**Proposal**

The need for accuracy and integrity during the asylum seeking process is critical. The current methods and resources of decision-making in this realm are not meeting demands, and a properly designed algorithmic system would provide a positive benefit to the process.

U.S. asylum agents are overworked – thus, they are not able to perform a comprehensive analysis of each individual applicant. As these are human-made decisions, the lack of information digestion (combined with the lack of time) likely leads to mis-judgements and mis-characterizations. This results in eligible applicants occasionally being rejected, and vice versa.

A well-designed algorithm would be impactful by providing an unbiased and comprehensive analysis of each applicant. Lack of time or brainpower would not be a limiting factor. A fair and unbiased “crime risk score” could be taken into account by the agents in the rest of their holistic process – they can the put weight and emphasis on the score as much as they weigh crime risk relative to other considerations of asylum consideration.

However, the stress of this would be that the algorithm must be vigorously tested and continuously tested for quality. If the algorithm is not in a condition that generates continuous value and quality, then the “peril” would be greater than the “promise”, due to the power and vastness of computer generated scores.