

— TOP TAKEAWAYS —

Border Security is Pro-Immigration and Pro-Security

ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION HAS SKYROCKETED

- In fiscal year 2021, there were **1.66 million encounters at the U.S.-Mexico border**, surpassing previous records.
- This **number increased to 2.2 million in 2022, with a slight decrease to 2 million in 2023.**
- The first quarter of **2024 has already seen over 1.17 million encounters**, indicating an upward trend and an international perception that the border is navigable and that current policy makes for relatively easy illegal entry.

SAFETY AND SECURITY ARE IMPERILED

- **Over 35,000 aliens with criminal convictions or outstanding warrants**, including 598 known gang members, were arrested in 2021.
- China, and others, use social media to exploit the vulnerabilities in our border. This includes **tutorials on how to best cross the border** and how to successfully engage with the U.S. Border and Customs and Border Protection (CBP) to receive asylum.
- The number of **"gotaways" has risen dramatically, from 389,515 in 2021 to 860,000 in 2023.**

WE NEED TO SECURE OUR BORDER

- The wall should be built alongside improving and deploying **advanced surveillance technologies** in greater quantities. Together, this can increase border monitoring efficiency and reduce illegal crossings.
- We also need to improve infrastructure at the points of entry, increase border patrol staffing and support, expand collaboration with border communities, increase international cooperation, and increase funding for counter-narcotics operations.
- It's in everyone's interests for America to have a lawful, secure border that allows for legal entry to our country. Policymakers need to take immediate action to make this happen.

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