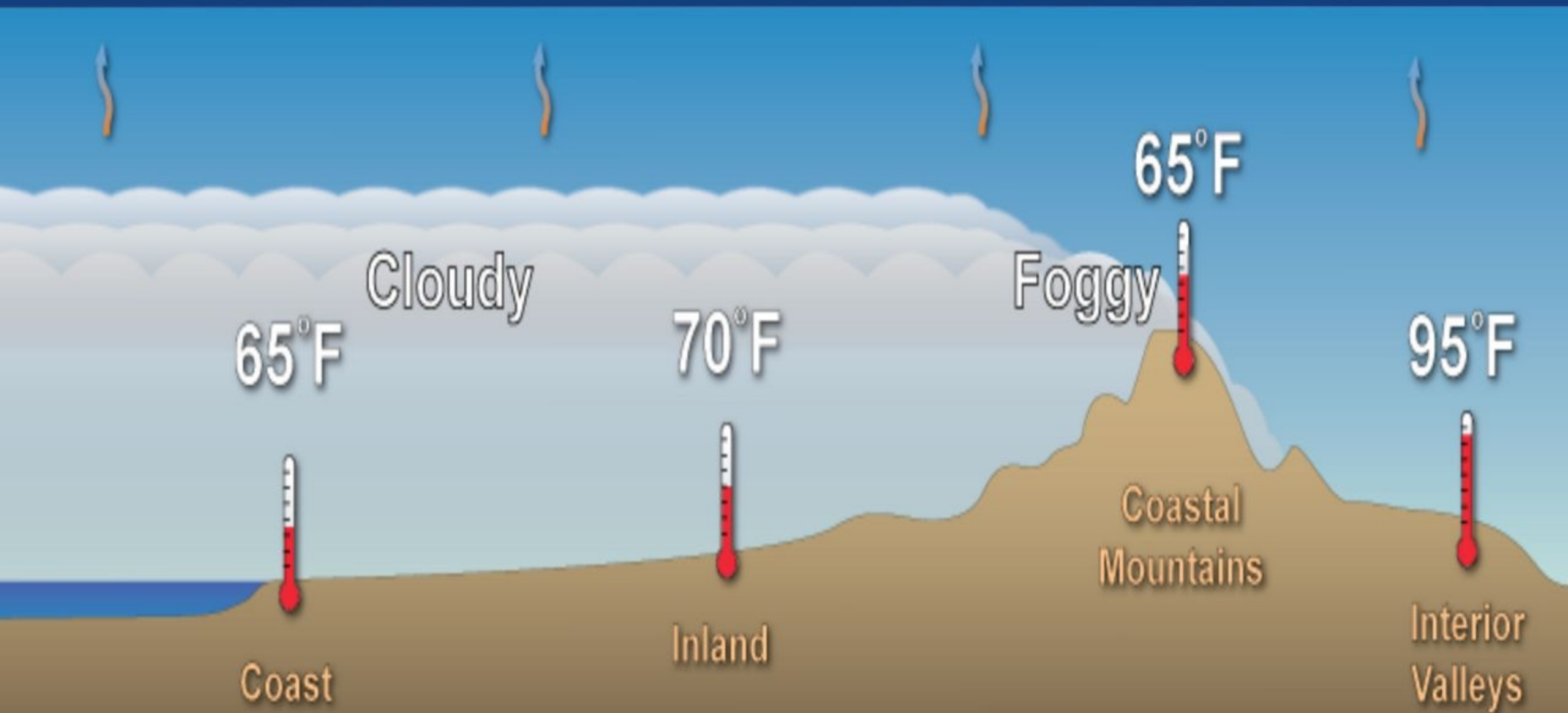




DEEPER MARINE LAYER

COURTESY: NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE





Disinformation Misinformation Uncertainty



**Repetition of
false
information**

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- Understand reality
- Feel its weight
- Take responsibility for reality





