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**HOW THE BIDEN-HARRIS BORDER CRISIS IS
FUNDAMENTALLY TRANSFORMING THE UNITED STATES**

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purposeful invitation and release of migrants – including tens of thousands of criminals and terrorists – by radical progressive Biden-Harris-Mayorkas Democrats is destroying American sovereignty, endangering Americans and migrants alike, and radically transforming our country. To address a problem of this magnitude, Americans must first understand it and accept the need to take it on, no matter how difficult it may be.

This document lays out the breadth and depth of the continuing damage to our country – which has morphed from a strong nation built on the rule of law that welcomes immigrants in accordance with that law, to a lawless, dangerous, and unrecognizable collection of individuals without common bond. This document makes clear the need for immediate legislative reforms and executive action to save America.

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 - More recently, on August 19, 2024, an Inspector General report found that the Biden-Harris administration lost an additional 320,000 UACs, meaning these minors did not show up to their immigration court dates nor could ICE locate them.

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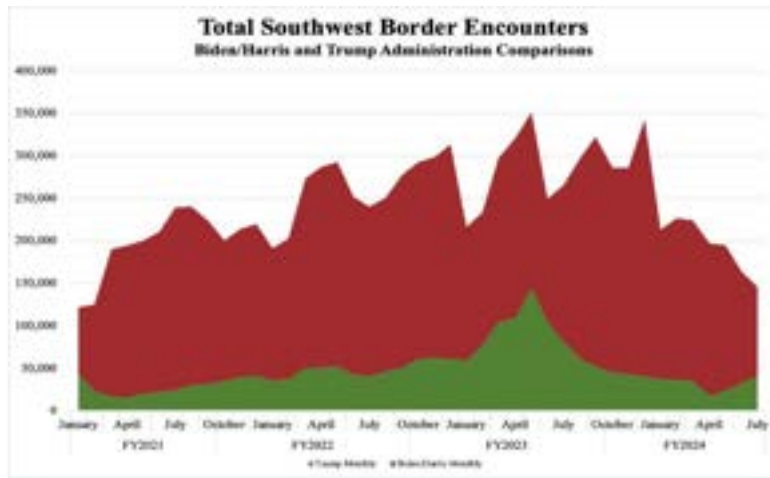
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THE SCOPE OF THE INVASION

Unprecedented Volume of Crossings and Releases

Since January 2021, over **8.5 million illegal aliens** have crossed the southern border, which is greater than the population of 37 U.S. states.^{1,2} In fact, under the Biden-Harris administration, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) encounters at the southern border are **nearly four times higher**, on average per month, than the levels we saw during the Trump administration.



(Sources: [DHS](#), [CBP](#))

The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) has **released more than 5.6 million illegal aliens** into the interior of the country, at least one million of whom were admitted through parole alone.³⁴ Impeached DHS Secretary Alejandro Mayorkas admitted in a January 2024 news interview that over 85% of illegal aliens encountered at the southern border are released into the interior.⁵ In addition, **at least 2 million “got-aways” have entered the country** – evading Border Patrol completely.⁶ Taken together, at least **7.5 million illegal aliens crossing the southern border have either been released purposefully into the U.S. or evaded capture** since President Joe Biden and Vice President Kamala Harris took office.

The administration can’t even keep track of the large swaths of encountered and released aliens. A September 6, 2023, report from the DHS OIG found between March 2021 and August 2022, at least 177,000, or 18%, of the 981,671 aliens released into the country could not be located whatsoever, as these individuals provided invalid or illegitimate addresses to border authorities.

The Numbers Make It Impossible for Border Patrol to do Its Job

The constant inundation of illicit border crossings and associated activity has strained Border Patrol. Many agents have been pulled from patrolling the border for criminal actors and instead have spent most of their time processing aliens and providing humanitarian services.

For example, the port of entry in Lukeville, Arizona shut down after its assigned CBP officers were redeployed from operating the port to assisting with alien processing, as the flow of unlawful border crossers had outnumbered line agents.⁷ Similarly, hundreds of border agents from the northern border and coastal sectors have been reassigned to the southern border.⁸

¹ <https://www.cbp.gov/newsroom/stats/southwest-land-border-encounters>.

² https://www.statsamerica.org/sip/rank_list.aspx?rank_label=pop1&ct=S18.

³ https://judiciary.house.gov/sites/evo-subsites/republicans-judiciary.house.gov/files/evo-media-document/08-12-2024%20The%20Consequences%20of%20the%20Biden-Harris%20Administration%20C3%A2__s%20Open-Borders%20Policies%20The%20Case%20of%20the%20Illegal%20Alien%20who%20Bruta.pdf.

⁴ <https://www.cbsnews.com/news/immigration-parole-biden-administration-1-million-migrants/>.

⁵ <https://www.foxnews.com/politics/mayorkas-tells-border-patrol-agents-illegal-immigrants-released-into-us-sources>.

⁶ https://www.thecentersquare.com/national/article_4b0ec66a-5caa-11ef-820f-dbf7c2f0e8822.html.

⁷ <https://apnews.com/article/arizona-border-crossing-closes-lukeville-772d0ec3688a3214ebdedb14015edcda>.

⁸ <https://www.foxnews.com/politics/border-patrol-deploying-hundred-agents-northern-border-coast-southern-border>.

In April 2022, the National Border Patrol Council (NBPC) sounded the alarm, saying agent morale was at an “all-time low” due to illegal crossings, requiring agents to work six days a week every other week.⁹ Border Patrol personnel have characterized the Biden-Harris administration’s catch-and-release policies as facilitating illegal immigration. **One agent said, “I feel like I’m a part of the smuggling organization.”**¹⁰ The NBPC also noted that the agency is receiving fewer applicants to join its ranks in recent years, as the profession has been under scrutiny by the current administration and Democrats in Congress.¹¹

One incident that served as a flashpoint for decreasing Border Patrol morale occurred on September 19, 2021. Del Rio sector agents on horseback attempted to prevent Haitian nationals from illegally crossing. The incident sparked controversy, as some erroneously accused the agents on horseback of “whipping” the Haitian migrants, when, in reality, the agents were using reins to control their horses.¹² Despite the photographer who took images of the incident saying no whipping occurred, Biden-Harris officials pounced and attributed racist motivations to the agents.^{13,14, 15}

Shortly after the incident, DHS Secretary Mayorkas himself said the images of the incident were “horrifying,” going as far to say, “We know that those images painfully conjured up the worst elements of our nation's ongoing battle against systemic racism...”¹⁶ This, despite the fact that an October 2022 report indicated that two hours before that press conference, Mayorkas was alerted by DHS public affairs officials that the “whipping” narrative was untrue.¹⁷ Moreover, the CBP Office of Professional Responsibility produced a report on May 12, 2023, indicating that no whipping occurred, exonerating the agents.¹⁸

To this day, Secretary Mayorkas has not apologized to the agents whom he accused of unbecoming conduct. Vice President Harris equated the agent’s actions to slavery in, saying, “[alleged whipping] used against African Americans during times of slavery.”¹⁹

In some painful cases, border agents have taken their lives because of the mounting stresses of the crisis. **In 2022, 14 Border Patrol agents committed suicide, nearly twice the number of those recorded in 2020, and three times that of 2014.**²⁰ A news investigation found that agents have witnessed horrific things such as rotting human remains, abuse of migrants, and children and infants dying. However, these tragic occurrences have become more commonplace under Biden-Harris policies.²¹

CONSEQUENCES OF THE BORDER INVASION

Dead, Injured, and Endangered Americans

Fentanyl

In 2023, fentanyl poisonings killed nearly **75,000 Americans** – an average of **over 200 deaths a day** – and the vast majority of this illicit fentanyl is made by Mexican drug cartels using Chinese chemicals and then brought across the southern border.^{22,23,24} Since the Biden-Harris administration took office, fentanyl has poured across the border in record numbers. In FY 2021, 11,200 pounds of fentanyl was seized – more than

⁹ <https://www.foxnews.com/politics/border-patrol-morale-migrant-numbers-surge-title-42-end-looms?msockid=35618716707d69be1acb95a2717f6854>.

¹⁰ <https://nypost.com/2023/10/10/border-patrol-sources-reveal-heavy-toll-on-agents/>.

¹¹ Ibid.

¹² <https://www.elpasotimes.com/story/news/immigration/2021/09/19/haitian-migrants-tough-choices-crackdown-del-rio-texas-border/8411152002/>.

¹³ <https://x.com/BillMelugin/status/1441061733037133825>.

¹⁴ <https://www.ksm.com/local/el-paso-news/photographer-behind-controversial-photos-speaks-exclusively-to-ksm/>.

¹⁵ <https://www.immigrationreform.com/2021/09/28/facts-missing-from-faux-horse-furor-immigrationreform-com/>.

¹⁶ <https://www.foxnews.com/politics/mayorkas-alerted-haitian-migrants-whipped-hours-wh-press-conference?msockid=35618716707d69be1acb95a2717f6854>.

¹⁷ <https://www.newsweek.com/mayorkas-threatened-impeachment-border-whipping-response-1751312>.

¹⁸ <https://www.cbp.gov/sites/default/files/assets/documents/2023-May/202112280-cbp-closing-report-redacted-usbp-opr-min.pdf>.

¹⁹ <https://www.latimes.com/politics/story/2021-09-24/kamala-harris-says-footage-of-border-patrol-on-horseback-evokes-images-of-american-slavery>.

²⁰ Ibid. <https://www.thefp.com/p/why-border-agents-contemplating-suicide>.

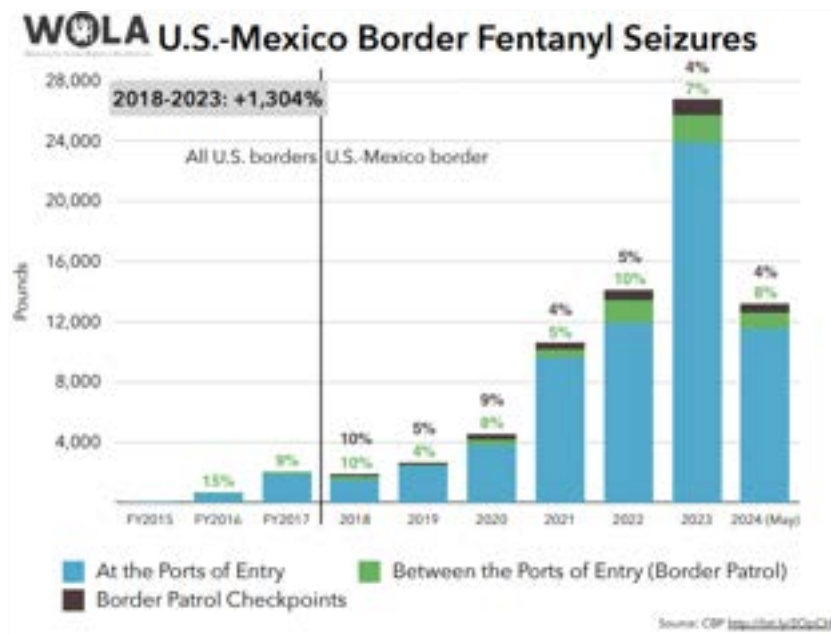
²¹ Ibid.

²² https://www.cdc.gov/nchs/pressroom/nchs_press_releases/2024/20240515.htm.

²³ <https://www.cnn.com/2023/05/18/health/drug-overdose-deaths-2022/index.html>.

²⁴ https://www.dea.gov/sites/default/files/2020-03/DEA_GOV_DIR-008-20%20Fentanyl%20Flow%20in%20the%20United%20States_0.pdf.

the three previous years combined. That skyrocketed to over 26,700 pounds in FY 2023 (a 138% increase), enough to kill every American 18 times over.^{25,26}



(Source: [WOLA](https://wola.org))

Some may point to the large seizures of fentanyl as evidence that the administration is interdicting shipments of the drug. But the fentanyl that is seized indicates a trend in volume, including the rising amount of fentanyl that is getting past overwhelmed border officials and into our communities. Just like the number of migrants that evade Border Patrol (i.e. “gotaways”) has massively increased in conjunction with skyrocketing border encounters, so too does fentanyl that slips past border patrol. In fact, the DEA’s 2024 National Drug Threat Assessment said, “Throughout 2023, fentanyl was seized at the border in equal or higher quantities as in previous years, and **no DEA field office reported that fentanyl is less available or more expensive, either of which would point to a decrease in supply.**”²⁷

Indeed, Americans in every corner of the country have passed away from the dangers of synthetic opioids or have struggled with addiction to the drug. On September 15, 2023, Nicholas Dominici, a 1-year-old child, died of a fatal overdose after being exposed to fentanyl at his nursery in the Bronx.²⁸ Three other children were admitted to a hospital after also being exposed. Police found one kilo of fentanyl underneath a mat where the children slept, which allegedly belonged to the nursery owner and her tenant. Otoniel Feliz, Nicholas’ father, said of losing his infant son, “I love him, I miss him I want him back. But there’s nothing that will give me back my son.”²⁹

Our unsecured border is exacerbating the nation’s opioid crisis, driving more Americans to an early grave. Countless individuals have been left without parents, children, loved ones because the U.S.-Mexico line has become a pipeline for these poisons to enter our neighborhoods.

Crime

Under the Biden-Harris crisis, there has been skyrocketing apprehensions of criminals, gang members, terrorists, and other bad actors who’ve capitalized on fewer line agents policing the border to infiltrate the interior – indicating a dangerous trend. In Fiscal Year 2021, Border Patrol agents encountered **10,763 aliens** with criminal convictions – a 341% surge from FY 2020.³⁰ In FY 2022, **12,028 criminal alien arrests** were

²⁵ Ibid. <https://roy.house.gov/sites/evo-subsites/roy.house.gov/files/evo-media-document/FINAL%20Roy%20Case%20for%20Impeaching%20Mayorkas%203.16.22.pdf>.

²⁶ <https://www.washingtonexaminer.com/restoring-america/fairness-justice/enough-fentanyl-stopped-at-border-in-past-year-to-kill-every-american-18-times>.

²⁷ <https://www.dea.gov/sites/default/files/2024-05/5.23.2024%20NDTA-updated.pdf>.

²⁸ <https://www.bbc.com/news/world-us-canada-66861588>.

²⁹ Ibid.

³⁰ <https://www.cbp.gov/newsroom/stats/cbp-enforcement-statistics>.

effectuated. In FY 2023, border agents apprehended 15,267 criminals. With two months left in FY 2024, 14,697 arrests of criminal aliens have been effectuated, nearly surpassing the arrests made the previous year. Similarly, gang member apprehensions have jumped during the same period.³¹

While Border Patrol has intercepted increasing numbers of criminals, DHS whistleblowers revealed on August 11, 2024, that **as many as 950,000 violent criminals have gone unidentified**. In some cases, CBP did not collect DNA for nearly 70% of illegal border crossers.³²

And as we've tragically seen, some of the individuals released into the interior have and will commit crimes against Americans, including heinous offenses like murder, sexual assault, and robbery. For example, **Biden-Harris mass parole policies led to the tragic death of 22-year-old nursing student Laken Riley**, who was murdered while jogging at the University of Georgia campus on February 22, 2024. The suspect, Jose Antonio Ibarra, a 26-year-old illegal alien from Venezuela was paroled and released into the country after crossing into Texas illegally in September 2022.³³ (Photo Source: [Laken Riley/Facebook](#))



Unfortunately, there are dozens of similar examples of illegal aliens released from the border who had criminal records or entered as a gotaway and went on to commit crime in the interior. Just a few examples are outlined in the news accounts below, which increase every single week:

- November 4, 2021: [Illegal immigrant who posed as minor while crossing border charged with murder in Florida](#);
- March 4, 2022, [The Biden Admin Released A Suspected Terrorist Into The United States After He Illegally Crossed The Border](#);
- May 24, 2022: [Report: Biden's DHS Released Illegal Alien on 'Terrorism Watch List' Into U.S.](#);
- October 16, 2022: [Illegal Aliens, Released Into U.S. By Biden's DHS, Linked to Robbery Gang In Sanctuary State New York](#);
- February 10, 2023: [Illegal Alien, Freed Into U.S. By Biden DHS, Now Wanted for Drug Trafficking in Brazil](#);
- May 16, 2023: [Illegal Alien, Charged with Raping Teen Girl, Released into U.S. by Biden's DHS](#);
- June 5, 2023: [Migrant arrested, charged with capital murder in death of another migrant](#);
- August 27, 2023: [Illegal Alien, Freed into U.S. by Biden's HHS, Denied Bail for Allegedly Raping and Murdering 11-Year-Old Girl](#);
- August 28, 2023: [Illegal Alien, Freed into U.S. from Southern Border, Charged with Killing 11-Year-Old Aiden Clark](#);
- September 20, 2023: [Peruvian illegal immigrant's alleged murder victim is US citizen, sheriff confirms](#);
- November 2, 2023: [ICE arrests African illegal immigrant, wanted in Senegal for terrorist offenses, who was released into US](#);
- November 6, 2023: [Virginia Sanctuary County Frees From Jail Illegal Alien Accused of Child Rape After Biden's DHS Freed Him into U.S.](#);
- November 7, 2023: [Illegal Migrant Released By Border Patrol Charged With Rape After Local Police Ignored ICE And Let Him Go](#);
- December 8, 2023: [ICE Nabs Fugitive Wanted For Assaulting Child Who Was Previously Released By Border Patrol](#);
- January 29, 2024: [Terrorist Caught Illegally Crossing The Border Was Allowed To Roam Free For Nearly A Year, Memo Says](#);
- February 7, 2024: [Illegal Alien Freed into U.S. by Biden's DHS Charged with Killing Young Mother, Toddler](#);
- February 7, 2024: [Illegal Alien Charged with Sexually Abusing Virginia Girl After Being Freed into U.S. by Biden's DHS](#);
- February 9, 2024: [Pakistani Illegal Immigrant On Terror Watchlist Given Free Day of Release In US](#);
- March 17, 2024: [Haitian immigrant charged with raping 15-year-old girl in migrant hotel: prosecutors](#);
- March 21, 2024: [Biden Administration Releases Colombian Drug Lord After Apprehension At Border](#);

³¹ Ibid.

