



Try to guess who I am!

I am more in the media than Donald Trump and his tweets, Erdogan and his democracy, Putin and his politics.

I was the main reason for the failure to form a government in Germany and for the rise of the right in Europe. I am the great concern of many citizens in this country, because I am more dangerous than poverty in old age, abuse in families, environmental pollution, drug use, climate change, shortages of care workers and educators.

I am the one who always feels guilty for the mistakes of other people. People they don't even know. I am the one who is always ashamed to greet neighbors when something happens again somewhere. I'm liable for everyone's mistakes and feel threatened by every report in the media.

Did you recognize me? **I am the refugees!** And it's not a grammatical error due to a lack of knowledge of language. I am the refugees! And I mean all refugees.

I am not a doctor, a lawyer, a farmer, a journalist, an artist, a salesman, a cab driver or a teacher, but a refugee. Although I come from a small town in Syria and the people in Damascus were already foreign to me, since I have been in Europe I have become one of hundreds of thousands of refugees from Syria, Pakistan, Afghanistan, Iraq, Iran and Africa. Although we speak different languages, have different religions and pasts, not to mention different world views and opinions. But who cares about such differences, we are all refugees in the end.

I lost friends and relatives, my apartment, my job, my car, my past and my home because of the war. But the one loss that I only felt later was my individuality, which I left behind on the rubber boat at the borders of Europe.

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*A reader has lost everything because of the war in Syria. Since she has been in Europe, she has also felt the loss of her individuality. A letter to the editor.*

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