

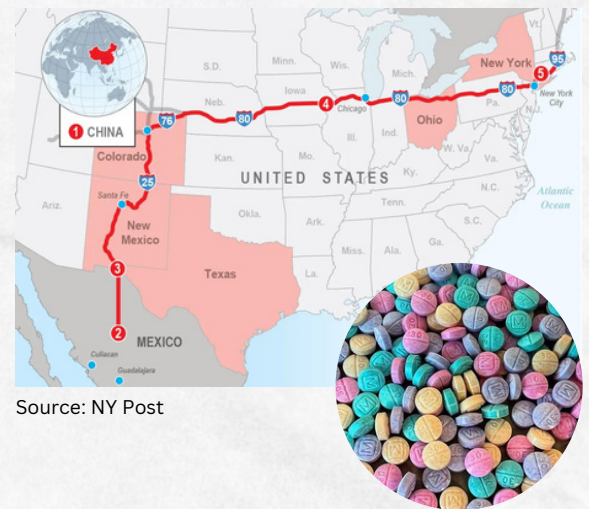
DID YOU KNOW?

Deadly Fentanyl is pouring over our open borders, stealing away the lives of our children

FACT #1

“Fentanyl, has become a plague in America amid the current border crisis. ...Cartels are taking advantage of the wave of migrants surging over the border.”

[Link to evidence →](#)



Source: NY Post

FACT #2

Fentanyl has become the “Driving Force” of teenage overdose deaths, especially for black teens.

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FACT #3

In 2021, fentanyl was associated With 77 percent of adolescent overdose deaths.

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POROUS SOUTHERN BORDER EXACERBATES AMERICA'S FENTANYL OVERDOSE CRISIS

NO FAMILY IS SAFE FROM FENTANYL

Teenager Deaths From Fentanyl Have “Skyrocketed”

In 2021, Fentanyl Was Associated With 77 Percent Of Adolescent Overdose Deaths. “The researchers, who hailed from multiple institutions, found that adolescent fentanyl-related overdose deaths leapt 350% over the study period. Overall, fentanyl was associated with 77% of adolescent overdose deaths in 2021.” (Eli Cahan, “Opioid Overdose Deaths Among Teens Have Skyrocketed Due To Fentanyl,” [ABC News](#), 4/12/22)

Teenagers From Gritty Areas To Upscale Neighborhoods Are Increasingly Overdosing And Dying From Fentanyl. “Fentanyl overdoses are leaving their toll not only in tragically familiar places like San Francisco’s gritty Tenderloin district but also inside teenagers’ bedrooms in some of the Bay Area’s most upscale neighborhoods. More and more often, users have no idea the drugs they are taking include fentanyl.” (Scooty Nickerson, “‘We Are Not Trying To Scare You.’ In California, Fentanyl Now Behind 1 Out Of Every 5 Youth Deaths,” [The Mercury News](#), 10/30/22)

Fentanyl Has Become The “Driving Force” Of Teenage Overdose Deaths. “Opioid use has gripped the United States for two decades, and synthetic opioids, like fentanyl, are the driving force behind overdose deaths over the past few years. Teenagers, especially Black teens, are being especially hard hit.” (Madison Muller and Ella Ceron, “Teenage Fentanyl Deaths Are Soaring, And Black Teens Are Hit Hardest,” [Bloomberg](#), 2/14/22)

