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BORDER CRISIS STARTLING STATS

With three months left in the fiscal year, encounters at the border have skyrocketed to over 1.1 million as of June 2021. As expected, these numbers prove the Biden Administration wrong in its desperate claims that June would bring a “predictable” seasonal drop in encounters at the border. President Biden’s open border policies have created a growing and worsening humanitarian crisis.

Even more concerning, the Biden Administration is considering eliminating Title 42 authority which continues to be CBP’s best tool to expel single adults at the border, removing 104,907 individuals in June alone. More and more migrants from beyond Mexico and Central America are now attempting to illegally enter the country. Many arrive from countries with some of the world’s highest infection rates of COVID-19.

It’s time for President Biden to stop politicizing commonsense border security policies to ensure the safety, health and security of the American people.

It Just Keeps Getting Worse

- Southwest border encounters reached a new 20-year high in June 2021.

JUNE 2020 ENCOUNTERS 33,049	JUNE 2021 ENCOUNTERS 188,829
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- 188,829 migrants were encountered along the southwest border, including 117,771 single adults; 55,805 family units; and 15,253 unaccompanied minors.
 - 450% increase compared to June 2020
 - Nearly 5,200 more individuals encountered per day along the southwest border than in June 2020
 - The number of unaccompanied children encountered increased by 8% from May 2021.
 - Encounters of family units surged by 25% in June 2021 from May 2021.
- CBP expelled 103,014 individuals under Title 42 in June 2021.
- 34% of migrants encountered in June 2021 had at least one prior encounter with CBP in the previous 12 months, more than double the average one-year re-encounter rate of 14% for FY2014 – 2019.
- This fiscal year, there have been over 1 million illegal crossings along the southwest border – up 362% from the same time frame last year.
- The last time CBP made more than 1 million arrests in a single year was in 2006.
- 18,630 individuals with criminal convictions or those wanted by law enforcement have been arrested since January 2021 attempting to illegally cross the border.

FACT CHECK: This is not a “predictable seasonal spike”

- June 2021 encounters challenge the Biden Administration’s claims that the Biden Border Crisis surge has been on par with seasonal trends and would slow in the hotter summer months.
- Women and children are continuing to make the **dangerous journey** in severe conditions, incentivized by the continued **open border policies** of the Biden Administration.
- This is a **significant humanitarian crisis**. A tragically high number of migrants have succumbed to the elements this summer amid record temperatures in the severe weather and rough terrain.
 - In Arizona alone, 43 human remains were found at the state’s border in June 2021. A significant rise in migrant deaths at the border in Texas have also been recorded.

As the Pandemic Rages in South America, Now Is Not the Time to End Title 42

- In June 2021, CBP encountered more than 46,000 migrants crossing into the U.S. from nations other than Mexico, Guatemala, Honduras, and El Salvador, up from 11,600 in February.
- Many migrants are coming from countries with some of the **world’s highest infection rates** of COVID-19, including India, Brazil, and Paraguay. Others are traveling through high-risk South and Central American countries en route to the border.
 - With just 5% of the world’s population, South American countries now account for a quarter of the global death toll.
- In addition to spiking case and death rates in these countries, the **low vaccination rates** and reliance on **ineffective vaccines** are just as concerning.
- As powerful variants continue to spread around the world, **preserving COVID-19 pandemic recovery** in the U.S. is exactly why it’s now so important to keep Title 42.
- More on the importance of Title 42 authority [here](#).