³² https://x.com/C_Herridge/status/1822777671002026005.

³³ <https://www.washingtontimes.com/news/2024/apr/18/jose-ibarra-laken-riley-murder-suspect-released-ov/>.

- April 11, 2024: [Man on terror watchlist was released by Border Patrol](#);
- April 17, 2024: [Haitian migrant, now a double homicide suspect, was allowed into US by Biden admin via controversial app](#);
- April 17, 2024: [Suspect in death of Sen. Cortez Masto's adviser entered US illegally in 2021: DHS](#);
- April 18, 2024: [Sanctuary Massachusetts: Illegal Alien Accused of Raping Child After Being Freed into U.S.](#);
- April 19, 2024: [Biden's Border Honor System Frees Illegal Alien Convicted Killer Into U.S.](#);
- April 26, 2024: [Illegal Alien Accused of 'Extremely Gruesome' Murder of Young Mother, 4-Year-Old Daughter in FL](#);
- April 30, 2024: [Illegal Wanted for Murder Among Nearly 2M 'Got-Aways' at Biden's Border](#);
- May 6, 2024: [Illegal Alien Accused of Sexually Assaulting 11-Year-Old Girl After Being Freed into U.S. by Biden's DHS](#);
- May 13, 2024: [Catch and Release: Biden's DHS Freed Illegal Alien Convicted Killer into U.S.](#);
- March 18, 2024: [Undocumented man stabs two at laundromat in O'Fallon, MO](#);
- May 28, 2024: [Biden's Catch and Release: Criminal Illegal Alien, Freed Into U.S., Charged With Murdering West Virginia Woman](#);
- May 29, 2024: [Wisconsin: Illegal Alien Mother Accused of Letting Illegal Alien Man Rape Her Daughter](#);
- June 3, 2024: [Migrant accused of shooting two NYPD cops had immigration case dismissed within a year of illegally crossing into US](#);
- June 6, 2024: [Illegal Alien Charged With Raping Disabled Person Was Freed Into U.S. By Biden's DHS](#);
- June 17, 2024: [Illegal immigrant suspected in Rachel Morin's murder went on months-long terror-spree](#);
- June 20, 2024: [Prosecutors: Migrant Filmed Himself Raping Girl at Knifepoint in NYC Park](#);
- June 21, 2024: [Reports: Biden's DHS Freed Illegal Aliens Into U.S. Who Are Now Accused of Murdering Jocelyn Nungaray](#);
- June 21, 2024: [Illegal immigrant in Iowa pleads guilty to Sexually Assaulting 12-year-old girl](#);
- June 27, 2024: [Turkish migrant arrested for allegedly raping 15-year-old in his car in Albany](#);
- June 27, 2024: [Illegal migrant suffocated Syracuse woman, 21, he'd known since childhood on her birthday, buried her body in park: cops](#);
- July 24, 2024: [Illegal immigrant facing 18 years in prison for homicide captured in Maryland](#);
- July 24, 2024: [Salvadoran fugitive convicted of attempted aggravated femicide arrested in Maryland](#);
- July 28, 2024: [Illegal migrant shoots Texas police officer with rifle after domestic violence call, sources say](#);
- August 1, 2024: [Illegal Migrant Arrested for Ditching Baby in Dumpster Immediately After Giving Birth in Taco Truck](#);
- August 7, 2024: [Venezuelan migrant with suspected gang ties released into US before 'terrorizing' NYC – and has yet to be deported](#);
- August 12, 2024: [NYC migrants – including one charged in sex assault 4 months ago – raped woman at knifepoint, beat her boyfriend: sources](#);
- August 13, 2024: [Migrant charged with rape in third NYC sex crime bust of an asylum seeker in two weeks](#);
- August 14, 2024: [Machete-wielder at Capitol was illegal immigrant despite being a 'priority' for detention](#);
- August 15, 2024: [US officials nab Peruvian gang leader wanted for nearly 2 dozen killings in home country: 'Significant threat'](#);
- August 15, 2024: [Haitian illegal immigrant charged with raping pregnant woman at Massachusetts migrant motel](#);
- August 17, 2024: [Brazilian migrant accused of multiple Massachusetts sex crimes arrested: ICE](#);
- August 30, 2024: [The Case of the Illegal Alien Who Brutally Assaulted a New York Woman](#);
- September 3, 2024: [The Consequences of the Biden-Harris Administration's Open-Borders Policies: The Case of the Illegal Alien Who Brutally Assaulted a Teenage Louisiana Girl](#).

The border crisis has imported foreign criminals and gang members that cause lawlessness and disorder on our streets. One such example includes the prevalence of members of the notorious **Venezuelan prison gang Tren de Aragua (TdA)**, committing crimes in some of our major cities.³⁴ The lawless syndicate is known to engage in egregious acts from murder, rape, robbery, drug trafficking, crimes against children,

³⁴ <https://www.washingtonexaminer.com/news/crime/3041174/violent-venezuelan-gang-tren-de-aragua/>.

and more. Venezuela's refusal to share its criminal databases with the U.S., has made it impossible for CBP officials to fully check associates of Tren de Aragua who appear at border.³⁵

As of June 2024, law enforcement and immigration officials across the nation have launched over 100 investigations into the Venezuelan gang.³⁶ Laken Riley's accused assailant is a confirmed member of the South American gang.³⁷

Law enforcement agencies have struggled to deal with the increase of criminal aliens who have entered the country under Biden-Harris on their streets. On June 3, 2024, New York City Police Department (NYPD) officers Richard Yarusso and Christopher Abreu attempted to detain Bernard Castro Mata, a 19-year-old illegal alien and member of Tren de Aragua, who was riding a motorized scooter on the wrong side of the street.³⁸ Castro Mata fled from the officers and fired upon the officers, striking one in the stomach and the other in the leg. Thankfully, both officers recovered from their injuries. However, this incident did not have to happen. Castro Mato illegally crossed the border into Eagle Pass, Texas, in July 2023 where he was subsequently released into the interior. Worse yet, in May, an immigration judge in Chicago closed Castro Mata's case, allowing him to remain in the U.S.³⁹

More recently, on July 28, 2024, three San Antonio Police Department officers responded to a domestic violence call.⁴⁰ When officers arrived at the residence, they observed a female with physical injuries allegedly inflicted by her boyfriend.⁴¹ The suspect was found lying in bed with a rifle by his side – he opened fire on the responding officers, striking one of them multiple times. Thankfully, the wounded officer did not sustain fatal injuries and is expected to make a full recovery. The alleged shooter was Jorge Chacon-Gutierrez, a 25-year-old illegal alien from Venezuela, who is reported to have illegally crossed into Eagle Pass, Texas, in November 2023, where he was released with an immigration court date set for April 2026.⁴²



On January 27, 2024, a group of eight Venezuelan nationals, two of whom are confirmed members of Tren de Aragua, were recorded savagely assaulting an NYPD lieutenant and officer after the pair confronted the group for their suspected involvement in a shoplifting-turned-assault.⁴³ To add insult to injury, Manhattan District Attorney Alvin Bragg released them without bail, resulting in one of the charged attackers nonchalantly displaying his two middle fingers to reporters after he left the courthouse, seemingly not caring about his alleged involvement in striking peace officers.^{44,45} (Photo Source: [Steven Hirsch](#))

Even facilities intended for destitute Americans have become more susceptible to victimization and criminal activity due to foreign nationals taking occupancy at these locations. Arrests at New York City homeless shelters swelled by 100% between January and March of 2024, more than double the arrests made during the same period in 2023. The rise in arrests at homeless shelters has been attributed to the influx of illegal aliens residing at these locations, according to NYPD data.⁴⁶

Indeed, local police have experienced more calls for services involving foreign criminals since this crisis began. In Chicago, where the city has witnessed a surge of illegal aliens, the arrests of Venezuelan nationals

³⁵ Ibid.

³⁶ <https://www.nbcnews.com/politics/immigration/tren-de-aragua-venezuelan-gang-members-slip-into-us-rcna156290>.

³⁷ <https://nypost.com/2024/03/08/us-news/migrant-charged-with-murdering-laken-rileys-easy-path-to-us/>.

³⁸ <https://www.foxnews.com/us/illegal-immigrant-venezuela-shoots-2-nyc-police-officers-during-foot-chase-queens>.

³⁹ <https://nypost.com/2024/06/03/us-news/bernardo-castro-matas-immigration-case-closed-before-cop-shooting/>.

⁴⁰ <https://news4sanantonio.com/news/local/officer-involved-shooting-reported-on-san-antoniios-northside>.

⁴¹ Ibid.

⁴² <https://www.foxnews.com/us/illegal-migrant-shoots-texas-police-officer-rifle-after-domestic-violence-call-sources-say>.

⁴³ <https://www.newsweek.com/alvin-bragg-under-fire-releasing-migrant-suspects-who-attacked-cops-1866449>.

⁴⁴ <https://www.newsweek.com/alvin-bragg-under-fire-releasing-migrant-suspects-who-attacked-cops-1866449>.

⁴⁵ <https://www.policemag.com/patrol/news/15663277/arrested-migrants-released-without-bail-after-mob-assault-on-nypd-officers>.

⁴⁶ <https://www.msn.com/en-us/news/crime/arrests-at-nyc-homeless-shelters-double-in-2024-amid-migrant-influx-nypd-data/ar-BB1pVmJ?ocid=BingNewsVerp>.

have skyrocketed from 26 in 2022 to 686 in 2023 – a 2,538% increase.⁴⁷ From 2021 to 2023, arrests of Venezuelans soared by a whopping 11,333%. Offenses ranged from shootings to robberies to shoplifting.⁴⁸

One recent incident demonstrates how foreign gangs have infiltrated our communities to the point of raiding American residences. On August 28, 2024, video footage depicted alleged members of TdA taking over an entire apartment complex in Aurora, Colorado at gunpoint.⁴⁹ A brazen crime like this should concern every American.

Even in our legal immigration system, the Biden-Harris administration has expanded certain programs prone to exploitation by criminals. The Visa Waiver Program (VWP), which allows select countries' nationals to enter the U.S. for up to 90 days for tourism or business, has gone unchecked under Biden-Harris.

For example, Chile, a VWP recipient, refuses to provide the mandated criminal history of VWP applicants before they enter the U.S.⁵⁰ In a July 13, 2023, House Judiciary Committee hearing, Orange County Senior Deputy District Attorney Bradley Schoenleben testified about the magnitude of this abuse. According to Schoenleben, law enforcement agencies across the nation have sounded off on Chilean nationals' exploitation of the VWP, including Nassau County, New York; Flager County, Florida; Shelby County, Alabama; Williamson County, Tennessee; and Los Angeles, Riverside, San Bernardino and Ventura Counties in California.

On May 15, 2024, Oakland County, Michigan Sheriff Michael Bouchard spoke out on Chilean gangs burglarizing homes and stealing valuable property from local residents, he said, "They're very [Chilean nationals] focused on high-end jewelry, like watches, cash, high-end purses... things that are highly, valuable and disposable. And they go and they move on. They usually hit a number of homes in our area, and then they move on to another part of the country, and then another crew will come in. And it's been a cycle."⁵¹ Sheriff Bouchard urged the State Department to reevaluate Chile's participation in the VWP.

Secretary Mayorkas has even implemented policies that limit the arrest, deportation, and removal illegal aliens, including criminals, across the country.⁵² Mayorkas carried out Biden's directive of placing a 100-day moratorium on deportations and removals, including those convicted of egregious crimes.⁵³ On September 30, 2021, Mayorkas issued a memo directing ICE to narrow its focus of migrants who have criminal backgrounds for removal, meaning large categories of criminal aliens are not being arrested or removed under this directive.⁵⁴ On October 27, 2021, Mayorkas issued a memo severely limiting the areas where ICE could conduct enforcement – going as far as prohibiting immigration enforcement from being carried out at "parades" – in addition to preventing immigration enforcement from being carried out at worksites. On, April 3, 2022, DHS notified ICE prosecutors of new guidelines for litigating removal cases against aliens, even those with safety and security concerns, such as considering the alien's "ties to the community" and other arbitrary factors.⁵⁵

The result has been ICE expelling fewer criminal aliens from the country. In FY 2020, during COVID, ICE removed 118,949 aliens with criminal convictions or pending criminal charges.⁵⁶ ICE only removed 44,096 aliens with criminal convictions or pending criminal charges in FY 2022 – a 62% decrease from FY 2020.⁵⁷ In FY 2023, agents removed only 69,902 criminal migrants from the country.⁵⁸ In addition to limiting removals, thousands of criminal aliens with criminal convictions or pending charges have been released

⁴⁷ <https://cwbchicago.com/2023/11/chicago-arrests-of-venezuelan-origin-surges-2538-percent.html>.

⁴⁸ Ibid.

⁴⁹ https://x.com/collinrugg/status/1828919972166545595?s=67&t=3OH6ipwH_FLNg5GnklN46w.

⁵⁰ Ibid. <https://judiciary.house.gov/sites/evo-subsites/republicans-judiciary.house.gov/files/evo-media-document/schoenleben-testimony.pdf>.

⁵¹ <https://www.foxnews.com/media/michigan-county-plagued-burglary-tourism-foreign-crime-gangs-abuse-us-visa-waiver-program?msocid=35618716707d69be1acb95a2717f6854>.

⁵² <https://cis.org/Arthur/Chilling-Implication-Bidens-Enforcement-Policies>.

⁵³ https://www.dhs.gov/sites/default/files/publications/21_0120_enforcement-memo_signed.pdf#page=3.

⁵⁴ <https://www.ice.gov/doclib/news/guidelines-civilimmigrationlaw.pdf>.

⁵⁵ https://www.ice.gov/doclib/about/offices/opla/OPLA-immigration-enforcement_guidanceApr2022.pdf.

⁵⁶ <https://www.ice.gov/doclib/news/library/reports/annual-report/iceReportFY2020.pdf>.

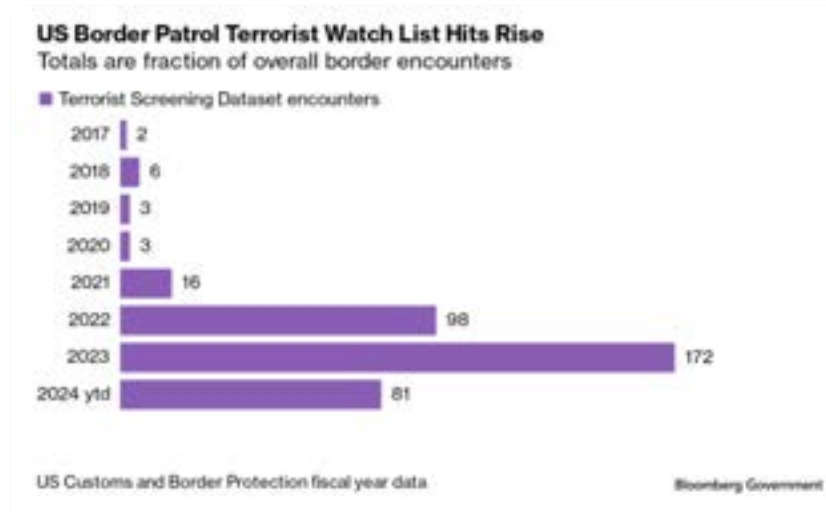
⁵⁷ <https://www.ice.gov/doclib/eoy/iceAnnualReportFY2022.pdf>.

