

The Making of a Refugee

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Imagine the US accepting 55 million refugees in 2 years - roughly the equivalent of Lebanon taking in 700,000 Syrians. 12k alone last Thurs.

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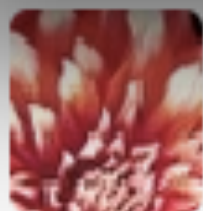
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Australia, you can stop complaining now. Lebanon took in 12,000 #refugees LAST THURSDAY. @annie_sparrow @SummersAnne

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What's in a name?

- A refugee
- An asylum seeker
- A displaced person
- An economic migrant
- An (illegal) immigrant
- Damaged people vs “messengers of human rights violations”

Ozgum, 2000

Definitions

- "persons who are outside their country and cannot return owing to a well-founded fear of persecution because of their race, religion, nationality, political opinion, or membership in a particular social group."
- 'a humanitarian crisis in a country or region where there is *total or considerable breakdown of authority* resulting from internal or external *conflict...*'

WHO (they should know)

“Health is a state of complete physical, mental and social well-being and not merely the absence of disease or infirmity.”

Refugees are people too

- Survivors of mass violence
- Of mass human rights violations
- “ Refugees and IDPs are indicators for social, political and economic instability, for human atrocities and great human suffering. They signal our failure to provide basic human security for all.”

Albrecht Schnabel. Preventing the Plight of Refugees. *Peace Review* 13, 1 (2001): 109

