



South Carolina town struggles with refugees

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Unfortunately for many American cities, there is no legal way to stop the flow of refugees. This plight is [highlighted by a town in South Carolina that is being inundated with refugees](http://fauxcountrynews.com/mount-pleasant-struggling-to-accommodate-ohio-refugees/) (<http://fauxcountrynews.com/mount-pleasant-struggling-to-accommodate-ohio-refugees/>) who are struggling with language issues. As Mt. Pleasant mayor Linda Page stated, “Everywhere I look, there’s more of them. They’re like friggin’ Gremlins. Toss some water on them and five of their family members show up with a U-Haul truck full of furniture.” Some businesses are banning these refugees from their premises.

Something must be done, but with more refugees on the way and federal protection behind them, the deck is stacked against cities trying to stop this flood.



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Mt. Pleasant, South Carolina. A historic wooden pier known as Pitt Street Bridge. Shutterstock.

This problem isn't new for South Carolina and neighboring states, as tens of thousands of refugees have [sought temporary shelter](#) (<http://www.charlestoncitypaper.com/charleston/ohioans-have-invaded-the-lowcountry-and-some-folks-wish-they-would-leave/Content?oid=1946300>) in places like Myrtle Beach, Hilton Head Island, and Kiawah Island for years. Many say the solution is to rebuild the refugees' weak economies so they have more opportunities in their homeland, but that involves fundamentally restructuring economies with [deeply ingrained traditions that undermine economic growth](#) (<https://www.facebook.com/OpportunityOhio/posts/799439720185613>).

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