



Biden's Border Crisis: Examining Policies that Encourage Illegal Migration

Idaho Senator and U.S. Foreign Relations Committee Ranking Member Jim Risch released a report examining the Biden Administration's policies that have fueled the crisis at the southern border

OVERVIEW OF THE ISSUE

The number of migrants attempting to illegally cross the southern border has reached its highest point in decades. The number of violent criminals entering the U.S. illegally is on the rise. The deadly scourge of fentanyl in the U.S. is directly connected to illegal migration, and its flow is on the rise.

Biden's Border Crisis: Examining Policies that Encourage Illegal Migration identifies problems with the administration's border policies and offers solutions for how the U.S. can reverse course and secure the southern border.

PROBLEMS

- **President Biden reversed** important Trump-era reforms that effectively addressed illegal migration, and reinstated failed Obama-era policies.
- **U.S. policy and foreign assistance efforts** undermine U.S. efforts to build effective law enforcement and asylum processing mechanisms across Mexico and northern Central America.
- **Transnational Criminal Organizations (TCOs)** benefit from the illegal migration crisis by profiting off the smuggling and trafficking of migrants or victimizing people along the dangerous journey.
- **Other governments have failed** to take action to enforce their obligations that would make migration more orderly, safe, and controlled.

SOLUTIONS

- **Extend Title 42** until the end of the COVID-19 health emergency and tighten ICE immigration enforcement.
- **Fully implement the Migration Protection Protocols** with Mexico and Asylum Cooperative Agreements with Guatemala, Honduras, and El Salvador, and tie U.S. foreign aid to measurable progress in border security and asylum processing in the region.
- **Use extradition treaties** with countries in the region to prosecute TCOs involved in human smuggling and trafficking.
- **Tighten enforcement of U.S. immigration laws** and prioritize U.S. technical assistance to improve asylum processing capacity in the region.

BOTTOM LINE

The border crisis will not abate until we build sustainable political will to develop, implement, fund, and enforce sound policies aimed at countering transnational organized crime, increasing border security, and managing migration.

Visit [risch.senate.gov](https://www.risch.senate.gov) to read the full report.