Understanding violence: Civil Wars and Armed Conflict

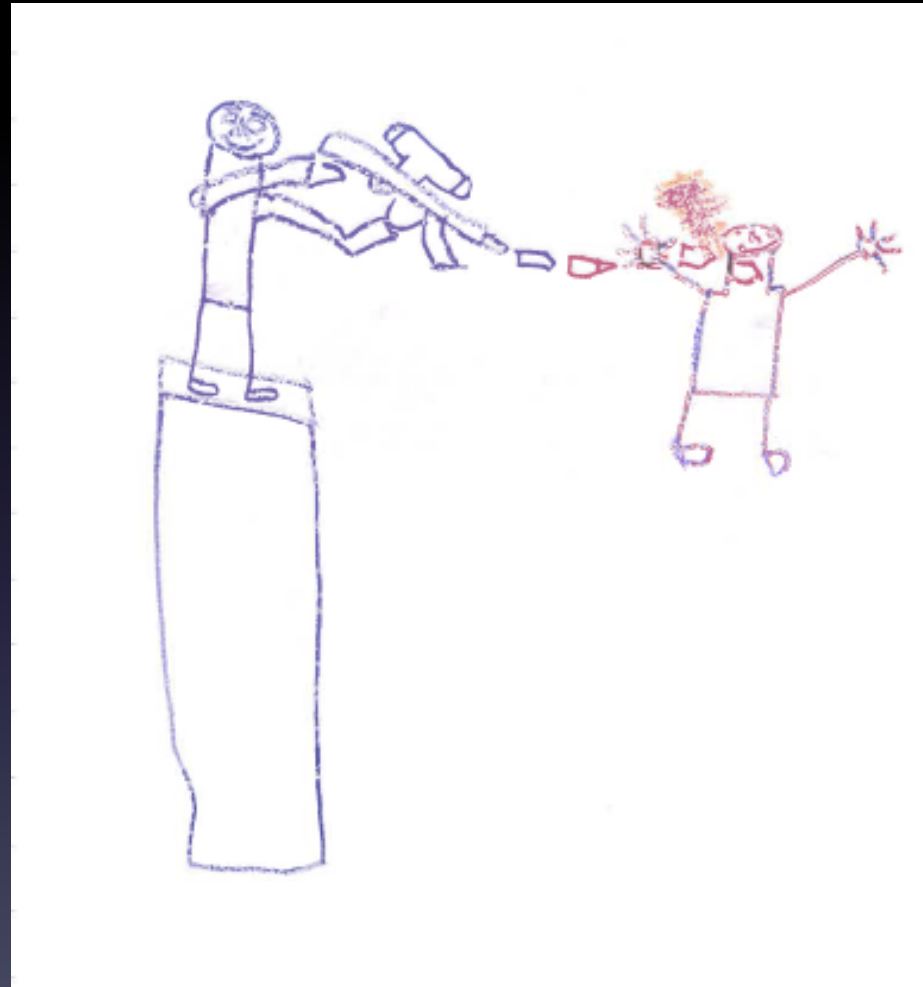


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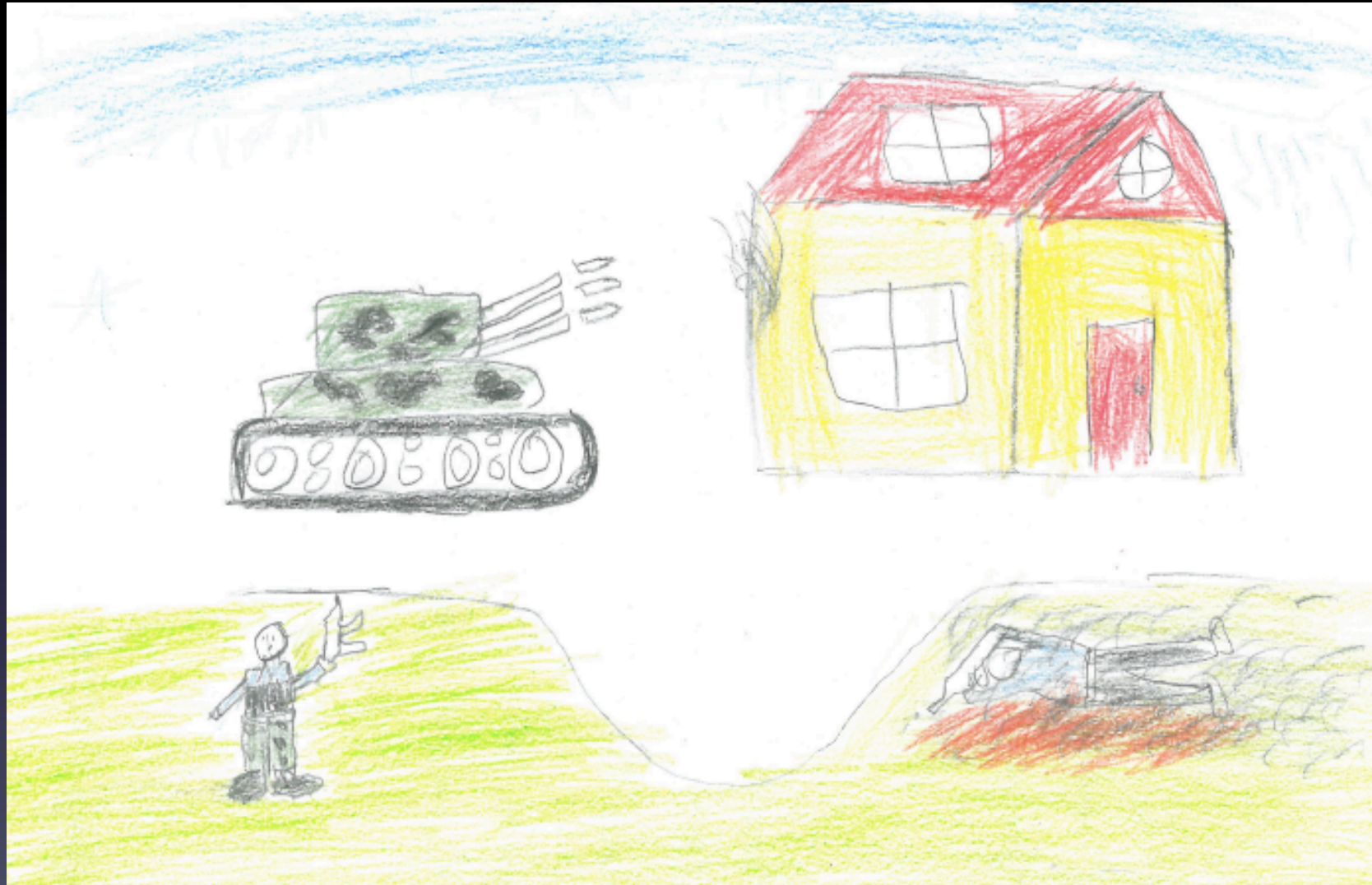
The right not to be targeted



