

it's bloody common sense saltwater is dangerous
people drown in water, that's common sense
neither Mr nor Mrs Kurdi knew you could drown in water?
they must have done well not to hear about all the people drowning drowning in the
Mediterranean
they took a 'shortcut' that went horribly wrong
the dad had a life jacket so obviously knew it was dangerous
he had a Facebook page which showed a comfortable, but not luxurious, life
he took a gamble and it failed
they were 'fleeing' Turkey, where there wasn't a war
that is not a reason for asylum, that is economic migration
another poor judgement on his parents' part
maybe they should apply for visas just like many other immigrants
were they planning on crossing the Atlantic?
seriously?
they would probably end up begging in the street
is the USA morally obliged to let me in?
darned autocorrect
Hubris and Karma come to mind
there's quite a lot of it
the danger is
people fleeing war
can't judge the decisions
moral preaching
the safety of your cosy home
the stupidity
sick of it

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