- **UCLA Addiction Researcher Joseph Friedman: Fentanyl Has Made Drug Use Among Adolescents “More Dangerous.”** “‘Drug use is becoming more dangerous, not more common’ among adolescents, said Joseph Friedman, a UCLA addiction researcher and lead author of the paper. ‘To some degree, I think this is just the national progression of the fentanyl crisis.’” (Andrew Joseph, “Driven By Fentanyl, Rates Of Fatal Teen Overdoses Doubled In 2020,” [StatNews.com](#), 4/12/22)
- **As Fentanyl Is Commonly Added To Other Drugs, Users Often Don’t Know Their Drugs Contain Fentanyl.** “Fentanyl is 100 times more potent than morphine and 50 times stronger than heroin. It’s becoming increasingly common for fentanyl to be added into other drugs, cutting costs and making them more addictive — and more dangerous. Users often don’t know their drugs contain fentanyl.” (Madison Muller and Ella Ceron, “Teenage Fentanyl Deaths Are Soaring, And Black Teens Are Hit Hardest,” [Bloomberg](#), 2/14/22)
- **Teens “Have No Idea The Drugs They Are Taking Include Fentanyl.”** “More and more often, users have no idea the drugs they are taking include fentanyl.” (Scooty Nickerson, “‘We Are Not Trying To Scare You.’ In California, Fentanyl Now Behind 1 Out Of Every 5 Youth Deaths,” [The Mercury News](#), 10/30/22)

The Drug Is A “Growing Threat” To Teens As Overdose Deaths Have Become An American Epidemic.

“America’s epidemic of overdose deaths tied to fentanyl is posing a growing threat to teens — and as they return to school, officials warn they may more frequently encounter the drug disguised in unexpected forms.” (Tina Reed, “America’s Fentanyl Problem A Growing Threat For Teens,” [Axios](#), 9/16/22)

- **According To The Centers For Disease Control And Prevention Data, “Overdose Deaths Linked To Synthetic Opioids Like Fentanyl Tripled Among Teenagers.”** “Overdose deaths linked to synthetic opioids like fentanyl tripled among teenagers and went up five times among Black teens in the past two years, according to provisional data from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. The nonprofit group Families Against Fentanyl compiled the data from the CDC, which said 2021 figures are incomplete because drug overdose deaths have a six-month lag in reporting time.” (Madison Muller and Ella Ceron, “Teenage Fentanyl Deaths Are Soaring, And Black Teens Are Hit Hardest,” [Bloomberg](#), 2/14/22)

- **Journal Of Adolescent Health: A September 2022 Study Estimated A “Total Of More Than 84,000 Years Of Life Lost In 2020 – Up 113% Compared To 2019 – From Unintentional Overdoses Among Adolescents Ages 10-19.”** “A study published last week in the Journal of Adolescent Health estimates a total of more than 84,000 years of life lost in 2020 — up 113% compared to 2019 — from unintentional overdoses among adolescents ages 10-19. ... The calculation, which is the difference between the age at which a person dies and their expected remaining lifespan, puts into context the magnitude of the loss to family and society when a young person dies prematurely, says Hall, a co-author of the study.” (Tina Reed, “America’s Fentanyl Problem A Growing Threat For Teens,” [Axios](#), 9/16/22)
- **JAMA (The Journal Of The American Medical Association): “Beginning In 2020, Adolescents Experience A Greater Relative Increase In Overdose Mortality Than The Overall Population, Attributable In Large Part To Fatalities Involving Fentanyl.”** “Beginning in 2020, adolescents experienced a greater relative increase in overdose mortality than the overall population, attributable in large part to fatalities involving fentanyl. In the context of decreasing adolescent drug use rates nationally, these shifts suggest heightened risk from illicit fentanyl, which have variable and high potency. Since 2015, fentanyl has been increasingly added to counterfeit pills resembling prescription opioids, benzodiazepines, and other drugs, which adolescents may not identify as dangerous and which may be playing a key role in these shifts.” (Joseph Friedman, MPH; Morgan Godvin, BA; Chelsea L. Shover, PhD; et al, “Trends In Drug Overdose Among US Adolescents, January 2010 To June 2021,” [JAMA](#) (Journal Of The American Medical Association), 4/12/22)
- **Teenager Deaths From Fentanyl Have “Skyrocketed” Since 2019.** “Although experimental drug use by teenagers in the United States has been dropping since 2010, their deaths from fentanyl have skyrocketed, to 884 in 2021, from 253 in 2019, according to a recent study in the journal JAMA.” (Jan Hoffman, “Fentanyl Tainted Pills Bought On Social Media Cause Youth Drug Deaths To Soar,” [The New York Times](#), 5/19/22)
- **The Study Found That Deaths From Opioid Overdoses In Teens Ages 14 To 18 Increased By 94% Between 2019 And 2020 And By An Additional 20% Between 2020 And 2021.”** (Eli Cahan, “Opioid Overdose Deaths Among Teens Have Skyrocketed Due To Fentanyl,” [ABC News](#), 4/12/22)

