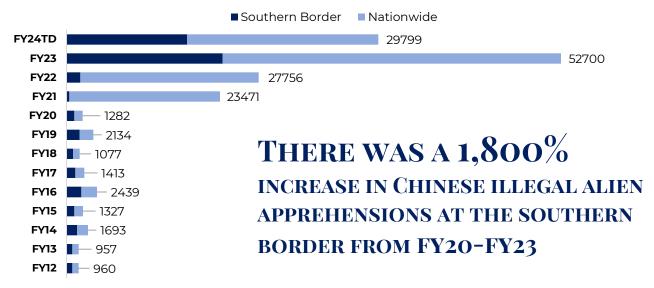
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## **BREAKING DOWN THE SURGE OF CHINESE NATIONALS ILLEGALLY COMING TO THE U.S.**

## **NATIONWIDE AND SOUTHERN BORDER "ENCOUNTERS" OF CHINESE ILLEGAL ALIENS** (FY12-FY24 YTD.)



### **KEY QUESTIONS ABOUT THE SURGE OF CHINESE ILLEGAL ALIENS**

#### 01 / HOW DO THE CURRENT APPREHENSION NUMBERS DIFFER FROM PREVIOUS ADMINISTRATIONS?

Since 2021, in any given month, apprehensions of Chinese nationals have exceed yearly totals under previous administrations. Nationwide "encounters" (which include illegal aliens arriving at the Northern border and other Ports of Entry around the country) saw an especially dramatic increase of 4,000% from FY20–23.

## 02 / WHY ARE MORE CHINESE ILLEGAL ALIENS COMING TO THE BORDER?

The <u>main reason</u> is that under the Biden Administration, it has never been easier to surrender oneself at the border, make an asylum claim, and be released into the U.S. Interviews with Chinese migrants <u>suggest</u> they are coming to the U.S. for reasons that do not qualify them for asylum. **03 / DO CHINESE ILLEGAL ALIENS POSE A NATIONAL SECURITY THREAT?** Yes, as do all unvetted illegal aliens. The U.S. is not properly vetting the hundreds of thousands of illegal aliens coming to the border each month. The CCP is likely exploiting the unsecured southern border for nefarious reasons.

# 04 / WHAT SHOULD THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT DO ABOUT THIS?

First, it should secure the border by reinstating deterrence policies and enforcing the laws that prevent unlawful entry. Simultaneously, it should get tough on the CCP by reinstating thorough vetting of all illegal aliens, compelling China to take back its own citizens after they are ordered removed, and doubling down on intelligence efforts to stop CCP espionage and infiltration.

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