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## Sen. Sasse: Bring the Afghans to My Neighborhood. Candidate Vance: Americans First

GOP Senator Ben Sasse of Nebraska wants to bring as many as 60,000 to 80,000 Afghan refugees to the United States.

Even better, he said they can live in his neighborhood.

That's mighty generous, even if Sasse doesn't speak for his neighbors, but that aside, Ohio Senate candidate and [Hillbilly Elegy](#) author J.D. Vance, a Trump-like Republican, thinks the idea is nuts. So does Representative Tom Tiffany of Wisconsin.

In other words, as Fox News's Chris Wallace told Sasse on *Fox News Sunday*, the GOP is divided on the matter. It shouldn't be. The Taliban victory in Afghanistan is an excuse to import even more Third World refugees and future Democrat voters. And some in the GOP, such as Sasse, favor it.



AP Images  
Ben Sasse

Let the virtue signaling RINO rhetoric commence! <https://t.co/Exjv9SZkAi>

— Breitbart News (@BreitbartNews) [August 24, 2021](#)

### What Sasse Said

"There's quite a split inside your party about bringing our Afghan allies, the people who stood up for us for those last 20 years, bringing them into this country," Wallace began his question:

GOP Congressman Tom Tiffany says the Biden administration's plan to bring plane loads into the U.S. now and ask questions later is reckless and irresponsible. Ohio Republican Senate Candidate J.D. Vance, author of *Hillbilly Elegy*, says he'd like to hear zero about Afghan refugees until we get every single American out first.

Sasse was ready: Bring them here. "First of all, a great nation is a nation that keeps its word. And the American people need to understand who we're talking about here," the turncoat Republican said. "We're talking about men and women who risked their lives to protect Americans. They fought hand-in-hand with our troops and we made promises to them."

And that means bringing in more than just those who help the American war effort. Families will come, too, as [Breitbart reported](#). Continued Sasse:

We're talking about 60,000 to 80,000 people. So the first thing to say is, the American



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people need to understand who we're talking about. We're talking about heroes who fought with us to take the fight to al Qaeda and the Taliban....

When you fought on behalf of Americans to protect our people, you're welcome in my neighborhood.

### **Vance, Tiffany Reply**

Of course, that's a fulsome invitation. Those Afghans will live on public assistance and won't be able to buy a home in the Ivy League grad's neck of the woods. And he knows it.

The major problem is this: The Afghans won't just be another massive bloc of nation-busting immigrants. They will present a major national-security threat because Sasse and President Biden would [at least double](#) the number [reported last week](#).

Vance, who said he wanted to "hear zero about Afghan refugees until we get every single American out first," explained why Sasse should reconsider.

I'd like to hear zero about Afghan refugees until we get every single American out first.

— J.D. Vance (@JDVance1) [August 18, 2021](#)

Sasse "went on national TV yesterday and attacked me for suggesting we should focus on getting our own citizens out of Afghanistan, rather than the Afghan refugees," Vance began. "And he said great countries honor their word. Of course nobody disagrees with that. It's a ridiculous platitude."

But Americans must come first, Vance said. The question isn't whether to keep a promise to Afghans, he said, but to whom we "owe an obligation.... And to any leader of this country, the obvious answer should be American citizens. So let's focus first on getting them out of Afghanistan."

Continued Vance:

Senator Sasse also said that he would welcome the Afghan refugees to his neighborhood with open arms. That's very sweet of him. I'm sure a lot of liberals will say very nice things about him because he said that.

But the question is not whether we help the Afghan refugees. The question is first, how do we do it, and second, how do we do it in a way that doesn't destroy our own sovereignty.

So let's have an honest question about what exists in Afghanistan. According to Pew [Research], 40 percent of the people there believe that blowing yourself up, committing a suicide bombing, is an acceptable way to solve a problem.

So yes let's help the Afghans who helped us. But let's ensure that we're properly vetting them so that we don't get a bunch of people who believe they should blow themselves up at a mall because somebody looked at their wife the wrong way.

That is not real leadership. Real leadership is accepting the trade-offs of the situation, putting our own citizens first, and not dealing with fake platitudes because it gets people in the media to say nice things about you.



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Here is my message to Ben Sasse and other establishment Republicans who seem to care more about bringing 30,000 unvetted Afghan refugees into our country than getting our own people out safely. [pic.twitter.com/PSfoc2swdC](https://pic.twitter.com/PSfoc2swdC)

— J.D. Vance (@JDVance1) [August 23, 2021](#)

[Sasse accused](#) Vance of “lying.” That’s rich coming from a turncoat Republican who backed Democrat lies about the president of his own party. Sasse backed impeaching President Trump. He was one of seven Republicans who voted [to convict](#) him on the spurious charge of inciting an “insurrection” on January 6.

Tiffany agrees with Vance.

“We have a responsibility to ensure that #Afghans are who they say they are and that their stories check out before we cut them loose into American communities,” he tweeted after the Sasse-Wallace exchange. “That is not a radical proposition — it is common-sense. We must get this right.”

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— Rep. Tom Tiffany (@RepTiffany) [August 22, 2021](#)

Wallace showed this tweet of August 17:

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Tiffany wants the refugees vetted in third countries.

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Sasse did not disclose what his neighbors think about the invitation to Islamic tribesmen to move in next door.

Frighteningly, as Breitbart reported, 10 GOP governors appear, like Sasse, to have lost their marbles.



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[They have said](#) the Afghans are welcome in their states. But again, they don't appear to have consulted the Americans who will have to live with them.

The Afghans whom Sasse would bring into the country [would easily fill](#) eight of the top 10 cities in Nebraska.



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