⁵⁸ <https://www.ice.gov/doclib/eoy/iceAnnualReportFY2023.pdf>.

from ICE detention into American communities under Mayorkas' command.^{59,60} This flagrant disregard for public safety will continue to endanger law-abiding Americans by allowing deportable criminals back into the streets where they could commit new crimes.

Terrorists and Dangerous Foreign Nationals

Of particular concern, in FY 2023, a record-breaking **169 known or suspected terrorists (KSTs)** were arrested at the southern border.⁶¹ So far in FY 2024, which began on October 1, 2023, Border Patrol has encountered 90 KSTs. **Compare this to the fact that a total of 11 KST apprehensions were made in the four years between FY 2017 and FY 2020.**⁶² Remember, these are just the ones who were caught.



(Source: [Bloomberg](#))

On August 5, 2024, the House Judiciary Committee released a report that found at **least 99 illegal aliens on the terror watchlist were released into the country after being arrested by federal agents at the southern border between fiscal years 2021 and 2023.**⁶³ The Committee report also found that Border Patrol encountered aliens from the terrorist watchlist who originated from terror-prone countries such as Afghanistan, Iraq, Lebanon, Kyrgyzstan, Mauritania, Pakistan, Somalia, Syria, Tajikistan, Turkey, Uzbekistan, and Yemen.⁶⁴

Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) Director Chris Wray has warned of the elevated national security threat at the border. He said the following in a Senate hearing on June 4, 2024, **“So certainly, we have seen over the last 4 to 6 years an increase in the number of known or suspected terrorists, in other words, watch-listed subjects attempting to cross the border and that is of concern.”**⁶⁵

After Hamas carried out its barbaric terroristic attack against our friend and ally Israel on October 7, 2023, CBP issued a memo warning of Hamas Palestinian Islamic Jihad, and Hezbollah members potentially crossing the southern border.⁶⁶ Indeed, recently, three Palestinian migrants and one migrant from Turkey with terrorist ties were detained after illegally crossing our southern border.⁶⁷

On March 10, 2023, Afghan national Mohammad Karwin, a confirmed member of the terrorist group Hezb-e-Islami, illegally crossed the border into San Ysidro, California.⁶⁸ CBP's screening of Karwin could not confirm whether he was on the terrorist watchlist, which resulted in his release into the interior two days

⁵⁹ <https://www.breitbart.com/politics/2023/05/25/bidens-dhs-frees-2-3k-illegal-alien-convicted-criminals-into-u-s-in-five-months/>.

⁶⁰ <https://www.breitbart.com/politics/2023/01/30/biden-begins-new-year-freeing-550-illegal-alien-criminals-u-s/>.

⁶¹ Ibid.

⁶² Ibid.

⁶³ https://judiciary.house.gov/sites/evo-subsites/republicans-judiciary.house.gov/files/evo-media-document/FILE_6538.pdf.

⁶⁴ Ibid.

⁶⁵ <https://www.appropriations.senate.gov/hearings/a-review-of-the-presidents-fiscal-year-2025-budget-request-for-the-federal-bureau-of-investigation>.

⁶⁶ <https://dailycaller.com/2023/10/22/hamas-hezbollah-southern-border/>.

⁶⁷ <https://www.foxnews.com/us/palestinians-terror-ties-detained-after-illegally-crossing-southern-border-agents-overwhelmed>

⁶⁸ <https://www.nbcnews.com/news/investigations/man-terrorist-watchlist-was-dropped-program-monitors-migrants-rcna148205>.

later. Karwin was enrolled in an alternative to detention program, requiring him to check in with immigration authorities periodically. However, he was later removed from the program. In February 2023, ICE agents arrested Karwin after the FBI flagged that Karwin had terrorist ties. Bizarrely, when the Afghan national appeared before an immigration court, ICE prosecutors argued that he should be detained as he posed a flight risk but did not disclose his suspected terrorist ties with the judge presiding over the case, resulting in Karwin posting bond and being released. Two months later, federal agents arrested him in San Antonio.

Alarming, individuals and groups with known or suspected ties to terrorism have capitalized on our porous border by smuggling foreign nationals, some of whom originate from terror-prone countries, into the U.S. On August 30, 2023, news broke that the FBI was scrambling to find more than a dozen illegal aliens from Uzbekistan and other countries who were released into the interior of the country after being smuggled to the southern border by an individual with ties to ISIS in early 2023.⁶⁹

In a similar incident, ICE and FBI agents arrested eight Tajikistan nationals with ties to ISIS across New York City, Los Angeles, and Philadelphia, according to news sources on June 11, 2024.⁷⁰ All of the Tajiks illegally crossed the Southwest border and were released into the interior between 2023 and 2024.⁷¹ While no derogatory information was initially flagged during CBP's screening of these individuals, they were released into the country anyway despite hailing from a terror prone nation.

More recently, on June 26, 2024, DHS revealed that over 400 illegal aliens from Central Asia were brought to through the southern border by an ISIS-affiliated human smuggling network.⁷² More than 150 of the illegal aliens have been arrested, but **the whereabouts of over 50 aliens remain unknown.** This incident comes on the heels of ISIS and its offshoot ISIS-K conducting several recent terrorist attacks in Russia.⁷³

Illegal aliens have come close to carrying out potential attacks. On May 3, 2024, two men in a box truck attempted to enter Marine Corps Base Quantico, posing as employees subcontracted by Amazon to deliver a package.⁷⁴ When the two individuals did not provide approved access credentials, military police directed the occupants to a secondary security inspection where the driver ignored instructions and accelerated past the officer in a reckless attempt to enter the military facility.⁷⁵ After military authorities stopped the vehicle, the two occupants were detained and turned over to ICE. A May 23, 2024, report revealed that one of the Jordanian nationals illegally crossed the southern border in April 2024 and was released into the interior, while the other national overstayed a student visa.⁷⁶

Even nationals from our greatest geopolitical foe – China – are coming to the U.S. in record numbers. In FY 2024 so far, **a whopping 35,399 Chinese nationals have crossed the southern border, surpassing the combined totals of the past three fiscal years combined.**⁷⁷ From FY 2020 to FY 2023, we saw a 1,800% increase in Chinese illegal alien apprehensions at the southern border.⁷⁸ Alarming, in April 2023, CBP instructed its agents to reduce its interview vetting questions of Chinese nationals from 40 to just five to decrease processing times, which weakens our national security by watering down vital screening questions, and makes it easier to be released into the U.S.⁷⁹

Many of these aliens will end up staying indefinitely, as China is historically uncooperative and recalcitrant in working with the U.S. to take back their citizens.⁸⁰ Every American should be alarmed by this

⁶⁹ <https://www.cnn.com/2023/08/29/politics/migrants-us-southern-border-smuggler-isis-ties>

⁷⁰ <https://www.foxnews.com/us/authorities-nab-8-suspected-terrorists-ties-isis-multi-city-sting-operation>.

⁷¹ <https://www.cbsnews.com/news/more-information-emerges-about-8-tajikistani-men-arrested-for-suspected-isis-ties/>.

⁷² https://nypost.com/2024/06/26/us-news/dhs-identifies-400-migrants-smuggled-into-us-by-isis-affiliated-network/?utm_campaign=nypost&utm_medium=social&utm_source=twitter.

⁷³ <https://abcnews.go.com/International/9-killed-southern-russia-attacks-synagogue-church/story?id=111351704>.

⁷⁴ <https://www.potomaclocal.com/2024/05/10/exclusive-drivers-attempt-at-breaching-quantico-gate-echoes-deadly-incidents-at-white-house-u-s-military-bases/>.

⁷⁵ <https://nypost.com/2024/05/13/opinion/a-jordanian-who-crossed-border-illegally-tried-to-force-his-way-onto-a-us-marine-base/>.

⁷⁶ <https://x.com/GriffJenkins/status/1793623059259085095>.

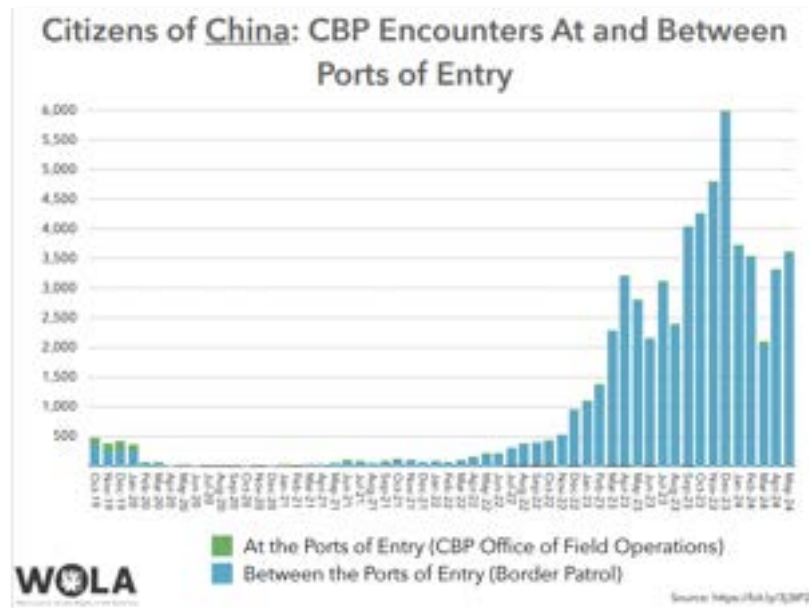
⁷⁷ <https://www.cbp.gov/newsroom/stats/nationwide-encounters>.

⁷⁸ https://americafirstpolicy.com/assets/uploads/files/Fact_Sheet_-_Breaking_Down_the_Surge_of_Chinese_Nationals_Illegally_Coming_to_the_U.S._.pdf.

⁷⁹ <https://dailycaller.com/2024/01/02/biden-admin-cbp-chinese-illegal-migrants/>.

⁸⁰ <https://www.foxnews.com/politics/biden-under-pressure-after-countries-refuse-take-back-illegal-immigrants>

development, as one of our largest foreign adversaries could be sending agents to our border in hopes of infiltrating our communities to commit espionage, trade theft, or military operations.



(Source: [WOLA](https://www.wola.com))

Unfortunately, we can expect more potential terrorists and dangerous foreign nationals enter the U.S., as DHS OIG published a damning report revealing that the administration admitted more than **7 million foreign nationals into the country without properly screening them**, including failing to conduct interviews or take fingerprints.⁸¹ In 2020, DHS and the Department of State relaxed vetting procedures to admit guestworkers from Latin America to address staffing limitations and visa backlogs during the COVID-19 pandemic, but the Biden-Harris administration expanded this temporary policy. In other words, instead of terminating a policy that poses a threat to our nation's security, DHS and DOS under Biden-Harris opted to allow millions of unvetted aliens into the country.

The flow of illegal entrants has inhibited CBP's ability to conduct DNA tests on aliens 14 years old and older at the border to determine their identities. On December 29, 2023, a report surfaced that the FBI had a 15-month backlog on DNA testing kits for aliens and that the testing program was running out of funds, which has caused a delay in determining if these foreign nationals have criminal backgrounds or other derogatory information.⁸² In other words, border officials are releasing detainees into the interior before the FBI can complete its DNA testing of said alien and can affirmatively determine their identity and screen their background for security threats.

Other potential terrorists are abusing the legal immigration system. Malik Faisal Akram, the 44-year-old British terrorist who took four hostages at gunpoint at a synagogue in Colleyville, Texas, in January 2022, is believed to have entered the U.S. through the VWP mentioned above.⁸³ Akram had an extensive criminal record and other concerning information, including assaulting a family member, destruction of private property, robbery, and was reportedly a member of Tablighi Jamaat— an Islamic organization banned in several countries and known for its ties to terrorism.^{84,85}

One can only imagine the number of individuals who have entered our country through our legal immigration system to fulfill nefarious acts in our communities. Remember, it took only 19 people to execute the September 11, 2001, terrorist attacks, all of whom entered through our legal immigration

⁸¹ <https://www.oig.dhs.gov/sites/default/files/assets/2024-06/OIG-24-33-Jun24-mgmtalert-Redacted.pdf>.

⁸² <https://dailycaller.com/2023/12/29/exclusive-fbi-massive-15-month-backlog-dna-testing-migrants-uneared-emails-show/>.

⁸³ <https://www.washingtonexaminer.com/news/2883056/texas-synagogue-terrorist-likely-didnt-require-visa-to-enter-us-avoiding-vetting/>.

⁸⁴ <https://www.breitbart.com/politics/2021/08/06/biden-seeks-to-expand-visa-waivers-despite-warnings-from-9-11-commission/>.

⁸⁵ <https://www.hawley.senate.gov/wp-content/uploads/files/2022-11/2022-01-18-Senator-Hawley-Letter-to-DOS-DHS.pdf>.

apparatus.⁸⁶ FBI Director Wray warned of nefarious individuals posing a threat to our homeland, he said the following during a Senate panel in March 2024, "We are seeing a wide array of very dangerous threats that emanate from the border,"⁸⁷

Empowerment of Cartels

For decades, Mexican drug cartels have operated along our southern border, routinely smuggling humans, illicit drugs, weapons, and other contraband, all at the cost of the American people. While U.S. law enforcement and border security efforts help stem the tide of lawless activity from these groups, the Biden-Harris-Mayorkas administration ceded remaining control of the Southwest border to these lawless groups thanks to its anti-border policies.

Under the current administration, cartels have been empowered to create more havoc and misery to Americans and migrants, knowing they will face little to no consequences for their actions. A July 2021 news investigation illustrated how Mexican criminal syndicates have seized upon the border crisis and have played a larger role in smuggling foreign nationals.⁸⁸

Former Texas DPS Captain Jaeson Jones said of the cartels' lucrative human smuggling operations under Biden, "But I can without any doubt tell you that the profits they are making today are like nothing we have seen prior. This is a major revenue stream."⁸⁹ Migrants are treated like a commodity, according to Jones. The former law enforcement officer detailed how the cartels have streamlined the human smuggling process, such as placing wristbands to denote which cartel or type of smuggling group said migrants belong to. As of 2022, under the Biden-Harris administration, **the cartels profit over \$13 billion a year in human smuggling, subjecting migrants to all forms of abuse.**

One human smuggling case in particular shed light on the brutal methods employed by cartel smugglers. In 2023, law enforcement discovered a human smuggling operation run by three aliens in Fort Worth after a migrant father living in Baltimore claimed to have paid \$1,000 to the smugglers to transport his wife and daughter from across the border to a stash house. **However, the man was told by the smugglers that he had to pay an additional \$23,000 before his family could be released from the stash house or "they would do things to his daughter he [would] not like."**⁹⁰ Thankfully, the authorities located the stash house, arrested the smugglers, and rescued the man's wife and daughter.

On May 30, 2023, U.S. District Judge for the Northern District Texas Reed O'Connor issued an opinion in the case above, which, in part, argued the criminal penalties for human smuggling are not adequate for the bad actors engaging in the unlawful conduct, which exploits migrants and their families.

A drug policy expert said of the situation, "Criminal organizations control the border. And that becomes a lucrative moneymaker, revenue generator for these cartels."⁹¹ The record-breaking fentanyl seizures at the southern border serve as a grave example of the more drugs being trafficked into the U.S. While the fentanyl (and other harmful narcotics) was seized before they were consumed, it is likely more slipped past the border without being detected or interdicted, leading to further drug abuse by Americans across our communities. As previously noted, **Mexican drug cartels have partnered with Chinese criminal syndicates to move toxic drugs across the border**, making drug enforcement efforts more difficult by involving more bad actors.⁹²

On December 6, 2023, video footage captured a group of aliens breaching the southern border through an opening. After the group crosses into the U.S., their masked smuggler looks directly at the camera and

⁸⁶ <https://longislandwins.com/resources/immigration-101/how-the-911-highjackers-got-into-the-us/>.

⁸⁷ <https://abcnews.go.com/Politics/fbi-director-warns-dangerous-individuals-coming-southern-border/story?id=108024830>.

⁸⁸ <https://www.courier-journal.com/story/news/investigations/2021/07/01/mexican-cartels-fuel-immigration-crisis-at-us-border/5290082001/>.

