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re·foule·ment  (rĭ-f l-măĭn)

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n.
The expulsion of refugees from a place where they can rightfully claim refugee status to a place where they may face persecution or other threats, such as the country or disaster area from which they originally fled.

[French, a forcing back, from *refouler*, to force back, from Old French *refoler* : *re-*, back (from Latin *re-*; see **re-** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#)) + *foler*, to full cloth, crush (from Vulgar Latin *follāre*, from Latin *fullō*, fuller; see **bhel-** ² [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#)).]

re·foule *v.*

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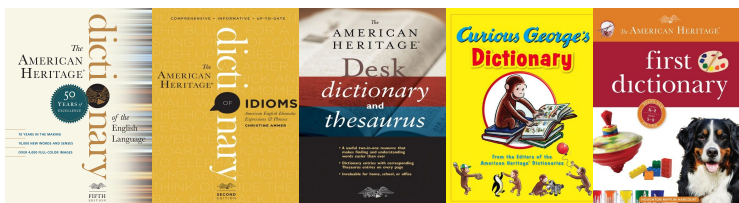
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