Fentanyl-Related Overdose Deaths Of Youth Is Rising Across The Country

The Mercury News Headline: “In California, Fentanyl Now Behind 1 Out Of Every 5 Youth Deaths” (Scooty Nickerson, “‘We Are Not Trying To Scare You.’ In California, Fentanyl Now Behind 1 Out Of Every 5 Youth Deaths,” [The Mercury News](#), 10/30/22)

- **“For Teenagers Between The Ages Of 15 And 19, The Opioid Death Rate Increased More Than Fourfold From 2018 To 2021.”** “For teenagers between the ages of 15 and 19, the opioid death rate increased more than fourfold from 2018 to 2021. For 20- to 24-year-olds, the rate shot up nearly seven times. The spikes in death have occurred even as the overall drug use rate among teenagers has remained stable, experts say.” (Scooty Nickerson, “‘We Are Not Trying To Scare You.’ In California, Fentanyl Now Behind 1 Out Of Every 5 Youth Deaths,” [The Mercury News](#), 10/30/22)

Axios Headline: “Georgia Sees Drastic Rise In Fentanyl-Related Deaths In Teens” (Thomas Wheatley, “Georgia Sees Drastic Rise In Fentanyl-Related Deaths In Teens,” [Axios Atlanta](#), 9/14/22)

- **Georgia’s Department Of Health Found That Fentanyl-Laced Drug Overdose Deaths Of Young People Between The Ages Spiked 800 Percent.** “The number of young people in Georgia who died from fentanyl-laced drug overdoses spiked last year by 800% compared with the year before the pandemic, according to a new study by the state department of public health. ... In 2021, 36 adolescent Georgians — nearly all of whom were between the ages of 15 and 19 — died from fentanyl-involved drug overdoses, up from 4 in 2019, the study says.” (Thomas Wheatley, “Georgia Sees Drastic Rise In Fentanyl-Related Deaths In Teens,” [Axios Atlanta](#), 9/14/22)

9NEWS (Colorado) Headline: “More Children Dying From Fentanyl Poisonings” (Kelly Reinke, “More Children Dying From Fentanyl Poisonings,” [9NEWS](#), 10/3/22)

- **In Colorado, Deaths Among Children From Fentanyl Overdoses Is Rising.** “Fentanyl kills more Coloradans than any other drug. Deaths among children are rising. ... Very few kids died from fentanyl just a few years ago. In 2019, the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) said four people under 18 years old died of a fentanyl overdose. In 2021, it jumped to 24. So far in 2022, CDPHE said at least 20 kids have died. That number could be higher because of a lag in death certificate data.” (Kelly Reinke, “More Children Dying From Fentanyl Poisonings,” [9NEWS](#), 10/3/22)

Fentanyl Overdoses Is The Leading Cause Of Death For Adults

The Washington Post: “Fentanyl Overdoses Are The Leading Cause Of Death In The Country For Ages 18 To 45.” “Fentanyl overdoses are the leading cause of death in the country for ages 18 to 45, according to CDC data analyzed by *The Washington Post*.” (Meryl Kornfield, “Families Devastated By Fentanyl Deaths Rally Near The White House,” [The Washington Post](#), 9/22/22)

