



Illegal Border Crossings Up 71%

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What's happening at the border shouldn't come as a surprise; President Biden and Vice President Harris campaigned on a platform of relaxing border security. They supported health care for undocumented, illegal immigrants and President Biden's pathway to citizenship for millions of illegal immigrants offered amnesty for those who circumvented the legal process.

In a matter of months, the Biden administration created a full-blown crisis on our southern border. March numbers released by the Department of Homeland Security show more than 172,000 migrants were encountered by U.S. authorities at the southern border last month — a 71-percent increase over February figures and the highest total recorded in 15 years.

When President Biden took office, he immediately put in place dangerous, politically motivated policies that further exacerbated the crisis. He halted border wall construction and relaxed enforcement of immigration laws. He put a moratorium on deportations and announced a plan promising amnesty to all undocumented immigrants residing in the country illegally. President Biden also overturned policies which had successfully deterred illegal immigration, including the Migrant Protection Protocols also known as the "Remain in Mexico" policy, which required asylum seekers remain in Mexico as they await their hearing. He also cancelled the asylum agreements with the Northern Triangle countries of El Salvador, Guatemala, and Honduras. President Biden replaced these successful policies with the Obama-era policy of "catch and release" where migrants claiming asylum are detained, processed, and released inside the United States as they await their hearing — which usually takes years.

Clearly, our current immigration system is broken. We are a nation of laws and we must continue to keep America safe. And although America is also a nation of immigrants, those wishing to enter our country need to come here legally.

First, we must stop encouraging migrants from entering the United States illegally. Even the Mexican President said, "Expectations were created that with the Government of President Biden there would be a better treatment of migrants. And this has caused Central American migrants, and also from our country, wanting to cross the border thinking that it is easier to do so." Instead, we must enforce the rule of law and reform our current processes.

Second, we must enhance our border security and finish the wall. A physical barrier would deter those attempting to enter the country illegally.

We also need to invest in our Border Patrol agents and law enforcement officers and ensure they have adequate resources to do their jobs. We must hire additional immigration judges and support staff, hire additional Border Patrol agents, and increase Immigration and Customs Enforcement personnel.

America was built by immigrants, and immigrants continue to play an undeniably important role in America today. But those seeking to enter the United States must do legally. We are a nation of laws and must always remain so.

THE FACTS ABOUT
BIDEN'S
BORDER CRISIS

↑400% INCREASE of illegal border crossings
compared to March 2020

↑71% INCREASE of illegal border crossings
compared to February

↑173% INCREASE in family units from February

↑100% INCREASE in unaccompanied migrant
children from February

DOUBLE THE RECORD number of migrant
children being held at border patrol facilities

Sincerely,

Rob



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