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David Brooks says this morning, "this is the first invasion of America. This is the first time that a menace has crossed our borders, upended the daily lives of every American and rocked our ancient sense of safety. Welcome to life in the rest of the world."

He is so very wrong. There were people living in the Americas before Europeans arrived. Europeans brought diseases and firearms that decimated the people living here.

There were people living in the Americas before Europeans arrived. David Brooks owes them an apology of epic proportions.

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