⁸⁹ Ibid.

⁹⁰ <https://texasscorecard.com/metroplex/us-congressman-condemns-fellow-republicans-for-failing-to-secure-the-border/>.

⁹¹ Ibid.

⁹² <https://www.foxnews.com/world/chinese-cartels-mexico-us-drug-crisis>.

waves and salutes the videographer before leaving the area.⁹³ Such bold conduct from cartel operatives is emblematic that these bad actors operate without impunity and do not fear the U.S.

One deadly incident involving U.S. citizens further demonstrates that cartels are quick to harm anyone perceived a threat to their territory or profits. In March 2023, a group of four friends from Florence, South Carolina drove into Mexico to seek medical treatment for a friend in the group.⁹⁴ When the group entered Matamoros, Mexico, they were ambushed and kidnapped at gunpoint by Gulf Cartel members and taken to an offsite location where they were subjected to torture, resulting in two of them being killed by these outlaws. The remaining two were left alive after being subjected to physical brutality.

The Gulf Cartel “apologized” for the deadly incident, as it claims it was a case of mistaken identity, thinking that the four Americans were rival drug traffickers. This senseless attack of four U.S. citizens in broad daylight exemplifies how the Mexican drug cartels have run roughshod over the U.S.-Mexico border without worry about who they target.

Other brazen examples include an August 8, 2024, news story of alleged cartel drones strapped with explosives flying south of Arizona’s border with Mexico.⁹⁵ The drones reportedly belong to the Sinaloa Cartel that is using the devices against a rival cartel. Border Patrol intelligence flagged that these explosive drones were close to the U.S., where they could harm residents north of the border. Similarly, in November 2023, reporters documented a series of explosive devices found along the southern border, presumably left by cartel members.⁹⁶ These incidents could easily be mistaken by terrorist groups based in the Middle East if not attributed to the cartels.⁹⁷

Make no mistake, the cartels have control of both sides of the border. The Biden-Harris-Mayorkas administration has merely made the U.S. a complicit cog in a criminal enterprise machine, leading to suffering and death on both sides of the border.

States and Taxpayers Paying the Price

Direct Security Cost for Texas and the Southern Border States

Texas has borne the brunt of the border crisis. To be sure, California, New Mexico, and Arizona are all disproportionately impacted by the crisis as well. But this section will focus on Texas’s experience to illustrate the broader impact on border communities.

Examples of the Impact

In February 2021, the first full month into President Biden’s term, Democratic Del Rio Mayor Bruno Lozano posted a video calling on the president to stop releasing illegal aliens into his city and neighboring areas.⁹⁸ He said, “I am pleading and requesting with you to please put a halt to any measures regarding the release of immigrants awaiting court dates into the City of Del Rio and surrounding areas. We do not have the resources available to house and accommodate these migrants within our community.”

At one point, up to 5,000 illegal aliens a day were crossing at Eagle Pass, many of whom needed (and still do) medical attention after crossing the Rio Grande River, with pregnant women in distress, heat exhaustion, hypothermia, and migrants needing medical assistance for various minor injuries.⁹⁹ The migrant casualties have become so common that the Eagle Pass Fire Department (EPFD) has assigned one out of its five, full-time ambulances to transport injured migrants from the Rio Grande’s edge to the hospital, stretching the city’s resources.¹⁰⁰

⁹³ <https://www.foxnews.com/media/smuggler-salutes-camera-leads-migrants-broken-section-border-wall?msocid=35618716707d69be1acb95a2717f6854>.

⁹⁴ <https://www.nbcnews.com/news/us-news/gulf-cartel-apologizes-americans-are-kidnapped-killed-mexico-rcna74242>.

⁹⁵ <https://nypost.com/2024/08/08/us-news/hundreds-of-suspected-cartel-drones-some-with-explosives-are-flying-near-the-southern-border/>.

⁹⁶ <https://www.bing.com/search?q=explosive+device+found+at+the++southern+border&qsn&form=QBRE&sp=-1&lq=0&pq=explosive+device+found+at+the++southern+border&sc=0-46&sk=&cvid=173A0D7C0DB24CBEA41EB7403448A7E4&ghsh=0&ghacc=0&ghpl=->

⁹⁷ <https://www.msn.com/en-us/news/us/multiple-ieds-discovered-at-the-us-mexican-border-after-threat-levels-heightened/ar-AA11zjZN>.

⁹⁸ <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VPUbt42YsAI>.

⁹⁹ <https://www.nytimes.com/2024/01/04/us/border-eagle-pass-ambulance-workers.html>.

¹⁰⁰ Ibid.

Since September 2023, the Eagle Pass Fire Department has received about 45 EMS calls a day – 30 of them, or 60%, are migrant-related. The EPFD is spending a whopping \$21,000 a day – more than \$2.2 million since mid-September 2023 – as it deals with providing medical services to illegal aliens.¹⁰¹ Remember, these calls for services absorb medicine and equipment intended for local residents, costing taxpayers.

Kinney County, located on the Texas-Mexico border, faces recurring mayhem. The number of criminal charges filed in the South Texas county has swelled since the beginning of the border crisis. Between January 2021 and present, more than 15,000 criminal charges have been reported in Kinney County.¹⁰² For context, this is a county with a population of 3,200.

From 2020 to 2021, there was a **1,920%** increase in criminal charges reported in Kinney County. During a recent House Budget Committee hearing, Kinney County Attorney Brent Smith attributed the rise in criminal charges to the increase in illegal immigration and cartel activity the border crisis has spawned. These offenses consist of criminal trespass, evading arrest on foot, criminal mischief, human smuggling, and human trafficking.¹⁰³

Below is a breakdown of criminal charges reported in Kinney County compared to previous years¹⁰⁴:

- 2019: **254**
- 2020: **134**
- 2021: **2,708** (Biden takes office in January 2021)
- 2022: **6,800**
- 2023: **5,826**

Mr. Smith also pointed to the county's criminal justice system, which operates on a \$6 million-dollar annual budget, being overburdened with border-related crime, costing taxpayers an additional \$10.5 million.¹⁰⁵ Additionally, **the school administration in the county has been forced to install military style vehicle barricades on campus grounds due to the threat posed by high-speed car chases with cartel smugglers.** On one occasion, smuggled occupants bailed out of their vehicle where they proceeded to breach these barriers and attempt to enter the school while it was in lockdown.

Ranchers and property owners near the border have also felt negative impacts on their livelihoods and residences, too. According to the South Texans' Property Rights Association, which represents 500 South Texas ranchers, incidents of illegal aliens trespassing on their properties has been a longstanding problem, it has gotten significantly worse under the Biden-Harris administration.¹⁰⁶

As of March 2024, **60 Texas counties have invoked disaster declarations over the border crisis**, they include: Atascosa, Bee, Brewster, Brooks, Caldwell, Cameron, Chambers, Colorado, Crane, Crockett, Culberson, DeWitt, Dimmit, Duval, Edwards, El Paso, Frio, Galveston, Goliad, Gonzales, Hidalgo, Hudspeth, Jackson, Jeff Davis, Jim Hogg, Jim Wells, Kenedy, Kerr, Kimble, Kinney, Kleberg, La Salle, Lavaca, Live Oak, Mason, Maverick, McCulloch, McMullen, Medina, Menard, Midland, Pecos, Presidio, Real, Refugio, San Patricio, Shackelford, Schleicher, Sutton, Terrell, Throckmorton, Uvalde, Val Verde, Victoria, Webb, Wharton, Wilbarger, Wilson, Zapata, and Zavala.¹⁰⁷

Similarly, as of March 2024, **55 Texas counties have passed resolutions declaring an invasion due to the border crisis**: Atascosa, Bandera, Burnet, Chambers, Clay, Collin, Crockett, Ector, Edwards, Ellis, Fannin, Franklin, Frio, Goliad, Hamilton, Hardin, Harrison, Hood, Hunt, Jack, Jasper, Johnson, Karnes, Kinney, La Salle, Lavaca, Leon, Liberty, Live Oak, Madison, McMullen, Medina, Montague, Navarro,

¹⁰¹ Ibid.

¹⁰² https://budget.house.gov/imo/media/doc/brent_smith_testimony.pdf.

¹⁰³ <https://x.com/RepChipRoy/status/1788252354288009229>.

¹⁰⁴ Ibid.

¹⁰⁵ Ibid. https://budget.house.gov/imo/media/doc/brent_smith_testimony.pdf.

¹⁰⁶ <https://www.washingtonexaminer.com/news/2450441/texas-ranchers-are-paying-the-price-for-bidens-border-crisis/>.

¹⁰⁷ https://www.thecentersquare.com/texas/article_68777434-abfe-11ee-9d82-3baf3f32b2cb.html

Orange, Parker, Presidio, Shackelford, Schleicher, Somervell, Terrell, Throckmorton, Tyler, Uvalde, Van Zandt, Waller, Wharton, Wichita, Wilson, and Wise.¹⁰⁸

Operation Lone Star and Other Efforts

In response to the administration's dereliction of duty in securing the border, Gov. Abbott and DPS launched Operation Lone Star (OLS) on March 6, 2021, a statewide initiative designed to fill the void left by the federal government.¹⁰⁹ OLS has mobilized DPS, the Texas National Guard, and deployed air, ground, marine assets to block unauthorized entries and detect and interdict human smugglers and narcotics traffickers.¹¹⁰ The state operation has recruited the assistance of National Guard units of other states and law enforcement agencies to fill the gaps by a overwhelmed Border Patrol.

To date, OLS and related measures **have cost Texas taxpayers \$13 billion since March 2021.**¹¹¹ The state has not been reimbursed by the federal government while the border remains wide open.

From March 2021 to June 2024, OLS has apprehended 513,700 aliens who unlawfully crossed into Texas.¹¹² Officials have effectuated more than 44,000 criminal arrests, with more than 38,600 felony charges reported.¹¹³ Additionally, Texas law enforcement has seized over 489 million lethal doses of fentanyl, enough to kill every man, woman, and child in the U.S. and Mexico.¹¹⁴ Moreover, thousands of weapons have been confiscated over the course of Texas' border enforcement efforts.¹¹⁵ Importantly, this is due to state resources. If Texas simply sat idly by, where would these narcotics, weapons, and criminals be?

In addition to the law enforcement operations of OLS, the state of Texas has pursued other innovative plans to secure its border. After the administration halted border wall construction on its first day in office, it made Texas and neighboring states further vulnerable to illegal crossings and transnational crime. On December 18, 2021, Gov. Abbott announced the construction of a Texas border barrier, starting in Rio Grande City.¹¹⁶ As of February 2024, the Lone Star State had erected 160 miles of barriers that contain razor wire fencing, anti-climb barriers, and other security measures along its border.¹¹⁷

In response to the surge of Haitian nationals attempting to unlawfully cross into the Del Rio sector in September 2021, Texas launched Operation Steel Curtain, which garrisoned dozens of steel shipping containers containing concertina wire and armored vehicles along the riverbanks of the Rio Grande River in Eagle Pass to prevent illicit crossings.

In a move to boost OLS's border security mission and pushback against Mexican cartels, DPS and the Texas National Guard mounted a successful campaign in October 2023 to reclaim Fronton Island, a 170-acre piece of land located in the Rio Grande between Starr County and Mexico.¹¹⁸ **Prior to its recapture, Fronton Island was considered one of the most dangerous areas of the Rio Grande Valley for decades, a hub for illicit cartel activity, including alien smuggling, drug trafficking, weapons distribution and more.**¹¹⁹ Fronton residents routinely expressed fear of the trans-national criminal syndicates that operated in the area, as outlaws would shoot at them and American law enforcement as a form of intimidation.¹²⁰

In July 2023, to further heighten its security apparatus, DPS deployed floating marine buoys along the Rio Grande River to deter and prevent water crossings, which puts migrants at risk of drowning.¹²¹ Almost immediately, the Biden-Harris administration began fighting Texas' reasonable border security effort, and

¹⁰⁸ https://www.thecentersquare.com/texas/article_65bcb7d8-dd93-11ee-8785-2f49fbef63fd.html.

¹⁰⁹ <https://gov.texas.gov/news/post/governor-abbott-dps-launch-operation-lone-star-to-address-crisis-at-southern-border>.

¹¹⁰ <https://www.fairus.org/blog/2021/03/14/operation-lone-star-moves-tackle-growing-crisis-southern-border>.

¹¹¹ <https://spectrumlocalnews.com/tx/south-texas-el-paso/politics/2023/10/30/senate-finance-committee-border>.

¹¹² <https://gov.texas.gov/news/post/operation-lone-star-decreases-illegal-crossings-into-texas-by-74>.

¹¹³ *Ibid.*

¹¹⁴ *Ibid.*

¹¹⁵ <https://www.kvue.com/article/news/local/texas/operation-lone-star-texas-fentanyl-seizures/269-9329246c-7cee-4501-b640-438fb05915b4>.

¹¹⁶ <https://gov.texas.gov/news/post/governor-abbott-debuts-texas-border-wall-in-rio-grande-city>.

¹¹⁷ <https://nypost.com/2024/02/09/news/texas-on-track-to-build-more-border-wall-in-state-than-trump-gov-abbotts-says/>.

¹¹⁸ <https://tmd.texas.gov/texas-national-guard-secures-dangerous-island>.

¹¹⁹ *Ibid.*

¹²⁰ <https://cis.org/Bensman/Texas-Seizes-Large-Sanctuary-Island-Campaign-Against-Cartels>.

¹²¹ <https://gov.texas.gov/news/post/operation-lone-star-boosts-border-response-with-new-marine-barriers>.

the DOJ filed a civil complaint against the state of Texas for placing the aquatic barrier, claiming that the measure was obstructing navigable waterways, violating federal law.¹²²

Yet, this is not the only instance the Biden-Harris administration has intervened to stop Texas from restoring a semblance of security at the border. In December 2023, Governor Abbott signed Texas Senate Bill 4 (SB 4) into law, authorizing state and local authorities to arrest foreign nationals who illegally enter Texas via the border and providing the ability to deport aliens to back to Mexico.¹²³ Without fail, the Biden-Harris administration filed legal action to stop the state from carrying out immigration enforcement, erroneously citing the federal government as the sole entity that can enforce immigration law.¹²⁴ As of this writing, SB4 remains blocked and on hold by court order as the appeals process continues.

An oft overlooked consequence of the Biden-Harris administration's refusal to secure the border is the impact on the Texas public servants that are attempting to fill the void.

On April 25, 2022, the body of Specialist Bishop E. Evans, a 22-year-old Texas National Guard soldier from Arlington, Texas, was found along the banks of the Rio Grande in Eagle Pass.¹²⁵ A week earlier, Specialist Evans, who was assigned to OLS, entered the Rio Grande to save two migrants who were drowning as they were crossing into the U.S. The two migrants were saved, but Specialist Evans did not return to shore, tragically perishing in the unforgiving waters of the Rio Grande. Texas and the nation lost an American hero because this administration refuses to rescind policies incentivizing dangerous conduct along our border. (Photo Source: [Evans Family](#))



More recently, on March 8, 2024, while conducting airborne border patrol operations near Rio Grande City, Texas, a helicopter lost control resulting in it crashing, killing most of its occupants.¹²⁶ Border Patrol Agent Chris Luna, New York National Guard Chief Warrant Officer 2 Casey Frankoski, and New York National Guard Chief Warrant Officer 2 John M. Grassia III were killed in the crash. The remaining occupant, another New York National Guard servicemember, was hospitalized for injuries.¹²⁷

Texas and the southern border states are not the only communities impacted. This crisis is felt throughout the nation and will be examined in the sections below.

Taxpayer-Funded Illegal Alien Lodging, Healthcare, and Education

The mass influx of illegal aliens into communities throughout the country is straining taxpayer-funded services across the board. In sum, the availability of these programs not only impact local budgets and limits access to public services, but it also encourages more people to illegally cross into the U.S.

A prime example of how communities throughout the country are impacted by the Biden-Harris border crisis is Springfield, Ohio – a city of 58,000 that has seen an influx of 15,000-20,000 Haitian nationals over the last few years.¹²⁸ Springfield City Manager Bryan Heck summarized the impact the Biden-Harris border crisis is imposing on communities even hundreds of miles from the border, **“It’s taxing our infrastructure. It’s taxing public safety. It’s taxing our schools. It’s taxing healthcare... It’s taxing our housing.”**

It’s not just small communities like Springfield. In a September 2023 town hall, NYC Mayor Eric Adams, despite being a proponent of sanctuary city policies, said of the migrant crisis, **“This issue will destroy New York City.”** He continued, saying, “Every community in this city is going to be impacted. We have a

¹²² <https://www.justice.gov/opa/pr/justice-department-files-complaint-against-state-texas-illegally-placing-floating-buoy>.

