

# A BORDER CRISIS BY DESIGN

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## THE DEADLY CONSEQUENCES OF A CRUEL IMMIGRATION POLICY

There are laws ***currently on the books*** that provide any administration with the ability to secure the border, end human trafficking, and defeat the cartels. The Biden Administration inherited a successful playbook from the previous administration but decided to discard it. The result: A ***humanitarian crisis*** on the southern border with deadly consequences.

### HUMAN TRAFFICKING

- In just 20 months of the Biden administration, **over 254,000 Unaccompanied Alien Children (UACs) have been smuggled or trafficked to the border** – a record number of apprehensions that show no signs of slowing down.
- The cartels are financially flourishing due to these open border policies, reportedly **netting \$13 billion** a year to smuggle and traffic aliens into the country.

### FAMILY SEPARATION

- Illegal aliens know that under current policies, UACs will be released into the U.S., which **emboldens cartels and smugglers** to convince parents to hand over their children to make the perilous journey across the border. It is also **encouraging family separation**.
- Smugglers are exploiting children, **torturing victims** for money, and wreaking havoc on communities with **gang violence**.



### FENTANYL DEATHS

- In 2021, enough fentanyl was caught crossing our border to kill **2.5 billion people—or every American 7 times over**.
- **108,000 Americans overdosed** from opioids in 2021—the highest number ever recorded.
- Fentanyl is now the leading cause of death for young people, **with at least 71,000** deaths resulting from fentanyl and related compounds.

### DEADLY BORDER CROSSINGS

- **Almost 700 illegal aliens have died** trying to cross the southern border during FY 2022.
- **Almost 1,300 illegal aliens have died** trying to cross the southern border during the Biden Administration.
- In June 2022, **53 illegal aliens** died in San Antonio, Texas, **locked inside a truck**. This is the largest migrant death event in U.S. history.