

Refugees are criminals and rapists.

Why?

(Try to find out what feelings and needs are alive in the other person: empathic resonance)

Are you feeling insecure/worried/ angry because you like to have security/protection/ stability?
What I'm hearing is that you are insecure/worried/ angry because you think refugees are more involved in criminal acts than other people. And you really want security/protection/ stability? Is that what you are saying?

What if?

(‘Mirror questions’: how would it be if you were standing in the shoes of that person)

Do you know refugees personally? How do you think it is for them to be called ‘criminal’ and ‘rapist’ only because they are coming from abroad?

Self-reflection

(Questions you can ask yourself in silence to support yourself in understanding the other person)

How important is security/protection/stability for me?
When do I need security/protection/stability?
How do I feel when this need is not fulfilled?

Empowerment

(More information on the issue and tips how to explore the problem and continue the discussion)

Communication (mainly) on the Internet might give the impression that most refugees are more criminal than other population groups. This spreads a climate of fear and rejection and distorts reality. In the case of serious crimes, such as murder, asylum status is denied and, after serving a prison sentence, deportation to the country of origin is possible.

It is often assumed that sexual crimes, in particular, are committed by men from Islamic cultures. The figures do not prove this.

Nevertheless, every rape is one too many.

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