¹²³ <https://www.usatoday.com/story/news/nation/2023/12/18/texas-immigration-law-sb-4/71816160007/>.

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¹²⁵ https://www.bing.com/search?q=bidne+doj+files+injunction+on+sb+4&cvid=4cfc8b12c9be4547ac8cfcffab6dbaf1&gs_lcrp=EgZjaHJvbWUyBggAEEUYOTIGCAEQABhAMgYIAhAAGEAyBggDEAAAYQDIGCAQQABhAMgYIBRAAGEAyBggGEAAAYQDIGCAcQABhAMgYICBAAGEAyCAgJEOKHGPxV0gEJMTMwNTZqMG00qAIAA&FORM=ANAB01&PC=U531.

¹²⁶ <https://www.cnn.com/2022/04/25/us/bishop-evans-texas-national-guard-member-identified/index.html>.

¹²⁷ <https://www.cbp.gov/newsroom/announcements/statement-senior-official-performing-duties-commissioner-troy-miller>.

¹²⁸ <https://www.police1.com/officer-down/u-s-border-patrol-agent-2-n-y-national-guard-soldiers-killed-in-texas-helicopter-crash>.

¹²⁹ <https://www.foxnews.com/media/ohio-city-plunged-housing-crisis-15000-migrants-arrive-setting-up-fail>.

\$12 billion deficit that we're going to have to cut – every service in this city is going to be impacted. All of us.”

A bit closer to the southern border, the city of Denver announced some of its employees would likely have their hours reduced to zero, hoping to save enough money to reallocate \$4.3 million in funds to address the large numbers of illegal aliens appearing in the city.¹²⁹ In addition, an analysis found that Denver taxpayers have paid \$42 million to care for illegal aliens, from December 2022 to present.¹³⁰

While a true accounting of the full fiscal impact of the border crisis is difficult to produce, the Federation for American Immigration Reform (FAIR) estimates, as of 2023, **the net cost of illegal immigration to the U.S. to be \$150.7 billion** across the federal, state, and local levels.¹³¹ As the FAIR study notes, the taxes paid by illegal aliens to state and local governments are not sufficient in covering the benefits they receive.

Admittedly, this is one study by one organization, but in the absence of real work and a response to congressional inquiries from the current administration, it is an illustrative estimate of the scope of the problem, even though it may not be an exact number.

Below is a breakdown of the estimated costs to federal taxpayers:

- **Federal education costs \$6.6 billion each year**, includes Primary and Secondary Education, Limited English Proficiency, Migrant Schooling, and Head Start.
- **Federal medical expenditures cost \$23.1 billion per year**, including uncompensated hospital costs, Medicaid births, Medicaid fraud, and Medicaid for U.S.-born children of illegal aliens.
- **Federal justice enforcement costs \$25.1 billion each year**, including incarceration, ICE removal operations, State Criminal Alien Assistance Program, immigration court, Byrne grants, etc.
- **Federal welfare programs cost \$11.6 billion each year**, including school meals, SNAP, WIC, TANF, CCDF, SSI, and public housing.

The total fiscal burden of illegal immigration on state taxpayers has reached a staggering **\$115.6 billion**, which is **30%** more than it was in 2017.¹³² Below is a breakdown of some of the estimated costs to state taxpayers:

- **State education costs \$73.3 billion each year**, includes K-12 public school and post-secondary tuition losses/financial aid.
- **State medical expenditures cost \$18.6 billion each year**, including Medicaid births, uncompensated medical expenses, improper Medicaid payouts, Medicaid anchor babies, Medi-Cal expansion, and other state programs.
- **State justice enforcement costs \$21.8 billion each year**, including policing, judicial, corrections, and state border enforcement.
- **State welfare programs cost \$2 billion each year**, including CCDF, TANF, and meals in schools.

Lodging

As millions of migrants are coming across the border, they then move to their destinations throughout the country. Making it difficult for communities big and small to house them.

Since spring 2022, **New York City taxpayers have shelled out over \$1 billion to house illegal aliens in hotels, motels, inns, and tent cities across the five boroughs.**¹³³ Through May 31, 2024, of the estimated \$4.88 billion spent on New York City's migrant crisis, 40% has gone to shelter services.¹³⁴

NYC shelters and care facilities have reached maximum capacity. In response, the local government found unconventional locations to house the constant flow of recent border crossers. On August 20, 2023, a local news outlet reported that the city government was opening a relief center for illegal aliens on Randall's

¹²⁹ . <https://www.9news.com/article/news/local/next/next-with-kyle-clark/denver-reducing-some-workers-hours-to-zero-budget-cuts/73-73ec9075-8afe-47a9-aca9-8c43615d8cbe>.

¹³⁰ <https://commonsenseinstitute.org/the-accumulated-costs-of-denver-migrants/>.

¹³¹ <https://www.fairus.org/issue/publications-resources/fiscal-burden-illegal-immigration-united-states-taxpayers-2023>.

¹³² Ibid.

¹³³ <https://nypost.com/2024/07/07/us-news/hotel-make-up-vast-majority-of-migrant-shelters-raking-in-millions/>.

¹³⁴ Ibid.

Island, a park located in Manhattan.¹³⁵ The facility provides health screenings and access to restrooms, a cafeteria, and caseworkers – all on taxpayer dime. The opening of a migrant camp near the Queens-Nassau border by Mayor Adams ignited a series of angry residents protesting the placement of the campsite in August 2023. **The shelter is designed to house roughly 1,000 single adult migrant men**, drawing concern from locals, fearing the impacts it could have on their community and vulnerable residents.¹³⁶

Worse still, in August 2024, the California State Senate approved a bill allowing illegal aliens to apply for the state's first-time homebuyer program, making them eligible for taxpayer-funded loans for up to \$150,000.¹³⁷

As everyday Americans struggle with skyrocketing food prices, a February 2024 CBS News report revealed that vendors were charging \$64 per day to feed each illegal alien in Massachusetts. Specifically, vendors are charging \$16 for breakfast, \$17 for lunch, and \$31 for dinner each day for every individual, which is expected to cost taxpayers \$1 billion.^{138,139}

Healthcare

Our nation's healthcare system has faced tremendous pressure from the influx of illegal aliens. The Emergency Medical Treatment and Labor Act (EMTALA) requires that hospitals with emergency rooms provide treatment regardless of the ability to pay or immigration status, which is why illegal aliens flood emergency rooms with even routine issues.

In another move to incentivize illegal immigration and give taxpayer-funded healthcare to illegal aliens, the Biden-Harris administration finalized a rule allowing Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) recipients to qualify for subsidized healthcare through the Affordable Care Act, also known as "Obamacare."¹⁴⁰ An approximate 100,000 DACA recipients are eligible for this taxpayer-funded healthcare coverage.

Meanwhile, some states have doubled down on diverting taxpayer-funded services to illegal aliens. On July 19, 2021, then-Oregon Gov. Kate Brown signed into law the Cover All People program, which expanded state-funded health care to all illegal aliens in the state, provided they meet other criteria.¹⁴¹

The impact of these policies on healthcare systems throughout the country is devastating.

In May 2021, Midland Memorial Hospital spokesperson Tasa Richardson told reporters that the hospital racked up more than \$200,000 in health care costs treating 40 UACs for COVID, pregnancy, suicide attempts, and more.^{142,143} HHS opened a UAC intake center in Midland, Texas in March 2021. However, neither HHS nor the Biden-Harris administration has reimbursed Midland Memorial for the medical expenses it accumulated treating UACs. Representative August Pfluger, who represents Midland Memorial, said of the hospital's unreimbursed expenses, "Midland's hospital system should not have to shoulder the costs of the Biden border crisis."¹⁴⁴

Unfortunately, this is a common occurrence during the Biden-Harris border crisis.

In Arizona, Yuma Regional Medical Center accrued over \$26 million in unpaid bills by illegal aliens who sought medical treatment between December 2021 and November 2022.¹⁴⁵ Because of the hospital's proximity to the border, it has become a prime location for illegal aliens to seek medical services. Hospital president and CEO, Dr. Bob Transchel, in a February 23, 2023, hearing, **"Migrant patients are receiving**

¹³⁵ <https://abc7ny.com/nyc-migrants-asylum-seekers-randalls-island/13676834/>.

¹³⁶ <https://longisland.news12.com/nypd-13-people-arrested-following-protest-over-new-migrant-center-near-nassau-border>.

¹³⁷ <https://abcnews.go.com/US/california-bill-undocumented-immigrants-paying-taxes-home-loans/story?id=113216188>.

¹³⁸ <https://www.cbsnews.com/boston/news/massachusetts-homeless-migrant-crisis-vendors-taxpayer-money-oversight/>.

¹³⁹ <https://www.foxbusiness.com/politics/vendors-charging-massachusetts-taxpayers-64-day-feed-each-illegal-immigrant-report>.

¹⁴⁰ <https://www.hhs.gov/about/news/2024/05/03/hhs-finalizes-policies-increase-access-health-coverage-daca-recipients.html>.

¹⁴¹ <https://www.publichealthlawcenter.org/sites/default/files/resources/HCEA-Oregon-Case-Study.pdf>.

¹⁴² <https://www.foxnews.com/politics/biden-texas-hospital-migrant-minors>.

¹⁴³ <https://pfluger.house.gov/news/documentsingle.aspx?DocumentID=380>.

¹⁴⁴ <https://pfluger.house.gov/news/documentsingle.aspx?DocumentID=380>.

¹⁴⁵ <https://www.fox10phoenix.com/news/yuma-hospital-spent-26m-last-year-treating-migrant-patients-they-have-no-ability-to-pay/>

free care, and they have no ability to bill anyone, we don't know their final destination, we don't know anything about them. We cannot provide completely free care to the residents of our community, so the situation is simply not fair and concerning to them.”¹⁴⁶ The hospital has yet to be reimbursed for the \$26 million it has shelled out to treat illegal border crossers.

More recently, in January 2024, Denver Health, Colorado's largest hospital, reported it was on the verge of a major financial crisis due to unpaid medical care costs of illegal aliens requesting healthcare services. According to Denver Health CEO Dr. Donna Lynne, the hospital lost \$60 million from uncompensated care. The amount doubled to \$120 million in 2022. In 2023, the sum reached \$136 million in unpaid medical bills.¹⁴⁷ The surge in outstanding debts has been attributed to influx of illegal aliens from Central and South America who entered the U.S. during the current crisis.

Manatee Memorial Hospital, located in Bradenton, Florida, has called for additional resources to manage the large flow of illegal aliens requesting medical services, which put the hospital under fiscal pressure.¹⁴⁸ From October 2023 to April 2024, Manatee Memorial has recorded nearly 600 hospital stays and 3,500 emergency room visits by illegal aliens. Hospital CEO Tom McDougal said of the situation, “We simply cannot afford to keep doing this without being compensated for it. It takes away care from other patients... **We are short almost \$18 million.**”¹⁴⁹

Unsurprisingly, New York City's public hospital system has also been impacted by the surge of migrants. Between 2022 and 2023 alone, medical centers across the five boroughs received roughly 30,000 visits from illegal aliens soliciting medical care. Approximately 300 new babies were born to foreign mothers during that same period.

Education

Illegal immigration's impact on our public education system and schools has affected Americans well before the current administration took control of the White House. The Supreme Court's ill-conceived 1982 5-4 ruling in the *Plyler v. Doe* case found that states cannot deny access to public education services to illegal alien children, which undoubtedly has served as a pull factor for unchecked migration to the U.S.

Under Biden and Harris, the impact of this issue on our schools has worsened.¹⁵⁰

In Austin, Texas, more than 400 alien children have been enrolled in its schools, forcing teachers to carry out their lessons in hallways and conference to accommodate the higher number of students.¹⁵¹ Schools across Massachusetts allowed in nearly 2,000 alien students, forcing school districts to find new space.¹⁵² Chicago public schools have seen a jump in newly-admitted students, partially due to foreign minors who recently crossed the border. Chicago schools just enrolled approximately 1,000 students whose first language is not English.¹⁵³

Denver Public Schools reported over 3,400 migrant children enrolling since summer 2023.¹⁵⁴ Executive Director of multilingual education for Denver Public Schools Adrienne Endres said of the influx of migrant children, “We typically welcome new arrivals every year. Never this many, And never this quickly. We are bursting at the seam. In a lot of individual sites and a district too in specific regions of the city.”¹⁵⁵

In May 2023, New York City began using public-school facilities to house illegal aliens, displacing students from receiving proper education from their teachers in the wake of the disruptions to education caused by COVID-19 lockdowns.¹⁵⁶ An approximate 4,200 individuals sought shelter in these schools in a single

¹⁴⁶ Ibid.

¹⁴⁷ <https://www.washingtontimes.com/policy/immigration/2803512/denver-hospital-deficit-migrant-crisis/>.

¹⁴⁸ <https://wsvn.com/news/local/florida/florida-hospital-faces-financial-strain-due-to-high-number-of-migrant-visits/>.

¹⁴⁹ Ibid.

¹⁵⁰ <https://supreme.justia.com/cases/federal/us/457/202/>.

¹⁵¹ <https://www.washingtontimes.com/policy/immigration/3029200/bidens-border-crisis-public-schools/>.

¹⁵² Ibid.

¹⁵³ <https://www.axios.com/2023/10/30/migrants-immigrants-schools-teachers-crisis>.

¹⁵⁴ <https://commonsenseinstitute.org/the-accumulated-costs-of-denver-migrants/>.

¹⁵⁵ <https://www.cbsnews.com/colorado/news/welcoming-and-overwhelmed-mcmeen-denver-school-stretched-meet-migrant-students-needs/>.

¹⁵⁶ <https://www.nbcnewyork.com/investigations/migrant-crisis/drastic-crisis-may-force-nyc-to-use-20-school-gyms-to-house-migrants-prompting-uproar/4341332/>.

week. Brooklyn Councilman Ari Kagan said of the matter, “I got a lot of phone calls from concerned parents, from community leaders. Nobody, nobody expressed their support for this plan.”¹⁵⁷

In a House Committee on Education and Workforce hearing on June 4, 2024, Alliance for a Safe Texas President Sheena Rodriguez testified to the almost incalculable impact the crisis has on our schools. Mrs. Rodriguez said, “At a time when Texas schools districts across the state are experiencing financial deficits, using the economist TEA [Texas Education Agency] estimates, the baseline cost to Texas taxpayers for **just 58,000 unaccompanied minors released across the states under the current administration is well over \$1 billion for a single year of public-school education.**”¹⁵⁸

Mrs. Rodriguez also raised concerns about the possibility of criminal cartels recruiting these minors to engage in illicit activity where they could hurt a fellow student. Additionally, she warned of the possibility of these foreign minors spreading communicable diseases to other students.¹⁵⁹ In addition to the soaring fiscal costs to accommodate these new learners, who likely require English as a Second Language (ESL) instructors and other accommodations, one must wonder how this influx of foreign nationals affects the learning ability of their native-born classmates, who may also require teacher assistance or struggle with their own learning disabilities.¹⁶⁰

Other Services

Absurdly, some radical progressive Democrat jurisdictions give additional handouts to illegal aliens. During COVID-19, several states and localities began issuing “relief funds” to illegal aliens due to their inability to receive stimulus. In March 2022, the Madison, Wisconsin city council approved \$700,000 to distribute to open-border organizations in the area to assist illegal aliens with food, rent, internet access, transportation, and attorney fees.¹⁶¹ Also in March 2022, New Jersey Governor Phil Murphy earmarked \$53 million for a one-time \$500 payments to illegal aliens in his state who were ineligible for federal stimulus checks. Approximately, 100,000 illegal aliens across New Jersey qualified for these funds.¹⁶²

Payments to Non-Governmental Organizations

Though the Biden-Harris administration initiated the border crisis with its destructive policies, non-governmental organizations (NGOs) have also played a major role in facilitating the destruction of our sovereignty. These NGOs not only support illegal aliens when they get to the U.S. but provide them with tools and guides to make the dangerous trek to the southern border. Worse, Americans are paying – through their tax dollars (distributed by agencies like FEMA)¹⁶³ – these organizations to do it. (Photo Source: [Jennie Taer/Daily Caller News Foundation](#))

Simply put, these NGOs are transforming America by facilitating the flow of illegal aliens to different corners of the country. These groups serve as a pull factor for illegal immigration, as foreign nationals are told these NGOs will help them on their journey to the southern border, financial or otherwise.

