

The situation of migrants in Italy



About 15,000 migrants landed on the shores of Sicily in 2017 and most of them tried to cross the border with France where they may have some relatives or friends.

It is during this winter that this phenomenon has worsened because of low temperatures and snow. In fact there were heavy snowfalls that made the French border impossible to cross.



Some associations of volunteers help migrants in many ways :

1. They give them hot drinks and food;
2. They give them some heavy clothes to help them survive in freezing temperatures;
3. They had to struggle to have a warm room in the railway station of Bardonecchia (the last Italian town) where migrants can have some rest;
4. They rescue them when they are in trouble because of the snow.



Sometimes the migrants themselves call for help the Italian Red Cross, the Alpine rescue or the police because they can't go on.

Very often they risk to freeze to death, they get injured or simply they get lost.



The high number of migrants in Italy is causing the rise of prejudice as many people believe that these migrants will take their jobs, will increase criminality, will get the same rights as the Italians in a few years.

Unfortunately some migrants commit crimes as in Macerata (a town in the center of Italy) where a Nigerian is suspected of having murdered a young Italian girl, cut her body into pieces and hidden them into some suitcases a few days ago.

This crime has scared the people in Macerata and one Italian man took revenge of this girl shooting six African migrants who were walking on the street of the city.

In Italy there are general elections on 4th March and most of the debate is focused on the problems of migration.

The parties of the left wing want to help migrants to be integrated in society whereas the parties of the right wing want to get rid of them by forcing them to come back to their countries.

Vorrei che ci liberassimo da una sorta di senso di colpa. Noi non abbiamo il dovere morale di accogliere in Italia tutte le persone che stanno peggio. Se ciò avvenisse sarebbe un disastro etico, politico, sociale e alla fine anche economico.

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IL DOVERE MORALE
DI ACCOGLIERLI,
RIPETIAMOCELO.
MA ABBIAMO IL DOVERE
MORALE DI AIUTARLI.
E DI AIUTARLI DAVVERO
A CASA LORO.**

- Matteo RENZI

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