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## Discrimination, Detention, and Deportation: Immigration & Refugees

**<https://www.humanrightsfirst.org/resource/refugee-resettlement-security-screening-information>**

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Work With Asylum Seekers

If you are seeking asylum, we can help

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#### Refugee Resettlement Screening Process

**The United States screens and vets refugees more stringently than any other group allowed to enter the country.**

**STAGE ONE:**The U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees first registers refugees, interviews them, takes biometric data and background information as part of a Refugee Status Determination or RSD: a process for determining whether a person seeking international protection is a refugee under international, regional, or national law. These refugees have been living in frontline refugee-hosting countries for years, struggling to survive, and UNHCR has data from years of regular interactions with these refugees. Only those who pass the U.N. assessment are referred to the United States for consideration. Refugees do not choose to be resettled or decide which country accepts them.

**STAGE TWO:**The U.S. government then conducts its own extremely rigorous screening process.

**More specifically, the U.S. refugee vetting process for refugees includes the following elements as [outlined by Department of Homeland Security officials](#):**

**Resettlement of syrian refugees advances the United States national security interests and supports key U.S. allies.**

[letter to Congress](#) from a bipartisan group of the nation's top national security experts.

[Janet Napolitano and Michael Chertoff](#), former DHS secretaries

[Ryan Crocker](#), former Ambassador to Syria, Lebanon, Iraq, Afghanistan, Pakistan, and Kuwait:

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