Sniper attacks on civilians



Common article 3 – protection of civilian property





Targeting medics – effective strategy of ethnic cleansing



The right to education



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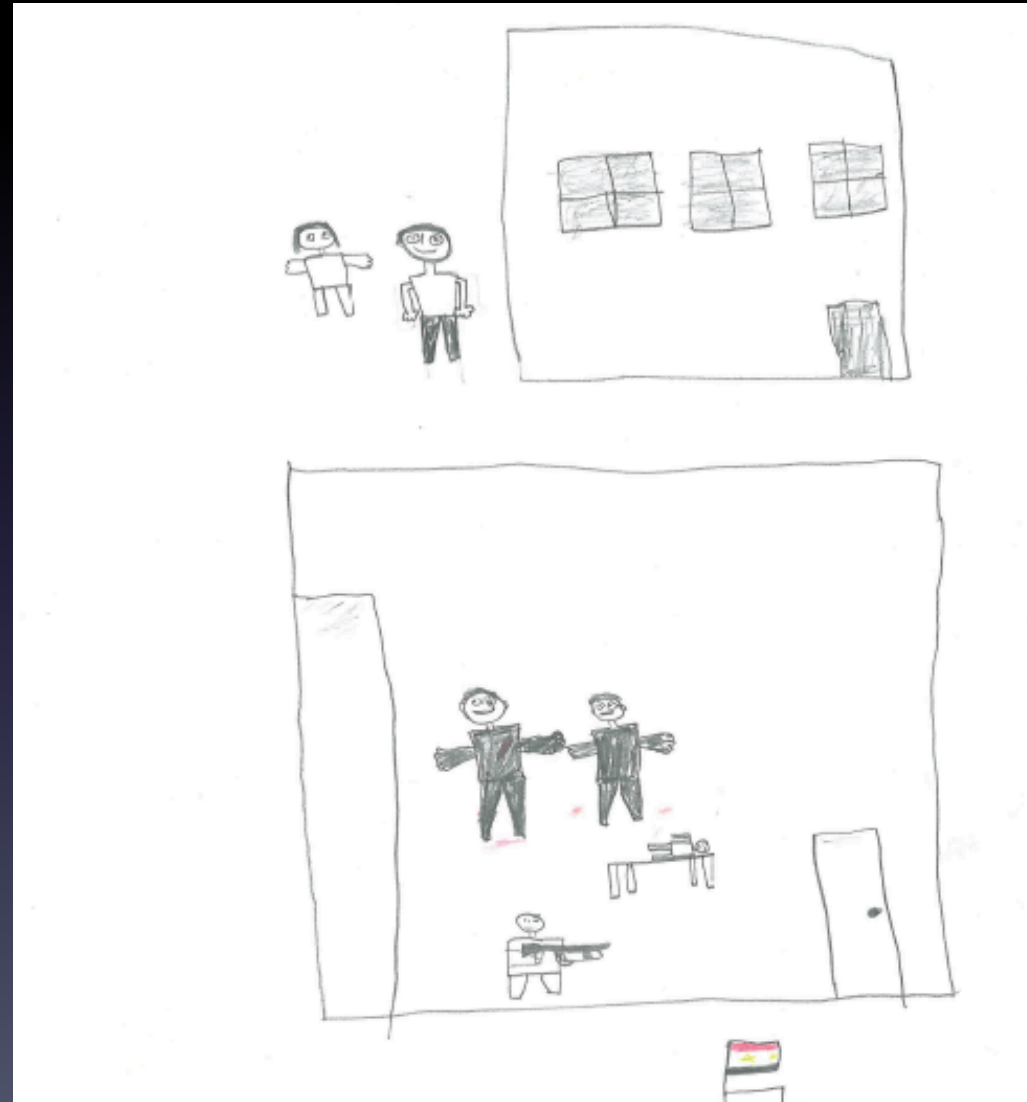
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The right to receive medical treatment



