

Throw the bums out

By Gary Fouse

If I gauge the mood of the American public correctly, the people are overwhelmingly supportive of President Trump's policy of removing foreign criminals and campus troublemakers from our country. The liberal judges may not like it, but over 200 Venezuelan *Tren de Aragua* thugs are now sitting in an El Salvador prison. Given the horrendous nature of the crimes they are committing few will lament the departure of these animals. Indeed, a judge tried to stop it, but the plane was



already in the air, landed, and the *Tren de Aragua* members are now comfortably being hosted by the El Salvadoran penal system. What an ingenious move by Trump and El Salvador's

no-nonsense president, Nayib Bukele.

And given what has been going on at Columbia University, only the liberals and progressive Democrats are sad that a Syrian-Palestinian graduate student named Mahmoud Khalil is now sitting at an ICE detention center somewhere in Louisiana. A federal judge is trying to stop it, but all indications are that the move to deport this guy is on solid legal ground.

Columbia, which has arguably been the worst university in the country for the past several years in terms of anti-Jewish, pro-Palestinian, pro-Hamas disruption and vandalism, not to mention the constant harassment of Jewish students, has erased all doubt in recent weeks. As we speak, New York City is having to deal with mobs of keffiyeh-wearing, Palestinian-waving troublemakers, and misfits protesting the arrest of Khalil. But for those of us who not only support Israel and oppose anti-Semitism, as well as care about our own country, it seems reasonable that a foreigner who comes to our country to study at a prestigious institution and who leads campus disruptions, occupations, vandalism, encampments, hands out Hamas propaganda, and creates a hostile campus for Jews at Columbia, has forfeited his or her right to remain in our country. Indeed, Khalil is the very caricature of an undesirable alien.

The right to enter our country-or any country- is a privilege granted by the receiving country. It is not a right. An issuance of a visa spells out the conditions under which you are allowed to be in the country for a determinate length of time. Free speech aside, the disruption of campus operations is against the law. Inciting hate against one of our ethnic or religious groups is against our values even if engaging in protected hate speech. No doubt the leftist judges and groups like the ACLU will try to stop the removal of undesirables from our country, but I am confident that Trump and his team-particularly Attorney General Pam Bondi, and Border Czar Tom Homan are going to prevail.

Lest I be accused of xenophobia, I support legal immigration; I am married to an immigrant. However, we can have no tolerance for those who come here to commit crimes or incite disorder and anti-Semitism on our campuses. To use an old phrase:

We don't need them, we don't want them, and the sooner they are gone, the better off we will be.