Indeed, many NGOs have seized on the opportunity to promote mass migration at the taxpayer’s expense. A January 2024 report by the Center for Immigration Studies (CIS) revealed that over **200 nonprofit groups shelled out \$1.6**



¹⁵⁷ <https://nypost.com/2023/05/15/parents-outraged-as-6-more-nyc-schools-to-house-migrants-in-gyms/>.

¹⁵⁸ <https://www.congress.gov/118/meeting/house/117380/witnesses/HMTG-118-ED14-Wstate-RodriguezS-20240604.pdf>.

¹⁵⁹ Ibid.

¹⁶⁰ <https://www.fairus.org/issue/elephant-classroom-mass-immigration-imposing-colossal-cost-and-challenges-public-education>.

¹⁶¹ https://madison.com/news/local/govt-and-politics/madison-city-council-awards-700k-for-nonprofits-to-help-undocumented-immigrants/article_a386a4c2-9ffc-5795-bd31-a8612a54e4a7.html#:~:text=An%20emotionally%20conflicted%20Madison%20City,populations%20served%20by%20the%20funding.

¹⁶² <https://www.nj.com/coronavirus/2022/03/nj-immigrants-who-pay-taxes-could-get-500-pandemic-relief-check-under-murphy-budget.html>.

¹⁶³ <https://www.fema.gov/fact-sheet/frequently-asked-questions-about-shelter-and-services-grant-program>

billion in U.S. taxpayer cash for debit cards, food, clothing, medical treatment, shelter, and “humanitarian transportation” during 2024 to millions of illegal aliens bound for the U.S.¹⁶⁴

These groups actively aid migrants on their journey to the Southwest border, providing an easier pathway for illegal entry into the U.S.¹⁶⁵ Indeed, organizations like the Red Cross literally provide maps and guides to illegal aliens to facilitate their trek to our southern border.

A June 2023 investigation further detailed how illegal border crossers receive help from these NGOs.¹⁶⁶ Many U.S.-bound foreign nationals—originating from the Western Hemisphere or otherwise—travel across the Darien Gap, a land bridge that straddles Panama and Colombia. The region serves as a highway for northbound illegal immigration, ostensibly experiencing large numbers of crossings. The Darien is also considered one of the most dangerous migration routes in the world.¹⁶⁷ Many humanitarian organizations stand at the ready to provide services to migrants in the Darien gap, ultimately aiding them in traversing the harsh – and dangerous – terrain.¹⁶⁸

Once migrants reach the border, the NGOs continue to aid the lawlessness. A glaring example of this is the presence of the San Antonio-based Migrant Resource Center (MRC).¹⁶⁹ The MRC provides food, clothing, case management, and transportation to the nearby airport for illegal aliens.¹⁷⁰ The MRC is operated by Catholic Charities, Archdiocese of San Antonio, which has received Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) grant money.^{171,172} The MRC serves as a hub for illegal aliens to temporarily reside before they reach their final destination somewhere across the country.

Since January 2021, at least 626,624 illegal aliens have arrived in San Antonio, most of whom have originated from Venezuela, Nicaragua, Cuba, Honduras, and Haiti.¹⁷³ From July 7, 2022, when the MRC first opened, to the present, it has provided shelter to at least 347,218 foreign nationals.¹⁷⁴ This operation is enabling the border crisis while Americans pay for it in more than one way. However, the San Antonio MRC is one example of the larger network of NGOs aided and abetting the border crisis.

Some migrants don’t stay near border states, and NGOs help facilitate their travels around the U.S. For example, a local NGO paid for a migrant, “Robert” from Togo to stay a couple of nights at nearby hotel and for a bus ticket to Washington, D.C., where another NGO paid for his travel from the nation’s capital.¹⁷⁵ The Togolese national said of his journey with the NGOs, “[In] Washington, I stayed at [the] hotel again. After, they bought me the [airplane] ticket and bought me an Uber car to send me to the airport...”¹⁷⁶

Overall, in FY 2023, DHS provided **hundreds of millions of dollars** to purported humanitarian NGOs that facilitate illegal immigration to the U.S.¹⁷⁷ The FEMA Shelter and Services Program (SSP) is designed to provide local governments and NGOs with taxpayer funds to handle surges of illegal aliens appearing in jurisdictions, many of which have sanctuary policies, that are overwhelmed by the flow.¹⁷⁸

To double down on the violation of our nation’s sovereignty at the cost of U.S. citizens, the Biden-Harris administration distributed millions in taxpayer funds to two open-border groups to pay the legal bills of illegal aliens fighting deportation from the U.S.¹⁷⁹ The administration is blatantly assisting and rewarding aliens who have broken our immigration laws by footing the legal tabs of these individuals, in addition to admitting and releasing them into the U.S.

¹⁶⁴ <https://cis.org/Bensman/Biden-Admin-Sends-Millions-Religious-Nonprofits-Facilitating-Mass-Illegal-Migration>.

¹⁶⁵ <https://cis.org/Pena/International-Red-Cross-Facilitates-Illegal-Immigration-US>.

¹⁶⁶ <https://www.newsnationnow.com/us-news/immigration/border-coverage/ngos-american-tax-dollars-migrants/>.

¹⁶⁷ <https://www.cfr.org/article/crossing-darien-gap-migrants-risk-death-journey-us>.

¹⁶⁸ <https://hias.org/news/cross-border-programs-provide-vital-support-gbv-survivors-and-lgbtq-people-darien-gap/>.

¹⁶⁹ <https://www.tpr.org/government-politics/2024-03-07/city-council-spars-over-migrant-resource-center-funding-with-fema-dollars-gone-by-the-fall>.

¹⁷⁰ Ibid.

¹⁷¹ <https://ccaosa.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/10/PR-CDB-FINAL-1.pdf/>.

¹⁷² <https://www.fema.gov/grants/preparedness/shelter-services-program/fy23-awards>.

¹⁷³ <https://stories.opengov.com/sanantoniotx/published/fiHSF0BLc>.

¹⁷⁴ Ibid.

¹⁷⁵ Ibid.

¹⁷⁶ Ibid.

¹⁷⁷ Ibid.

¹⁷⁸ <https://crsreports.congress.gov/product/pdf/IN/IN12177>.

¹⁷⁹ <https://www.foxnews.com/politics/biden-admin-gives-left-wing-groups-hundreds-millions-help-illegal-immigrants-fight-deportation>.

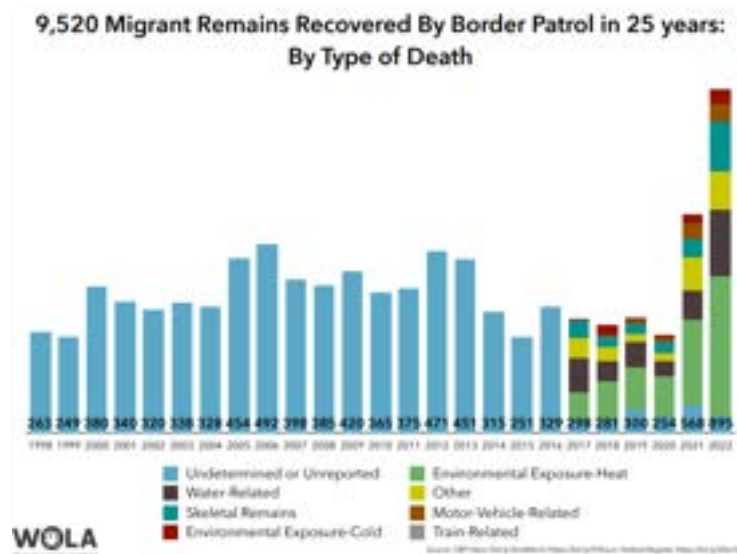
Simply put, the federal government is using taxpayer dollars to bail out state and local governments, many of which have pro-illegal alien policies on the books, from its own directives that are encouraging illegal aliens to come to the U.S. Moreover, these NGOs use these funds to assist immigration lawbreakers to arrive to their final destination where it may be in the U.S.

For decades, America's extensive welfare and social safety net programs have attracted illegal aliens from different corners of the globe, in hopes of taking advantage of these government programs for personal or familial gain. Now, NGOs are getting in on the action to facilitate the trek to the U.S. and subsidize every aspect of an illegal alien's life in the U.S.

Dead, Abused, and Endangered Migrants

Death and Abuse on the Journey

The migration journey to America is deadly for migrants and filled with horrible and terrifying circumstances – the U.S.-Mexico border has been dubbed the “world’s deadliest land migration route.”¹⁸⁰ In FY 2022, a **record 853 foreign nationals died** attempting to cross the Southwest border, surpassing the **568 deaths in 2021, which was the previous record.**^{181,182} The chart below shows how migrant deaths have skyrocketed under the Biden-Harris administration.



(Source: [WOLA](#))

In addition, migrants, including children, who travel across the Western Hemisphere to our border are vulnerable to different forms of abuse at the hands of human smugglers and other criminals. A 2014 estimate found that between 60% and 80% of Central American women and girls traveling to the U.S.-Mexico border are sexually assaulted on their way to the U.S.¹⁸³

Death and Danger Once in the United States

Proponents of open borders might claim the administration's policies are compassionate to Americans and migrants alike, but an unsecured border only puts more lives at risk.

Human smuggling incidents have occurred well past the Texas border region. An early sign of the crisis spreading beyond the border occurred in the spring of 2021 in Boerne, Texas, located 180 miles from the border when local police pulled over a vehicle for a traffic violation only to discover nine illegal aliens in

¹⁸⁰ <https://www.iom.int/news/us-mexico-border-worlds-deadliest-migration-land-route#:~:text=Geneva%2FBerlin%2FSan%20Jos%C3%A9%20%E2%80%93,for%20migrants%20worldwide%20on%20record.>
¹⁸¹ [https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2024/feb/04/us-mexico-border-migrant-deaths-volunteers.](https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2024/feb/04/us-mexico-border-migrant-deaths-volunteers)

¹⁸³ [https://www.huffpost.com/entry/central-america-migrants-rape_n_5806972.](https://www.huffpost.com/entry/central-america-migrants-rape_n_5806972)

the car.¹⁸⁴ The driver, who was hired by a Mexican cartel, was smuggling these aliens from Mexico and Honduras after they crossed through the Del Rio sector. One of the occupants, a teenage boy who was initially bound for California to pick grapes, was ordered by the cartel to be sent to a stash house in Houston, where he would be held until he paid his debt.

Worse yet, some smuggled migrants have tragically lost – or will lose – their lives during this crisis. **On June 27, 2022, 53 migrants, including eight children, were found dead in and around a tractor-trailer near Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio after being smuggled across the southern border.**¹⁸⁵ The migrants were left trapped inside the vehicle in the sweltering Texas summer heat without functioning air conditioning due to the smugglers fleeing the area. This tragedy has been labeled as the deadliest human smuggling case in U.S. history.¹⁸⁶ (Photo Source: [Getty Images](#))



Additionally, smuggling illegal aliens into the U.S. often leads to dangerous and lethal high-speed chases. DPS Lieutenant Olivarez provides almost weekly updates of dashboard camera footage depicting breakneck pursuits involving smugglers or traffickers at or near the Texas border, evading DPS and/or local law enforcement.¹⁸⁷ Some of these recorded incidents show vehicle collisions resulting in injury, occupants exiting cars while they are still in motion, police officers drawing occupants out at gunpoint. In another tragic example, on March 13, 2023, in Ozona, Texas, a pickup truck ran a red light and struck another vehicle, **killing 71-year-old Maria Alvarez and her 7-year-old granddaughter Emilia Tambunga.** The driver of the vehicle was a human smuggler working for a Mexican drug cartel who was evading law enforcement as he was transporting 11 illegal aliens in his vehicle.¹⁸⁸

These tragic instances have become commonplace under the Biden-Harris administration. On March 2, 2021, a Mexican national was driving a SUV containing 25 illegal aliens in Holtville, California, near the border, where he subsequently crashed into another vehicle, **killing 13 passengers and injuring the remaining 12.**¹⁸⁹

Abuse, Exploitation, and Trafficking

The United States is one of the top destinations in the world for human trafficking, and illegal aliens brought into the U.S. are extremely vulnerable to being trafficked, exploited, and abused. It is no coincidence the top two states for human trafficking are the border states of California and Texas.¹⁹⁰

The level of depravity by human smugglers knows no bounds, as they demand migrants pay large sums of money – or payment by other means – for unlawful passage into the U.S. and treat them as objects instead of human beings. For this, they often use stash houses in the U.S. once the smugglers get the migrants into the interior U.S. In one of countless cases of aliens paying thousands to be smuggled into the U.S., a Guatemalan national found in the stash house said she paid \$16,000 to be brought into the U.S. only to be subjected to deplorable treatment and housing conditions by cartels.¹⁹¹

These cases are commonplace throughout border states. Over the past three years, DPS has encountered roughly **5,000 smuggled illegal aliens spread across nearly 500 stash houses** run by drug cartels and

¹⁸⁴ <https://www.nationalreview.com/2021/04/drug-cartels-arent-just-a-border-problem/>.

¹⁸⁵ <https://apnews.com/article/immigrants-killed-heat-tractor-trailer-smuggling-texas-166d59e8fc8b380742ac90146eac2545>.

¹⁸⁶ <https://abcnews.go.com/US/survivor-deadliest-human-smuggling-case-us-history-speaks/story?id=91394907#:~:text=53%20migrants%20died%20in%20tractor%20trailer%20in%20sweltering%20Texas%20heat.&text=When%20Marvin%20Gomez%20was%20trapped,he%20was%20going%20to%20die>.

¹⁸⁷ <https://x.com/LtChrisOlivarez>.

¹⁸⁸ <https://www.foxnews.com/politics/tragic-story-girl-grandmother-killed-cartel-smuggler-told-documentary-blood-everybodys-hands>.

¹⁸⁹ <https://www.reuters.com/world/us/smuggler-jailed-15-years-california-crash-that-killed-13-migrants-2023-07-14/>.

¹⁹⁰ <https://humantraffickinghotline.org/en/statistics>

¹⁹¹ Ibid.

gangs throughout Texas.¹⁹² DPS Lieutenant Chris Olivarez indicated that economic migrants are not the only ones discovered at these locations but that criminals, gang members, and special interest aliens who may have ties to terrorism are among these groups of migrants, and of those who have evaded capture by CBP.

But human trafficking of migrants is happening all over the country. In Florida, multiple women were rescued from a human trafficking scheme after paying to cross the southern border. These women between the ages of 18 and 24 were forced into stripping and prostitution.¹⁹³ The women had been held in two small rooms and were only allowed out to perform sex work. The suspects in the case were allegedly charging each woman \$60,000 to be transported out of Cuba and through the southern border.

In Virginia, a laundry company's owners were found guilty of human trafficking. Its manager was accused of pulling a 13-year-old girl's hair while ordering her back to work.¹⁹⁴ Other teenagers told investigators they were forced to toil through grueling 11-hour overnight shifts before school. **And a new mother was grabbed by the arm and shaken when she asked for help taking care of her infant son, who was strapped in his stroller "with his bottle tied to the chair" while she worked.** Its owners and managers were charged with operating "a family-based labor trafficking enterprise" that smuggled over 100 aliens from El Salvador, forcing them to work under threats of violence and deportation.

In Georgia, at least 100 alien workers were freed from conditions in which at least two died, another was repeatedly raped, and others were kidnapped and threatened with death. These individuals were forced to live in camps and work on farms in the state. In this case, the operators of the human trafficking ring also defrauded visa programs to bring more immigrants into the U.S.¹⁹⁵

Illegal migrants are not always the victims in these cases and are sometime the perpetrators of these cases. For example, in Ohio, an illegal alien was recently caught participating in a human trafficking ring that targeted people addicted to narcotics.¹⁹⁶ Another case in Florida found that of the 19 people arrested during a sting operation targeting child sex exploitation, nearly 40% of those arrested in were in the U.S. illegally.¹⁹⁷

Migrant Children

Trafficking, Abuse, and Exploitation of Migrant Children

Migrant children are the most vulnerable of the vulnerable when it comes to ending up in the hands of people who do not value life. Of those that make it to our southern border and are allowed entry to the U.S., unaccompanied alien children (UACs) are placed in some of the most vulnerable situations. UACs – children who travel to the border without a parent or guardian – are placed in great jeopardy by our weak policies. According to the Coalition Against Trafficking International, 60% of Latin American children who set to cross the border alone or with smugglers "have been caught by the cartels and are being abused in child pornography or for drug trafficking."¹⁹⁸

Unfortunately, the border crisis has exacerbated pull factors, such as the Trafficking Victims Protection Reauthorization Act (TVPRA) loophole, that requires non-trafficked UACs from non-contiguous countries who appear at our border to be released to a parent or relative residing in the U.S. within 20 days.¹⁹⁹

In FY 2019, during the last administration, there were 76,020 UACs, which was a record at the time. Fast forward to the Biden-Harris administration, during the first month, (February 2021 to March 2021) UAC

¹⁹² <https://www.newsnationnow.com/us-news/immigration/border-coverage/immigrant-stash-houses-big-concern/>.