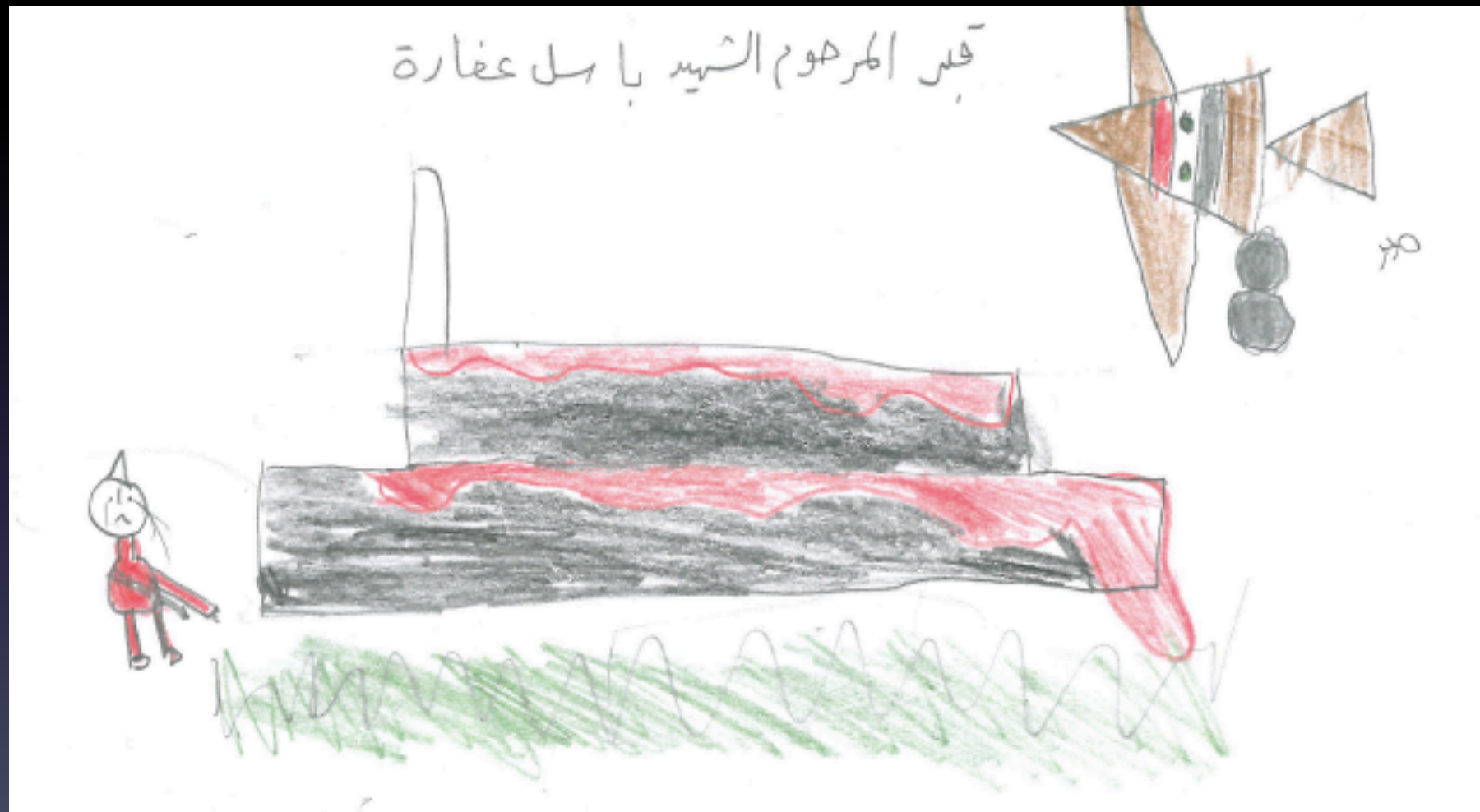


Medical neutrality – First Geneva Convention

Destruction of healthcare system



The right to mourn



Social identity + discrimination: a sustained exercise and ignorance



"You are the only one who didn't walk past"







'Old' 'Disaster Porn' – “Do they know it's
Christmas?”