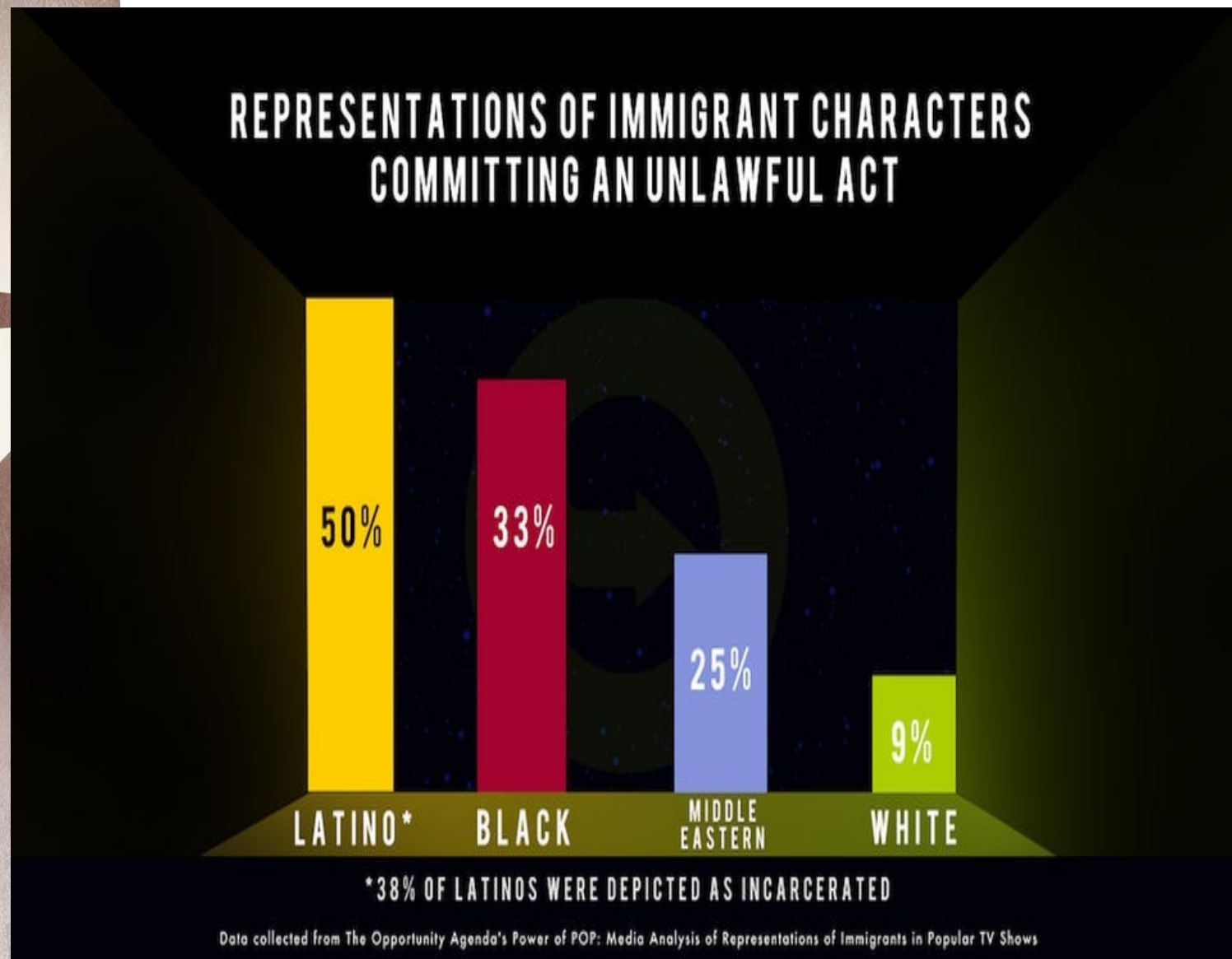
Reality #1

There is no connection
between immigration and crime.

- A study of crime and immigration over 4 decades in 200 cities found a correlation between increased immigration and less crime (Adelman, et al, 2017).
- A 2018 study (Light and Miller) found that the more undocumented immigrants an area has, the lower the violent crime rate.
- A 2020 study of Texas arrest records found that undocumented immigrants have less than half the crime rate of native-born citizens and lower than legal immigrants (Light et al).



Image: Marco Melgrati



- Since 2001, the vast majority of terrorist acts on US soil have been committed by homegrown terrorists and terror groups (Kurzman, 2019; Center for Extremism of the ADL, 2019).



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Reality #2

People who seek asylum at the border are mostly escaping from intolerable circumstances.





Venezuela's Collapse Is the Worst Outside of War in Decades, Economists Say

Butchers have stopped selling meat cuts in favor of offal, fat shavings and cow hooves, the only animal protein many of their customers can afford.



