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BORDER CRISIS STARTLING STATS

Border Crisis Continues with No End in Sight

Biden Administration Kicks Off New Fiscal Year with Historic Number of Border Encounters

OCT. 2021 ENCOUNTERS

164,303

OCT. 2020 ENCOUNTERS

71,929

- **164,303 migrants** were encountered along the southwest border in October 2021, including 108,583 single adults, 42,726 family units, and 12,807 unaccompanied minors.
 - **128% increase** from October 2020
 - **264% increase** from October 2019
- This is the **highest number of encounters for October** in recorded history and 80% higher than the previous record for the month of October (91,410 in October 1999).
- October was the **8th straight month with more than 160,000 encounters** – a trend never before recorded.
- CBP expelled **only 57%** of individuals under Title 42 in October 2021, again highlighting the Biden administration's refusal to utilize the public health authority.
- 29% of migrants encountered in October 2021 had at least **one prior encounter** with CBP in the previous 12 months, over double the average one-year re-encounter rate of 14% for FY2014 – 2019.

More Than Meets The Eye

- The border crisis is much more than migrants seeking asylum – **criminals, weapons, drugs, and trafficked persons** are coming across our border in record numbers.
- In just the first month of this fiscal year, CBP arrested 688 individuals with **criminal convictions** and dozens of **known gang members**, including 23 members of MS-13.
- **Fentanyl seizures** continue to skyrocket. In October 2021, CBP seized a total of 1,044 pounds of fentanyl.

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- The U.S. recently recorded its highest number of **drug-overdose deaths** in a 12-month period, eclipsing 100,000 for the first time, according to the CDC.

Misplaced Priorities

- Despite a record 1.7 million illegal border encounters in FY2021, Democrats' partisan spending plan, the *Build Back Better Act*, **does not include a single dollar** for border security or counterterrorism.
- Instead, the bill includes \$900 million for so-called **sustainability and environmental programs** at DHS. CBO estimates show that DHS would not even spend this amount.

Impact of Biden Admin's Vaccine Mandate on Border Enforcement

- With a record 1.7 million encounters at the southwest border in FY2021, Border Patrol Agents are **already overwhelmed** at current staffing levels and simply cannot afford to lose any personnel due to the Biden administration's vaccine mandate.
- Across the nation, essential workers have been forced to **leave the workforce** because of COVID-19 vaccine mandates.
- Due to **attrition trends** when COVID-19 vaccine mandates have gone into effect at workplaces, there are grave concerns about the effects Biden's mandate will have on the already short-staffed U.S. Border Patrol.
- If the U.S. Border Patrol loses essential personnel due to the Biden administration's COVID-19 vaccine mandate, it will be **near impossible** to maintain any semblance of operational control of our nation's borders.