Kevin Carter 1960 - 1994

IRC reuniting refugee families in Jordan

May 3, 2013 by [Ned Colt](#)



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Pay for Boards At Banks Soars Amid Cutbacks

Directors Benefit as
Prices of Stock Rise

By SUSANNE CRAIG

Wall Street pay, while lucrative, isn't what it used to be — unless you are a board member.

Since the financial crisis, compensation for the directors of the nation's biggest banks has continued to rise even as the banks themselves, facing difficult markets and regulatory pressures, are reining in bonuses and pay.

Take Goldman Sachs, where the average annual compensation for a director — essentially a part-time job — was \$488,709 in 2011, the last year for which data is available, up more than 50 percent from 2008, according to Equilar, a compensation data firm. Some of the firm's 13 directors make more than \$500,000 because they have extra responsibilities.

And those numbers are likely to skyrocket for 2012 because the firm's shares rose more than 35 percent last year and its directors are paid in stock. Goldman Sachs is expected to release fresh pay data in the coming weeks.

Goldman's board is the best compensated of any big American bank and the fifth-highest paid of any company in the country, according to Equilar. Some of its rivals are not that far behind



BRYAN DENTON FOR THE NEW YORK TIMES

If Taj Mohammad cannot repay the \$2,500 he borrowed, his daughter Naghma, right, will have to marry the lender's son, 17.

As Views Shift On Guns, Reid Corrals Senate

By ALISSA J. RUBIN

KABUL, Afghanistan — As the

Painful Payment for Afghan Debt: A Daughter, 6

For Women and Girls
in Refugee Camps.

provide a few programs for women and children in the ever-growing camps, including schooling that for many girls here is a first.

MORE DIAGNOSES OF HYPERACTIVITY IN NEW C.D.C. DATA

A RAPID RISE IN RATES

Doctors Worry That Too
Many Children Are
Being Medicated

By ALAN SCHWARZ
and SARAH COHEN

Nearly one in five high school age boys in the United States and 11 percent of school-age children over all have received a medical diagnosis of attention deficit hyperactivity disorder, according to new data from the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

These rates reflect a marked rise over the last decade and could fuel growing concern among many doctors that the A.D.H.D. diagnosis and its medication are overused in American children.

The figures showed that an estimated 6.4 million children ages 4 through 17 had received an A.D.H.D. diagnosis at some point in their lives, a 16 percent increase since 2007 and a 33 percent rise in the past decade. About two-thirds of those with a current diagnosis receive pre-

Painful Payment for Afghan Debt: A Daughter, 6



Bryan Denton for The New York Times

A camp in Kabul. Taj Mohammad borrowed money to pay for hospital treatment for his wife and medical care for some of his children. Speaking of the likely fate of his daughter Naghma, top right, he said, "She does not know what is going to happen." [More Photos »](#)

Winston Churchill

(1874-1965)

"If you have an important point to make, don't try to be subtle or clever. Use a pile driver. Hit the point once. Then come back and hit it again. Then hit it a third time, a tremendous whack."



“Some refugees need treatment,
but all need social justice.”

Derek Summerfield 1993?

People HATE being refugees

External stigma

Internal stigma and shame – Edwin Cameron

“I’m the only person holding public office in the entire

African continent who has spoken of myself as living with

HIV”

An Australian Response?

- If you have a hammer - BUT if everything looks like a nail, then -
- “Throwing mud is lost ground”
- Discard discrimination in favour of dignity
- Replace misrepresentation with reality
- Reclaim our humanity

- Because the current strategy isn't working
- Because it's the right thing to do. (Peter Singer's proximity of suffering)
- Because it's the smart thing to do
- Because it's cheaper
- Because refugees are not a 'problem' that can be 'solved' by containment.
- Human beings are complex.

Henderson's Law

- What do we want to be remembered for? A nation of small minds or great hearts?
- Polio and paralysis or courage and responsibility?
- Recognizing refugees, revisiting ourselves



- <http://www.motherjones.com/media/2013/07/syria-royal-baby-cartoon>