Loyola Marymount University

PACIFIC OCEAN



Chile
533K



Argentina
164K

Uruguay

40K



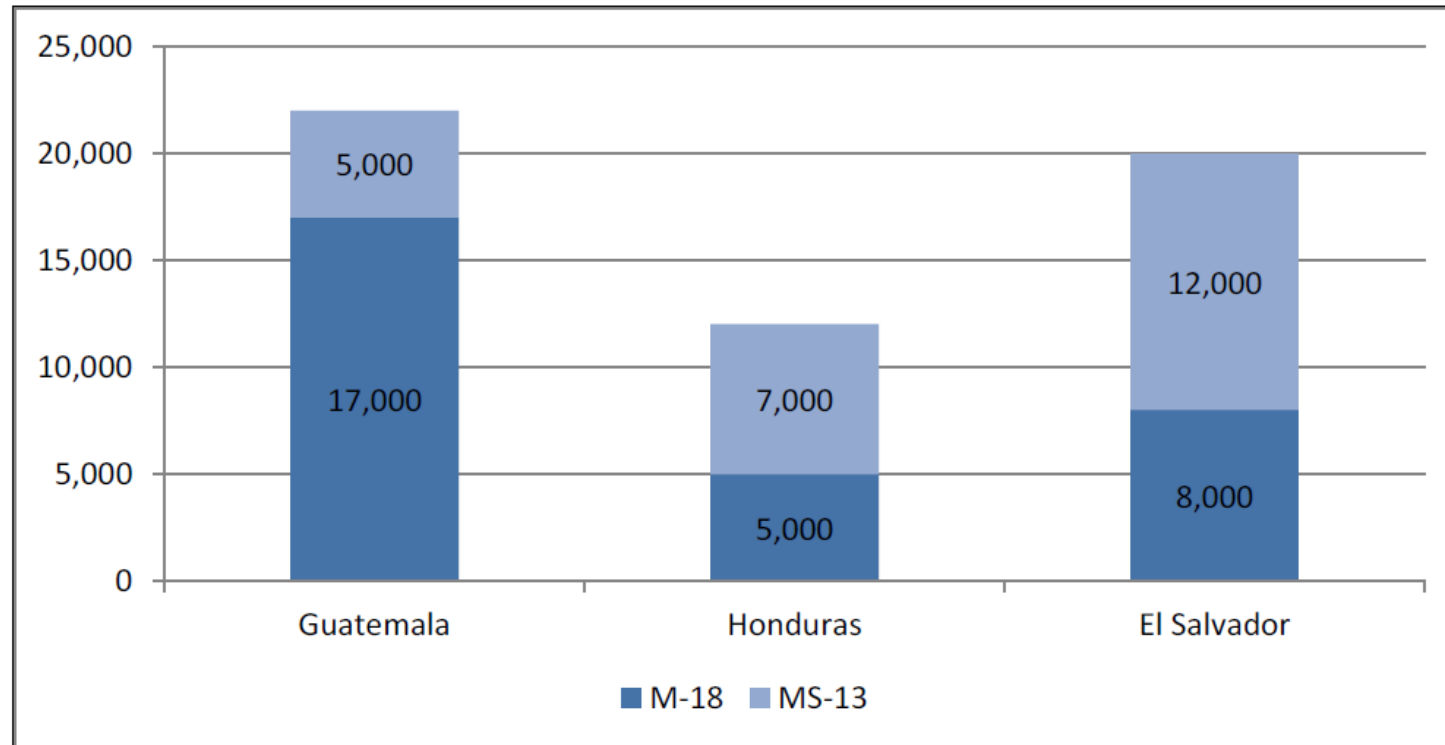
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Ilana Panich-Linsman for The New York Times

Who brings crime? An economist correlated increased gang activity and homicides in El Salvador with the increased deportation of gang members from the US starting in 1996 (Sviatschi 2022).

Figure 2. Estimated Gang Membership in the Northern Triangle of Central America, 2012



Source: U.N. Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC), *Transnational Organized Crime in Central America and the Caribbean: a Threat Assessment*, September 2012.



Reality #2

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Reality #3

Asylum seekers at the border and those with temporary status are not “illegal” immigrants.

US immigration law allows for asylum seekers to request asylum at the border or even after they have crossed the border, legally or illegally





Moral blindness



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The Parable of the Good Samaritan

(Luke 10:25-37)



Abraham



James Tissot, *Caravan of Abraham* ca. 1900



Hebrew Bible and Today

- Famine → refugees
- War → refugees



Flight to Egypt: The Holy Family as asylum seekers



Immigrants in the Hebrew Bible

- “You shall not wrong or oppress a resident alien, for you were aliens in the land of Egypt” (Exodus 22:21).
- “When an alien resides with you in your land, you shall not oppress the alien... you shall love the alien as yourself, for you were aliens in the land of Egypt: I am the LORD your God” (Leviticus 19:33-34).
- “You shall not withhold the wages of poor and needy laborers, whether other Israelites or aliens who reside in your land in one of your towns. You shall pay them their wages daily before sunset, because they are poor and their livelihood depends on them; otherwise they might cry to the LORD against you, and you would incur guilt” (Deuteronomy 24:14-15).





