

# ***John Avlon Supports New York City's Sanctuary City Policies, Which Refuses To Report Illegal Immigrants To Federal Authorities When They Are Arrested, Allowing These Criminals To Stay In The United States***

## **Amid Complaints From Mayor Eric Adams, Avlon Said The Migrant Crisis Is “A Disproportionate Burden Being Put On One City And One State” And Called For Using TPS And Enforcing Asylum Laws To Ease The Crisis**

**In September 2023, Avlon Said The Migrant Crisis Is “A Disproportionate Burden Being Put On One City And One State,” Referring To New York.** AVLON: “But let's talk about what can be done because this is Adams saying the Biden administration is leaving him high and dry -- \$12 billion annual deficit being put on this. Really, a disproportionate burden being put on one city and one state.” ([CNN's CNN This Morning, 9/7/23](#)) 7:35:04am

- **Avlon's Comments Came Amid Mayor Eric Adams Saying The Migrant Crisis “Will Destroy New York.”** “In a sharp escalation over the migrant crisis, Mayor Eric Adams claimed in stark terms that New York City was being destroyed by an influx of 110,000 asylum seekers from the southern border and said that he did not see a way to fix the issue. ‘Let me tell you something New Yorkers, never in my life have I had a problem that I did not see an ending to — I don't see an ending to this,’ the mayor said on Wednesday night in his opening remarks at a town hall-style gathering in Manhattan. “This issue will destroy New York City.” (Emma G. Fitzsimmons, “In Escalation, Adams Says Migrant Crisis ‘Will Destroy New York City,’” [The New York Times, 9/7/23](#))
- **In August 2023, Avlon Said Dealing With The Migrant Influx Puts An “Undue Burden” On New York City And Its Taxpayers.** AVLON: “Now this new decision says the state's got to step up to help the city. But really the federal government needs to do much more to step up for the state. And, ultimately, it is a global problem. You've got a lot of dislocation, particularly in Latin America, but not only causing this flow of asylum seekers into the United States. So, putting this all on the back of New York City and its taxpayers is an undue burden and it's really a call to arms to actually deal with our border. However trollish the initial impulse was to ship migrants up here, I think it adds to the urgency this is not a sustainable situation.” ([CNN's CNN This Morning, 8/7/23](#)) 6:40:04am

**Avlon Said The Biden Administration Could Use TPS For Venezuelans And Start Enforcing Asylum Laws To Ease The Problem Without Congressional Action.** AVLON: “So how could you solve it absent congressional action? Well, there are two ideas that I think the Biden administration can and should do. One, there's a -- there's a thing called temporary -- TPS, Temporary Protected Status. ... And that is something that can be applied to Venezuelans who are the first wave of these immigration -- immigrants that would reduce some of the pressure. The second thing is start enforcing asylum laws on the books. Not everyone is a legitimate asylum seeker. You shouldn't just take them at their word. Some folks are coming here for a better life. That's a great American story. But it's not reflective of the reason asylum seeker laws are in place. So those need to be enforced more strictly. And then you should look at some of the work requirements, which are currently 180 days. Those things can be done without congressional approval. The Biden administration should be taking the lead and listening to Adams on this.” ([CNN's CNN This Morning, 9/7/23](#)) 7:35:04am

- **Avlon: “Not Everyone Is A Legitimate Asylum Seeker. You Shouldn't Just Take Them At Their Word. Some Folks Are Coming Here For A Better Life. That's A Great American Story. But It's Not Reflective Of The Reason Asylum Seeker Laws Are In Place.”** ([CNN's CNN This Morning, 9/7/23](#)) 7:35:04am

**Avlon Agreed That Business Leaders Are Asking For Work Visas To Help Business And Our Economy.** HARLOW: “And by the way, that's what a number of business leaders ... from New York City and elsewhere are asking for on the work visas. So you've got that push, as well as saying we

need this. It would help our --” AVLON: “That's right.” HARLOW: “--business and our economy.”  
AVLON: “There you go.” (CNN's [CNN This Morning](#), 9/7/23) 7:35:04am

### **Avlon Said Border States Sending Migrants To New York “Adds To The Urgency This Is Not A Sustainable Situation”**

**Avlon In August 2023: “However Trollish The Initial Impulse Was To Ship Migrants Up Here, I Think It Adds To The Urgency This Is Not A Sustainable Situation.”** (CNN's [CNN This Morning](#), 8/7/23) 6:40:04am

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HARLOW: “John, can you just - I mean as someone who worked intimately with a mayor's office for Rudy Giuliani ... can you just speak to how you view this challenge, how the Adams administration is handling it, and the role and responsibility of the Biden White House here in federal government?”

AVLON: “This is fundamentally a federal problem. It is a federal failure. And it has been pushed on the city of New York, in part because of a right to shelter law we have, which says everyone deserves a place to stay.” (CNN's [CNN This Morning](#), 8/7/23) 6:26:59am

### **In 2022, Avlon Said Sanctuary City Policies Are “Actually A Public Health Issue”**

**Avlon Said Sanctuary City Policies Are “Actually A Public Health Issue.”** AVLON: “Look, I mean, this is the politics of trolling masquerading as policy. You want to talk about sanctuary cities in the roots? Largely, it was actually a public health issue, right, if you have, undocumented immigrants, afraid to come forward? That's one. That's a major public health issue, going back to when these things were started.” (CNN [Live Event](#), 8/10/22) 21:50:00pm

### **In 2019, Avlon Said “Study After Study After Study” Shows That Illegal Immigrants Are Less Likely To Commit Violent Crimes Than Native Born Americans**

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AVLON: “The reason the president was saying privately, as reported by ‘The New York Times,’ that he didn't think this would change any minds is the speech wasn't designed to. He talked about a crisis of the soul, a crisis of the heart, but this was an American carnage speech, designed to demonize undocumented immigrants and rally the base around him. And to a degree unlike anything we've ever seen. And unfortunately what's also intentionally being obscured is the fact that study after study after study has shown that undocumented immigrants are less likely to commit violent crimes per capita than native born Americans. Can't say that enough in the context of fearmongering that we're saying seeing from the office. And the fundraising off it.” (CNN's [New Day](#), 1/9/19) 6:25:07am

- **Avlon’s Comments Came During A Discussion On An Oval Office Speech Given By Trump In Which He Pushed For The Border Wall.** “President Trump made his case to the American people Tuesday night for why a massive wall along the Mexican border is necessary, using his first Oval Office address to outline his conditions for ending the 18-day-and-counting partial government shutdown.” (Jessica Taylor, “Trump Pushes For Wall Amid Shutdown, Says There’s ‘A Crisis Of Heart’ At Border,” [NPR](#), 1/8/19)