¹⁹³ <https://www.foxnews.com/us/multiple-women-rescued-human-trafficking-scheme-after-paying-cross-southern-border-into-us-2-arrested>.

¹⁹⁴ <https://www.washingtonpost.com/nation/2023/08/11/cleaning-company-virginia-labor-trafficking/>.

¹⁹⁵ <https://www.nbcnews.com/news/us-news/feds-bust-modern-day-slavery-ring-new-effort-immigration-enforcement-rcna8273>

¹⁹⁶ <https://www.foxnews.com/us/ohio-human-trafficking-sting-nabs-10-men-including-teacher-illegal-immigrant>

¹⁹⁷ <https://www.foxnews.com/politics/florida-child-sex-trafficking-operation-finds-40-percent-arrestees-us-illegally>

¹⁹⁸ <https://nypost.com/2021/04/17/how-bidens-border-policy-will-increase-child-sex-trafficking-to-us/>.

¹⁹⁹ <https://cis.org/Report/How-Border-Became-Disaster-It-and-How-Biden-Wants-Make-It-Worse>.

encounters increased from 9,402 to 18,870 – a 100% jump.²⁰⁰ The numbers kept growing and in FY 2021, there were 146,925 UACs. In FY 2022 there were 152,057 UACs, a new record. Currently, in FY 2024, 90,030 UACs have been apprehended, with each month seeing at least 7,000 migrant minors.

Overall, more than 504,500 Unaccompanied Alien Children (UACs) have crossed the southern border under the Biden-Harris administration.²⁰¹ Of those, over 420,000 UACs have been transferred from CBP custody to Health and Human Services (HHS), where these minors were released to sponsors in the interior, up by 100% compared to all four years of the Trump Administration.²⁰² Sadly, the child endangerment for many of these minors did not end at the southern border.

In February 2023, a *New York Times* investigation found that HHS, the agency entrusted with taking custody of UACs before they are placed with a vetted guardian, lost contact of more than 85,000 UACs they placed with sponsors across the country.²⁰³ In other words, under **the Biden-Harris administration, HHS could not locate these minors**. The investigation indicated HHS Secretary Xavier Becerra rolled back critical security and background safeguards intended to protect UACs from abusive sponsors to process and release them quicker from HHS custody, as the large flows of unaccompanied children and adolescents overwhelmed government facilities holding these minors.²⁰⁴

Many of these minors are exploited by unscrupulous employers who subject them to back-breaking, dangerous labor for minimal pay, the *New York Times* investigation revealed. Many UACs take on these jobs to pay off debts to human smugglers or send earnings to relatives in their home countries. In some cases, these jobs resulted in abuse, injury, and even death. Some examples are below.

- **Carolina Yoc**, a 15-year-old Guatemalan national, works at a factory packing Cheerios at night in Michigan while she attends school in the daytime.²⁰⁵ She is surrounded by dangerous machinery that could tear off fingers and rip open parts of the body.
- **Oscar Lopez**, a ninth grader, works in a sawmill in South Dakota. He frequently skips school to sleep after a 14-hour shift.²⁰⁶
- **Oscar Nambo Rodriguez**, 16 years old, was **crushed by a 35-ton earthmover** near Atlanta last year.²⁰⁷
- **Juan Mauricio Ortiz**, 15 years old, **died on his first day of work** for an Alabama roofing company, falling 50 feet from a roof where he was laying shingles.²⁰⁸
- **Edwin Ajacalon**, 14 years old, was **struck by a car** while delivering food on a bike in Brooklyn.
- In 2021, a 14-year-old Guatemalan teenager was **killed on a landscaping job** in Nashville; his grandmother had to recruit a labor lawyer to figure out to transport his body back to his village.²⁰⁹

On August 19, 2024, the DHS OIG report found that the Biden-Harris administration lost an additional 320,000 UACs. These minors either failed to appear for their immigration court dates or ICE could not locate these children at the address they provided to authorities.²¹⁰

Worse, a *Wall Street Journal* investigation found that the Biden-Harris administration overlooked the concerns of HHS caseworkers who expressed concerns about UACs being sent to problematic sponsors and residences in order to avoid the political optics of detaining migrant children.²¹¹ The caseworkers warned that some of the addresses of these UAC sponsors were tied to histories of criminal activity and other evidence that suggested the possibility that children would be put to work.²¹²

²⁰⁰ <https://www.cbp.gov/newsroom/stats/southwest-land-border-encounters>.

²⁰¹ *Ibid.*

²⁰² <https://www.acf.hhs.gov/orr/grant-funding/unaccompanied-children-released-sponsors-state>.

²⁰³ <https://www.nytimes.com/2023/02/25/us/unaccompanied-migrant-child-workers-exploitation.html>.

²⁰⁴ *Ibid.*

²⁰⁵ *Ibid.* <https://www.nytimes.com/2023/02/25/us/unaccompanied-migrant-child-workers-exploitation.html>.

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²⁰⁷ *Ibid.*

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²¹⁰ *Ibid.* <https://www.oig.dhs.gov/sites/default/files/assets/2024-08/OIG-24-46-Aug24.pdf>.

²¹¹ https://www.wsj.com/us-news/biden-migrant-children-temporary-guardians-trump-cages-e4d115f1?mod=hp_lead_pos8.

²¹² *Ibid.*

In one example, a caseworker said, “It does not appear safe for the minor to be released to a home environment that was not fully assessed,” when offering a recommendation for a child slated to live in a hostel-like home in Florida with at least three adults. Days later, senior officials dismissed the recommendation to reject the prospective guardian based on internal government documents.

It’s clear there are many loopholes and vulnerabilities in the system that lead to harm to UACs in America. In March 2023, a Florida grand jury released a report detailing the impact of the UAC influx at the southern border and interior communities²¹³ The grand jury made some of the following conclusions of the Office of Refugee Resettlement (ORR), the component agency within HHS entrusted with UACs, handling of these minors during the border crisis:

- “In reality, ORR is facilitating the forced migration, sale, and abuse of foreign children, and some of our fellow Florida residents are (in some cases unwittingly) funding and incentivizing it for primarily economic reasons.”
- “These entities encourage UACs to undertake and/or be subjected to a harrowing trek to our border, ultimately abandoning significant numbers of those who survive the journey to an uncertain fate with persons who are largely unvetted.”
- **“This process exposes children to horrifying health conditions, constant criminal threat, labor and sex trafficking, robbery, rape, and other experiences not done justice in mere words.”**
- “Moreover, a disturbing pattern has emerged whereby the same sponsor applies to receive multiple UAC – sometimes at the same address, sometimes at a different one. Some individual sponsors apply to receive more than one child, at more than one address, *simultaneously*.”

Our broken UAC system allows bad actors to pose as UACs and go on to commit heinous crimes. In July 2022, Kayla Hamilton, a 20-year-old woman with autism was sexually assaulted and strangled to death in her home in Aberdeen, Maryland. The culprit was a 17-year-old illegal alien from El Salvador who illegally crossed the Texas border in March 2022, posing as a UAC and was released into the country to his sponsor. The suspect was a confirmed MS-13 gang member with a documented criminal history in El Salvador.

A June 2024 report from the House Judiciary Committee shed light on the dangers posed by HHS’ lack of proper UAC vetting procedures under the Biden-Harris administration. In the case of Ms. Hamilton, authorities discovered her accused assailant’s gang ties after her death, where law enforcement made a phone call to their Salvadoran counterparts who alerted them of the suspect’s previous arrest of associating with MS-13.

In other words, HHS did not bother to contact authorities regarding the Salvadoran UAC, nor does it have a policy to refer known or suspected gang members to the Department of Justice (DOJ) for investigation. Absurdly, ORR Director Robin Dunn Marcos, the HHS official in charge of the UAC program, admitted that, while HHS contacts the consulate or embassy of the UAC’s home country to verify documents or claimed familial relationships, HHS does not request the UAC’s criminal records.

The way we treat UACs in this country is clearly broken and puts both alien children and Americans in harm’s way. Despite the evidence supporting this fact, the Senate border “deal” that President Biden and Vice President Harris often tout did nothing to address the systemic problems encouraging UACs to come to the U.S., in fact, it would have exacerbated the problem with special carve outs for UACs.

²¹³ <https://acis-api.flcourts.gov/courts/68f021c4-6a44-4735-9a76-5360b2e8af13/cms/case/651d8f68-f322-4cd0-831f-74dc9b0d77a8/docketentrydocuments/8437d6e2-1c46-4575-bd21-47de83302c61>.

REMAKING AMERICA

Immigration and the Foreign-Born Population

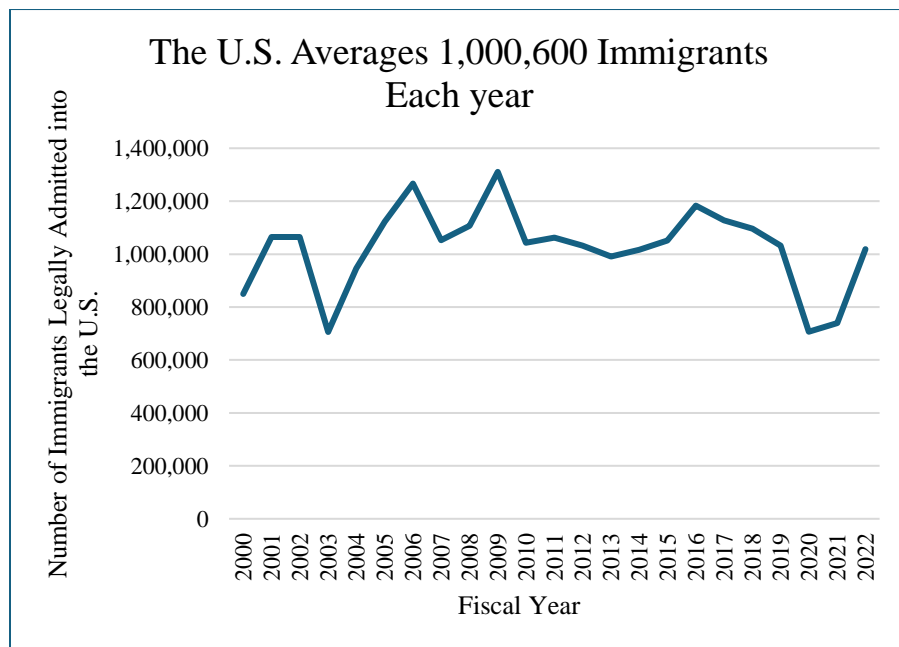
The Biden-Harris border crisis is intentional. And it is rooted in a fundamental desire to remake America into a country that is dependent on radical progressive Democrat welfare state programs. Over the past four years, the border crisis has captured the American public's attention due to the unfortunate adverse effects of illegal immigration and open borders. However, the mass amount of immigration itself – whether legal or illegal – cannot be ignored. A report found that, as of May 2024, the foreign-born population, which includes legal immigrants and illegal aliens, in the U.S. hit a **new high of 51.6 million, or 15.6% in the country, an all-time high.**²¹⁴

Legal Immigration

Since 2000, the U.S. has accepted around 1 million legal immigrants each year under the following categories²¹⁵:

- Lawful permanent residence (i.e., admitted as immigrants or became legal permanent residents).
- Admitted into the U.S. on a temporary basis (e.g. tourists, students, or workers).
- Applied for asylum or refugee status or were naturalized.

Between 2000 and 2022, **the U.S. admitted more than 23 million legal immigrants**, undoubtedly contributing to the existing foreign-born population in the U.S. Understandably, our nation's being one of great opportunity, economic or otherwise, has attracted millions across the globe for decades.



Moreover, the Biden-Harris administration is granting citizenship to immigrants at the fastest rate in decades. Since the Biden-Harris administration took office, **3.3 million immigrants have become naturalized U.S. citizens.**²¹⁶

While millions, if not billions, desire to immigrate to the U.S., any sovereign country has the duty to ensure that the lawful immigrants within its borders do not cause adverse consequences for its citizens and that these lawful foreigners are assimilating into the nation's culture. Unfortunately, the current border crisis has

²¹⁴ <https://cis.org/Report/ForeignBorn-Population-Grew-51-Million-Last-Two-Years>.

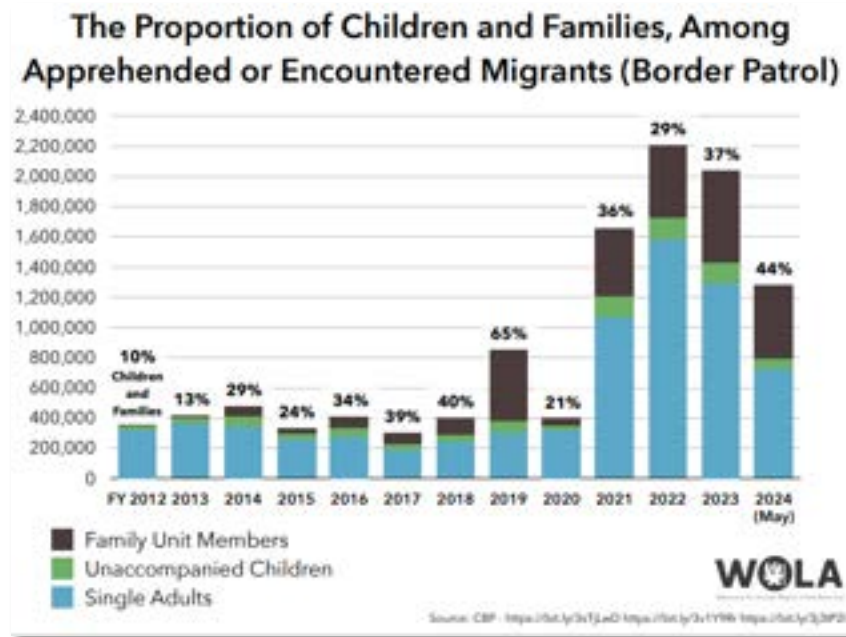
²¹⁵ <https://www.heritage.org/immigration/report/agenda-american-immigration-reform>.

²¹⁶ <https://www.foxnews.com/politics/immigrants-becoming-citizens-breakneck-speed-election-approaches-report>

only produced enumerable ramifications for U.S. citizens and has fueled the flow of already high levels of immigration that make assimilation difficult.

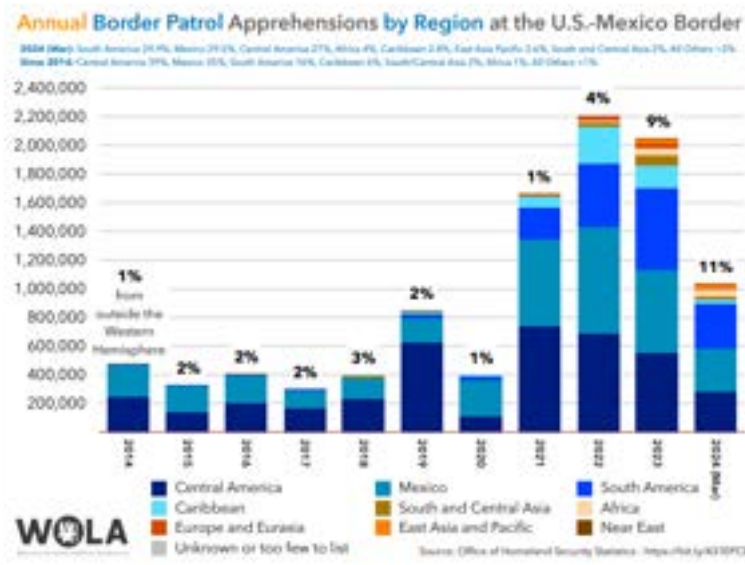
Who is Coming Illegally?

Contrary to what the media portrays, most illegal aliens coming to the southern border are not children and families. As the chart below demonstrates, **single adults (mostly males) comprise the vast majority of illegal aliens coming to our southern border**. The amount of single adult males crossing our southern border has surged under the Biden-Harris administration.



