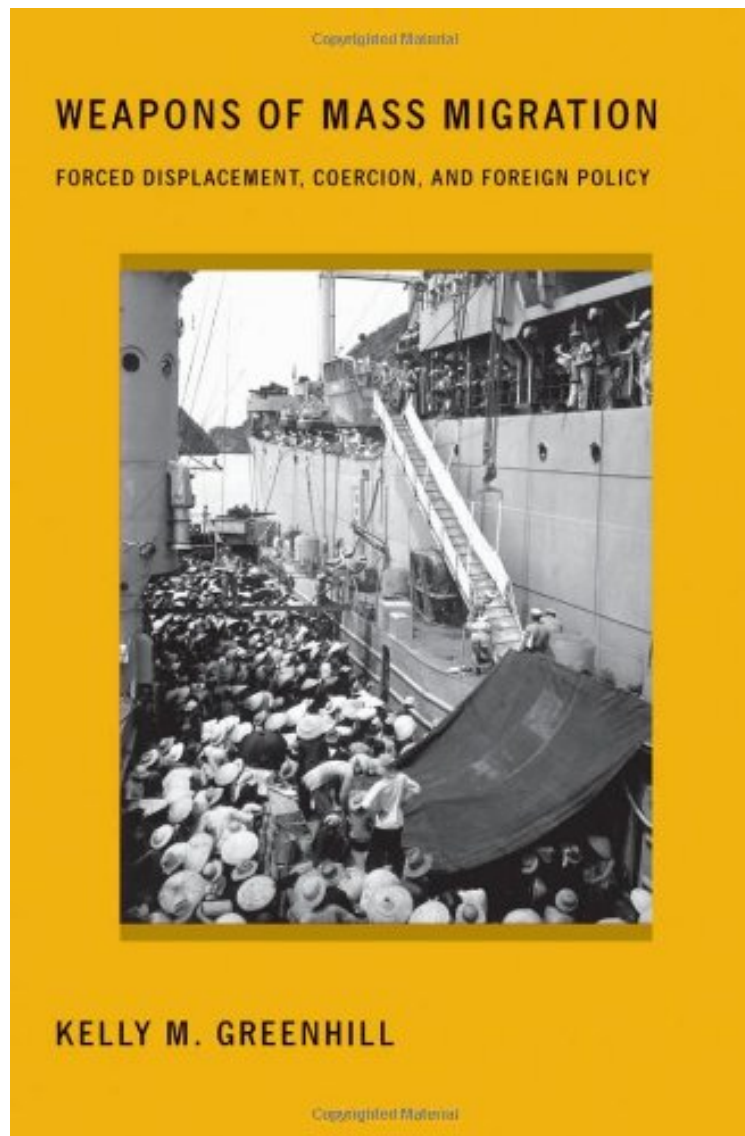


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An excellent book and very prescient. At this moment, as I am writing, this weapon of mass migration is being used against Europe in general, and Germany in particular. Germany is the main target. Who are the perpetrators? what powers were behind the destruction of Iraq, Afghanistan, and now Syria? we all know the answer. One intended---and not accidental--result of these wars was to generate a massive migrant refugee flow and use it to swamp Germany with migrants. The same goes for the destruction of Libya, with the result that first wave of African economic migrants are headed North. These are not, however, impoverished people, because they pay circa 8000 EUROS a head. OR---some interested party pays for them. What is the objective of this migration war? to destroy the economy and political stability of the new host country, and to sow the seeds of civil war. This is the objective of the Americans in particular: in this way they further cement their imperial control. And the worst is, they have many willing traitors, as well as useful idiots in Germany as elsewhere. Buy this book!  
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At first glance, the U.S. decision to escalate the war in Vietnam in the mid-1960s, China's position on North Korea's nuclear program in the late 1990s and early 2000s, and the EU resolution to lift what remained of the arms embargo against Libya in the mid-2000s would appear to share little in common. Yet each of these seemingly unconnected and far-reaching foreign policy decisions resulted at least in part from the exercise of a unique kind of coercion, one predicated on the intentional creation, manipulation, and exploitation of real or threatened mass population movements. In *Weapons of Mass Migration*, Kelly M. Greenhill offers the first systematic examination of this widely deployed but largely unrecognized instrument of state influence. She shows both how often this unorthodox brand of coercion has been attempted (more than fifty times in the last half century) and how successful it has been (well over half the time). She also tackles the questions of who employs this policy tool, to what ends, and how and why it ever works. Coercers aim to affect target states' behavior by exploiting the existence of competing political interests and groups, Greenhill argues, and by manipulating the costs or risks imposed on target state populations. This "coercion by punishment" strategy can be effected in two ways: the first relies on straightforward threats to overwhelm a target's capacity to accommodate a refugee or migrant influx; the second, on a kind of norms-enhanced political blackmail that exploits the existence of legal and normative commitments to those fleeing violence, persecution, or privation. The theory is further illustrated and tested in a variety of case studies from Europe, East Asia, and North America. To help potential targets better respond to and protect themselves against this kind of unconventional predation, *Weapons of Mass Migration* also offers practicable policy recommendations for scholars, government officials, and anyone concerned about the true victims of this kind of coercion: the displaced themselves.

"*Weapons of Mass Migration* simply altered the way I viewed the flow of peoples. Countries with lower standards of behavior can use the threat of forcing their people to leave, which would send a flow of unwanted migrants/refugees to democracies that would then have to deal with them. It is very much an asymmetric approach for weaker authoritarian regimes to mess with advanced democracies. Is this policy relevant? You betcha, as democracies such as the United States have to figure out how to react to these kinds of threats. It certainly pressured France and Italy in different ways when Qaddafi was threatening to send refugees to Europe."--Stephen M. Saideman, *Foreign Policy*