Ana Morazan, her dog, and boyfriend Fredi Juarez, 2022 (AP Photo/Gregory Bull)





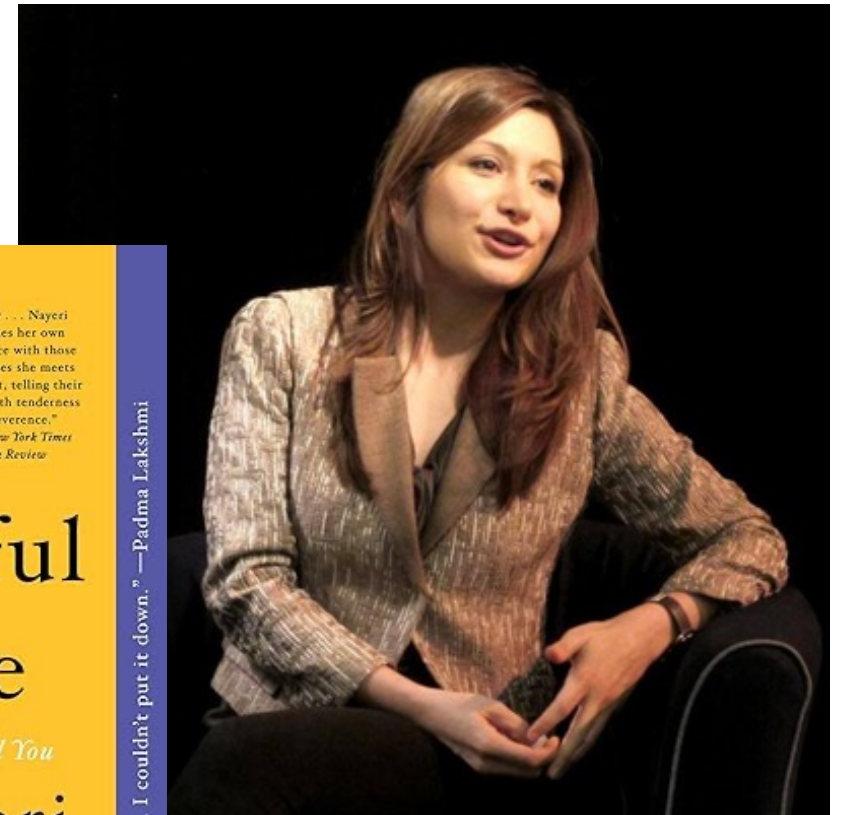
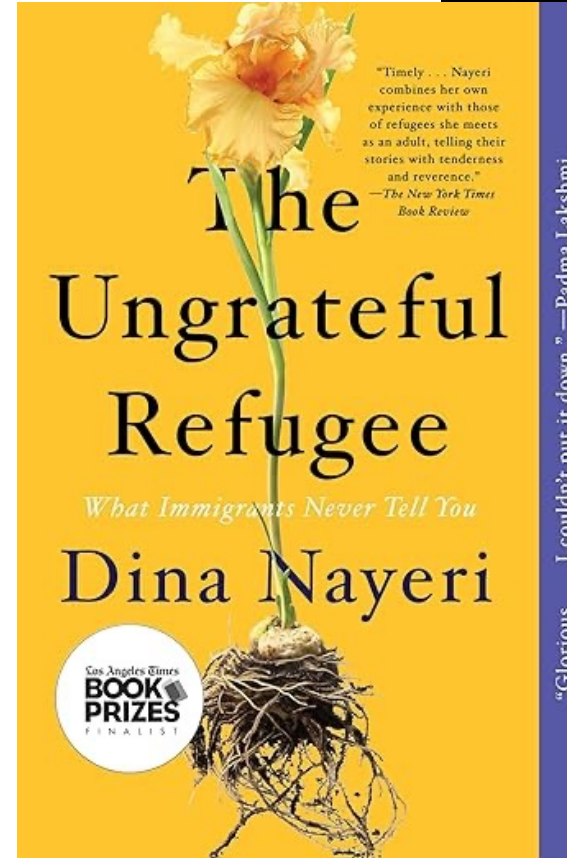
Catholic Social Teaching on Migration

- Right to stay and flourish in own country
- Right to migrate if can't flourish
- Right of nations to control their borders
(right to order)