(Source: [WOLA](https://wola.org))

The individuals coming here are no longer simply migrants from Mexico, as was the case in the early 21st century. The crisis has attracted nationals from **more than 160 different countries**. As the chart below illustrates, **in 2014, a mere 1% of illegal aliens crossing the southern border were from non-western hemisphere nations**. In 2024, that number has skyrocketed to 11% of illegal aliens coming from non-western nations.



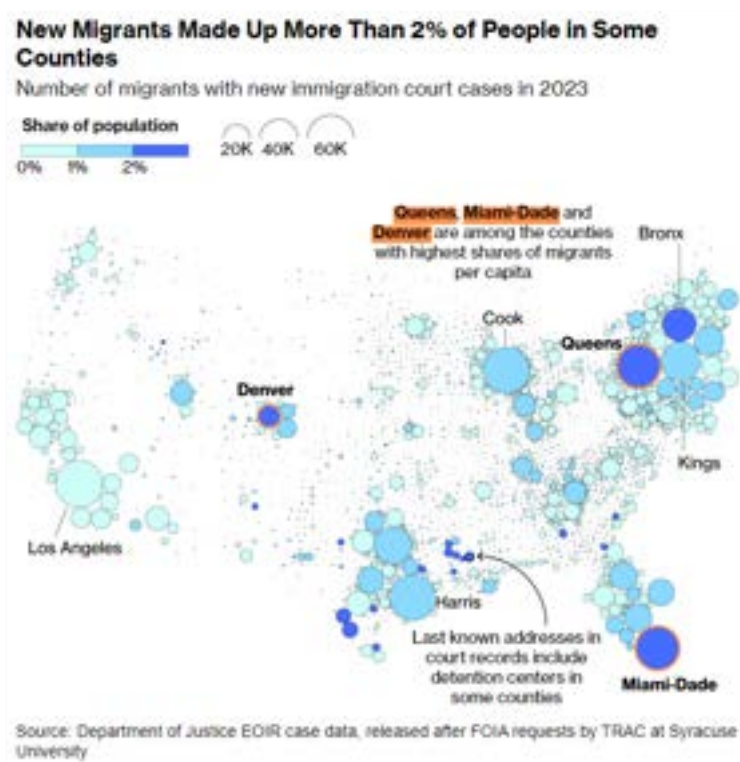
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And as Western Europe deals with the consequences of immigration from Muslim majority nations that do not respect the same Western customs, the United States has seen an increase in illegal aliens from countries like Afghanistan, Azerbaijan, Bangladesh, Egypt, Indonesia, Iran, Iraq, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Lebanon, Mauritania, Morocco, Pakistan, Senegal, Sudan, Syria, Tajikistan, Tunisia, Turkey, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan, and Yemen.²¹⁷

Where Are They Going?

The influx of illegal aliens crossing our southern border and through the abuse of mass parole programs is not only remaking border communities, it is remaking our entire nation. While it is difficult to track illegal aliens once they get into the U.S., due to the Biden-Harris administration withholding such data and its failure to properly track and vet aliens in the first place, the map below demonstrates where these aliens are going. Specifically, the map illustrates the increase in immigration court cases various areas saw throughout the country in 2023, and clearly demonstrates illegal aliens are settling in every corner of the U.S.

An investigation by the Heritage Foundation traced the cell phone activity of NGO facilities holding illegal aliens and discovered that many of these individuals had traveled beyond the Southwest border vicinity.²¹⁸ The data extracted from the analysis showed that nearly every state and congressional district received aliens who originated from one of the selected border-based NGOs on the geofencing data extracted, demonstrating these illegal aliens are not remaining in the Western U.S., likely making their final destination in states deep into the interior.



(Source: [Bloomberg](#))

Further, the Biden-Harris administration is using parole to ship illegal aliens throughout the country. In an effort to bring illegal aliens into the country by way of aircraft to avoid the optics of border crossings, the administration has **airdropped inadmissible aliens into 42 U.S. cities under the guise of parole beginning in 2023.**²¹⁹ These foreign nationals came under the Cuba, Haiti, Nicaragua, and Venezuela

²¹⁷ <https://cis.org/Report/Thousands-Special-Interest-Aliens-Posing-Potential-National-Security-Risks-Entering-CBP-One>.

²¹⁸ <https://www.heritage.org/the-oversight-project/securing-americas-borders/tracking-movement-illegal-aliens-ngos-the-us>.

²¹⁹ <https://cis.org/Bensman/Government-Admission-Biden-Parole-Flights-Create-Security-Vulnerabilities-US-Airports>.

(CHNV) program. On August 2, 2024, a news story surfaced of issues within the CHNV program, finding applications for the program replete with fraud.²²⁰

The House Homeland Security Committee (HHSC) obtained data showing that from January to August 2023, DHS used the CHNV program to **process more than 420,000 inadmissible** aliens, using airports across the nation to facilitate their arrival.²²¹ The Committee also uncovered that as of mid-October 2023, there were **1.6 million inadmissible aliens awaiting travel authorizations via the CHNV program**.²²²

The data below shows the top 15 airports used for the CHNV program and the number of unlawful aliens who flew into a port of entry between January and August 2023:²²³

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| • Miami: 91,821 | • San Francisco: 2,052 |
| • Ft. Lauderdale: 60,461 | • Atlanta: 1,796 |
| • New York City: 14,827 | • Newark: 1,498 |
| • Houston: 7,923 | • Washington, D.C.: 1,472 |
| • Orlando: 6,043 | • Chicago: 496 |
| • Los Angeles: 3,271 | • Las Vegas: 483 |
| • Tampa: 3,237 | • Austin: 171 |
| • Dallas: 2,256 | |

And these numbers don't even account for the illegal aliens that have scheduled their illegal entry to the U.S. through the CBP One App. As of August 2024, not only is the CBP One app free to download, it has been downloaded over a million times on the Google Play application store, demonstrating how countless have used it to enter the U.S.²²⁴

In the January 12, 2023, announcement, DHS claimed, "Only noncitizens who can be considered for a humanitarian exception may use CBP One." It continued, "CBP is authorized to accept individuals on a case-by-case basis, based on the totality of circumstances, including considerations of humanitarian interests."²²⁵ But DHS's execution of the CBP One parole program contradicts not only its own announcement about the program but parole statutes currently in law as well.²²⁶ From February 2023 to August 2023, **225,930 illegal aliens entered the U.S. using the CBP One application**.²²⁷

What is the Impact of Illegal and Legal Immigration?

Since Biden and Harris took office in January 2021, the foreign-born population has increased by 6.6 million. At this rate, and absent significant change, the foreign-born population will reach 62.5 million by 2030 and 82.2 million by 2040, which is larger than the current combined populations of 30 states plus Washington, D.C. Any nation state should be concerned about what this portends. Additionally, in 2022, an estimated 300,000 children were born in the U.S. to illegal aliens currently present in the country, which means they automatically become citizens.²²⁸

The foreign-born population has surged throughout the United States since 1990. In 2024, a report estimated the number of legal immigrants and illegal aliens in the American South was 19 million, a 317% increase since 1990, and by far the largest total in any U.S. region.²²⁹ In the Midwest, the increase from 1990 was 172%. The West and Northeast regions saw 104% and 97% increases since 1990, respectively.²³⁰

²²⁰ <https://www.foxnews.com/politics/biden-admin-freezes-controversial-migrant-flight-program-after-fraud-revelations>.

²²¹ <https://homeland.house.gov/2024/04/30/new-documents-reveal-airports-used-by-secretary-mayorkas-to-fly-hundreds-of-thousands-of-inadmissible-aliens-into-u-s-via-chnv-mass-parole-scheme/>.

²²² Ibid.

²²³ Ibid.

²²⁴ <https://apps.apple.com/us/app/cbp-one/id1466940099>.

²²⁵ Ibid.

²²⁶ INA 212(d)(5)

²²⁷ <https://cis.org/Report/New-Records-Unveil-Surprising-Scope-Secretive-CBP-One-Entry-Scheme>.

²²⁸ <https://www.breitbart.com/politics/2023/01/05/analysis-nearly-400k-anchor-babies-born-across-u-s-last-year-exceeding-population-of-cleveland/>.

²²⁹ <https://cis.org/Camarota/Increase-ForeignBorn-Population-American-South-Far-Outpaces-Other-Regions>.

²³⁰ Ibid.

Many of the “job gains” we’ve seen under Biden-Harris have been dominated by foreign-born workers, including illegal aliens. According to a July 2024 article, “Over the last year, employment rose 637,000 for foreign-born workers but fell 299,000 for native-born Americans. There are fewer native-born Americans employed today than before the pandemic, meaning American workers have made no progress in over four years.”²³¹ Further, as shown below, **native born employment is well below its pre-pandemic growth trend, while employment for foreign born workers has surpassed its pre-pandemic growth trend.**



(Source: [EJ Antoni](#))

One should be asking how a large foreign-born population affects the nation’s ability to properly assimilate its current immigrants when a constant stream of foreign nationals make it more difficult for current immigrants to learn the culture and customs. Further, it should be of particular concern that foreign-born workers are dominating post-pandemic employment, while native born workers are being left behind.

Impact on Elections

The mass influx of illegal aliens and non-citizens into the United States poses a threat not only to the security of Americans – but to the security of our elections as well. The right of only American *citizens* to vote is enshrined in the 15th, 19th, 24th, and 26th Amendments to the Constitution and federal law prohibits non-citizens from voting in federal elections. However, another federal law, known as the National Voter Registration Act (NVRA), makes it nearly impossible for states to determine the citizenship status of an individual registering to vote or to identify and remove non-citizens from their voter rolls.

Enacted in 1993, the NVRA regulates the voter registration process for federal elections. Since its passage, many states have attempted to implement laws requiring proof of citizenship to register to vote in federal elections. However, the Supreme Court has routinely struck down those laws, ruling that states may not require *more* information to register an individual to vote than what is required under the NVRA.²³² That means the only line of defense against non-citizens voting is literally checking a box on the federal voter registration form swearing to the fact you are a citizen.

²³¹ <https://www.heritage.org/jobs-and-labor/commentary/the-job-market-looks-good-only-if-you-ignore-whats-really-going>

²³² <https://www.oyez.org/cases/2012/12-71>

(Source: [Federal Voter Registration Form](#))

Worse still, the NVRA also requires states to provide applicants for driver's licenses and public benefits (like welfare), opportunities to register to vote. However, every state in the union allows non-citizens (like green card holders) to apply for a driver's license. Nineteen states and Washington, D.C. allow illegal aliens to apply for driver's licenses.²³³ Further, as mentioned in sections above, illegal aliens and non-citizens are eligible for numerous federal benefits under current law. Some jurisdictions, including Washington, D.C. and localities in California, Maryland, and Vermont, even allow non-citizens to vote in local elections.

All of this means that illegal aliens and other non-citizens are provided with ample opportunities to register to vote in federal elections. And they do.

Despite the lies that Democrats and their media cronies spout, non-citizens do in fact register to vote and vote in our elections. In 2014, North Carolina found over 1,400 registered voters on its rolls appeared to be non-citizens before election day.²³⁴ In 2024, an audit carried out in Ohio flagged 137 individuals that appeared to be non-citizens on their voter rolls.²³⁵ **On August 7, 2024, Virginia Attorney General Jason Miyares announced that 6,303 non-citizens had been identified and removed from the state's voter rolls.**²³⁶ In August 2024, the Texas Secretary of State announced that "thousands of noncitizens have been removed from the voter roll" in the past three years.²³⁷

These non-citizen voters not only dilute votes cast by American citizens, they can actually sway the outcome of elections. A 2014 study from professors at Old Dominion University and George Mason University found, "...some non-citizens participate in U.S. elections, and that this participation has been large enough to change meaningful election outcomes including Electoral College votes, and Congressional elections."²³⁸

The study concluded that non-citizen voting tipped the 2008 Minnesota Senate election in Al Franken's favor, **giving Democrats the 60th vote they needed to break the filibuster and pass Obamacare.** Further, the analysis also suggested that non-citizens also tipped North Carolina's 2008 electoral votes in Obama's favor. Absurdly, **the study also estimated that 6.4% of non-citizens voted in the 2008 election, which would represent 1.2 million non-citizen vote cast.**

In recent years, major elections have been decided by a few thousand votes, which means if even a small percentage of non-citizens vote, they could dramatically sway the outcome. For example, in recent interviews in Georgia, 14% of non-citizens interviewed admitted to being registered to vote.²³⁹ If this ratio holds true statewide, 47,000 non-citizens could be registered to vote in Georgia – a state that Biden carried by about 12,000 votes in 2020.

Further, because of Supreme Court rulings, in Arizona, an individual who can prove U.S. citizenship is given a "full ballot" that includes "all federal, state, county and local elections." However, an individual who *does not* provide proof of citizenship is given a "federal only" ballot — meaning they can still vote in presidential and congressional elections. As of 2023, there was an estimated 32,000 voters on the "federal

²³³ <https://www.ncsl.org/immigration/states-offering-drivers-licenses-to-immigrants>

²³⁴ <https://www.carolinajournal.com/more-than-1400-foreign-nationals-found-on-nc-voter-rolls/>

²³⁵ <https://www.ohiosos.gov/media-center/press-releases/2024/2024-05-14a/>

²³⁶ <https://x.com/jasonmiyaresva/status/1821244387436732587?s=46&t=Xq1zw-VNPjQZ39ZMwGq1Vg>

²³⁷ <https://www.sos.state.tx.us/about/newsreleases/2024/081224-2.shtml>

²³⁸ https://digitalcommons.odu.edu/cgi/viewcontent.cgi?article=1011&context=politicalscience_geography_pubs

²³⁹ https://x.com/OversightPR/status/1818762206806217099?mkt_tok=ODI0LU11VC0zMDQAAGUwWOwD6tISJZbaeXK420q8jxYIYx3rRq3SIYd0ronivzDHuaOVtmh6tEJWY4BVzEInRSJJhlMdVHmQyZOwa9mZGZbLc0YzXERgYX6ernCjU-j40

only" list (meaning they could not prove they were citizens) in Arizona— a border state that Biden carried by a mere 10,000 votes in 2020.²⁴⁰

It is clear Democrats want to use the border crisis to their electoral advantage, as they have proven time and time again, they want non-citizens to vote in our elections. Despite public polling showing 87% of Americans support proof of citizenship to vote,²⁴¹ 198 Democrats voted against the SAVE Act (H.R. 8281), which would require proof of citizenship to register to vote in federal elections, when it passed the House of Representatives on July 10, 2024.²⁴² Further, the Biden-Harris administration also released a “Statement of Administration Policy,” saying it “strongly opposes” the SAVE Act.²⁴³

If that wasn’t enough to prove radical progressive Democrats want illegal aliens to vote, last Congress, they passed legislation that, in part, allowed DHS to waive the inadmissibility of aliens that illegally voted if doing so is deemed to be in the “public interest.”²⁴⁴

Through their self-made border crisis and rejection of proof of citizenship requirements, the Democrats have effectively embraced non-citizens voting in our elections, trampling on the integrity of our elections and the rights of American citizens in the process.

CONCLUSION

Radical progressive Democrats have caused the worst border crisis in recent history, and the flames have spread to almost every state and locality in the nation. This crisis is rooted in a fundamental desire to remake and cement one party rule built on dependence on the state.

As mentioned earlier, H.R. 2, the Secure the Border Act, would end the border invasion for good, preventing the unlawful release of illegal aliens through asylum, parole, and other abused gaps in our immigration law responsible for inflicting harm on the American people. Additionally, it would turn off many incentives for migrant families and unaccompanied minors to make the treacherous journey north that put their lives at stake. Finally, signing the SAVE Act into law would ensure U.S. citizens, not foreign nationals, are the only ones allowed to vote in federal elections, upholding the integrity of our election process.

The House of Representatives passed both bills, yet Senate Democrats and the Biden-Harris administration have refused to move them. Instead, some senators and the White House pushed for an inferior border bill that would have codified the invasion, forcing the American people to accept millions of illegal alien releases into the country each year while keeping most pull factors intact.²⁴⁵ Unserious proposals like these are an insult to the American people who are tired of the chaos along the southern border and the brave men and women at CBP and Border Patrol who tirelessly work to secure the border.

We cannot shrug our shoulders and hope the next presidential administration, or a miracle will end the border crisis and its impacts. We have countless examples of this crisis harming our constituents in different ways to motivate us to secure the border once and for all. Now is the time to fight. Now is the time to do what we said we were going to do in Congress: secure the border and take back our country.

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²⁴⁰ <https://www.votebeat.org/arizona/2023/12/18/arizona-federal-only-voters-concentrated-college-campuses-proof-of-citizenship/>

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