

I live in Portland and it is more than obvious that the recent changes in approach to drugs and homelessness and livability have totally failed. "Treatment" is a joke. "Housing First" is a joke. We need to admit that Portland is overrun by internally displaced people, refugees from the American system. We need refugee camps, triage centers, approaches like we had a hundred years ago, with work farms and other places that people could go, stay, work and have a life. Housing without jobs is a joke. Forcing people to be in tents on the sidewalk is destroying the livability of Portland.

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