Dina Nayeri and her family

- Right of refugees and asylum seekers to **protection**



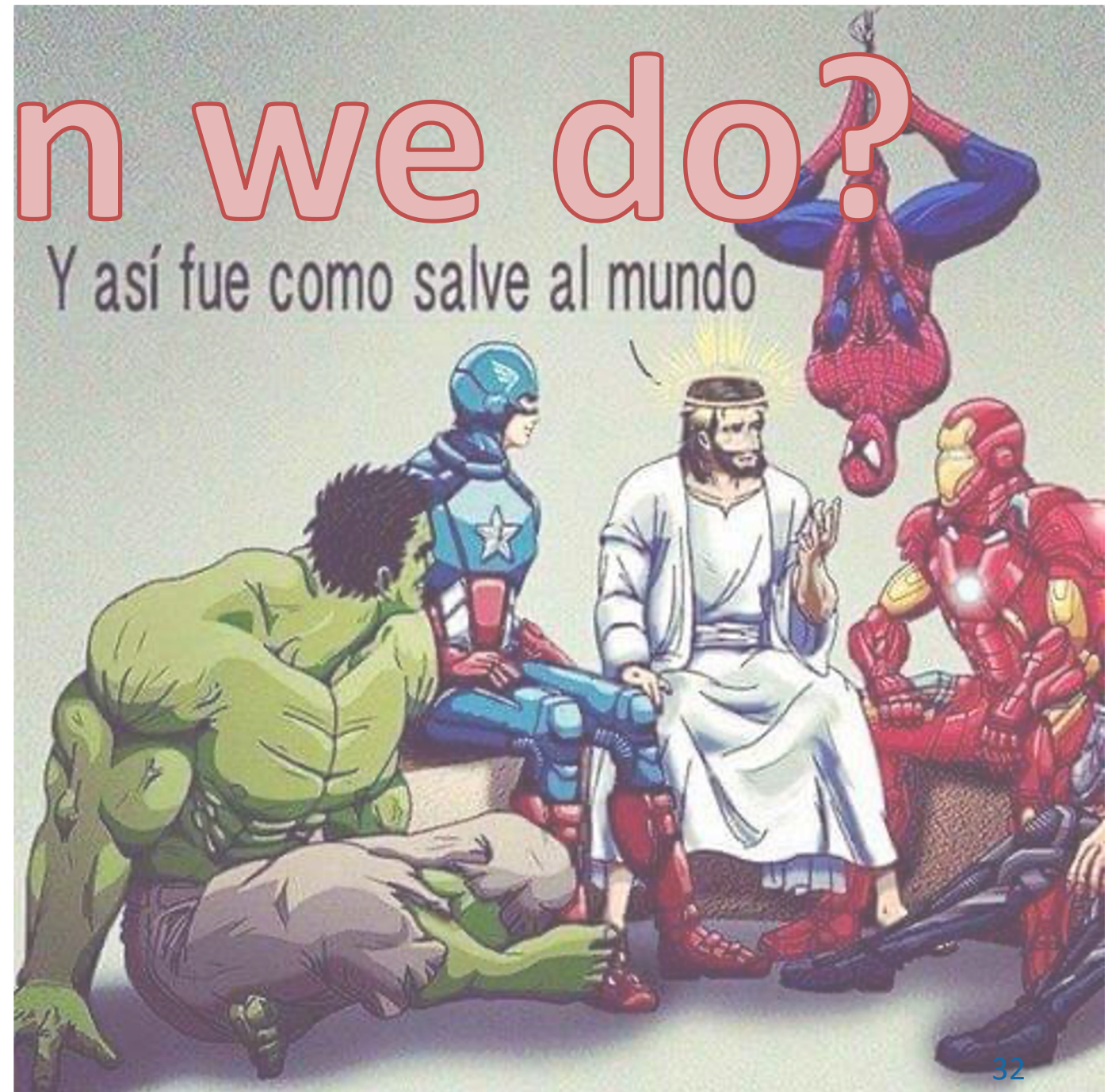
The Carrera family, Venezuelans in Mexico

- Right of families to stay together



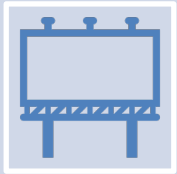
Kate Linthicum / Los Angeles Times

What can we do?



Promote the Truth

(and don't repeat disinformation)



Analyze your own media consumption

What do I see?

What do I hear?

What am I feeling?

What is the creator trying to do?



Look for reputable sources of information

Beware influencers, videos, posts with info not elsewhere

Watch for exaggerated claims/headlines

Your gifts + the needs of our world

Activism, advocacy, action?

- Calling and contacting legislative leaders
- Student activism
- Volunteering
 - CHIRLA (Coalition for Human Immigrant Rights in Los Angeles)
 - Archdiocese Office of Immigrant Affairs
 - Catholic Charities