- **According To Federal Data “Overdoses Are Now The Leading Cause Of Preventable Death Among People Ages 18 To 45, Ahead Of Suicide, Traffic Accidents And Gun Violence.”** “Overdoses are now the leading cause of preventable death among people ages 18 to 45, ahead of suicide, traffic accidents and gun violence, according to federal data.” (Jan Hoffman, “Fentanyl Tainted Pills Bought On Social Media Cause Youth Drug Deaths To Soar,” [The New York Times](#), 5/19/22)
- **According To Data Pulled By Michigan State University Researcher Matthew Myers, Synthetic Opioids Like Fentanyl Are Leading Cause Of Death Among Adults Aged 18 To 45.** “Michigan State University researcher Matthew Myers said synthetic opioids are the leading cause of death among adults ages 18 to 45. Data he pulled showed there are a higher number of synthetic opioid deaths other than methadone compared with firearm deaths, cardiovascular disease, motor vehicle accidents and cancer.” (Nusaiba Mizan, “Is Fentanyl The Leading Cause Of Death Among American Adults?” [PolitiFact](#), 10/3/22)

As Drug Overdose Deaths Reach Record Highs Of 105,752, Fentanyl Was Responsible For About Two-Thirds Of Those Deaths. “Annual drug overdose deaths have reached another record high in the United States as deaths from fentanyl and other synthetic opioids surge to unprecedented levels. An estimated 105,752 people died of drug overdoses in the 12-month period ending October 2021, according to provisional data published Wednesday by the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention’s National Center for Health Statistics. About two-thirds of those deaths involved synthetic opioids such as fentanyl, a stronger and faster-acting drug than natural opiates.” (Deidre McPhillips, “US Drug Overdose Deaths Reach Another Record High As Deaths From Fentanyl Surge,” [CNN](#), 3/16/22)

- **“Deaths Involving Synthetic Opioids – Largely Fentanyl – Rose To 71,000 From 58,000, ...”** “Deaths involving synthetic opioids — largely fentanyl — rose to 71,000 from 58,000, while those associated with stimulants like methamphetamine, which has grown cheaper and more lethal in recent years, increased to 33,000 from 25,000. Because fentanyl is a white powder, it can be easily combined with other drugs, including opioids like heroin, and stimulants like meth and cocaine, and can be stamped into counterfeit pills for anti-anxiety drugs like Xanax.” (Noah Weiland and Margot Sanger-Katz, “Overdose Deaths Continue Rising, With Fentanyl And Meth Key Culprits,” [The New York Times](#), 5/11/22)

MEXICAN CARTELS ARE TAKING ADVANTAGE OF BIDEN’S POROUS BORDER

Under Biden, Cartels Are Smuggling Fentanyl Into The States By Taking Advantage Of The Porous U.S./Mexico Border

As Fentanyl Has “Become A Plague In America Amid The Current Border Crisis ... Cartels Are Taking Advantage Of The Wave Of Migrants Surging Over The Border.” “Fentanyl, which is manufactured by the cartels in Mexico, has become a plague in America amid the current border crisis. ... Cartels are taking

advantage of the wave of migrants surging over the border.” (Brad Hamilton, Maryann Martinez and Isabel Vincent, “The Trail Of Death From China To Mexico: How Fentanyl Became ‘A Weapon Of Mass Destruction’ In The United States,” [The New York Post](#), 9/4/22)

- **Undocumented Migrant Crossings Over The Border This Past Year Have Shattered Previous Records.** “The number of undocumented immigrant crossings at the southwest border for fiscal year 2022 topped 2.76 million, breaking the previous annual record by more than 1 million, according to Customs and Border Protection data. For the 12 months ending Sept. 30, 2022, CBP stopped migrants more than 2,766,582 times, compared to 1.72 million times for fiscal 2021, the previous yearly high. The 2022 numbers were driven in part by sharp increases in the number of Venezuelans, Cubans and Nicaraguans making the trek north, according to CBP.” (Julia Ainsley, “Migrant Border Crossings In Fiscal Year 2022 Topped 2.76 Million, Breaking Previous Record,” [NBC News](#), 10/22/22)

Cartels Are Ferrying Fentanyl “Across The Southern Border Hidden In Secret Compartments Of Vehicles.”

“U.S. seizures last year included 20.4 million fake pills, according to the DEA. Fentanyl and other drugs are often ferried across the southern border hidden in secret compartments of vehicles.” (Jon Kamp, Jose de Cordoba and Julie Wernau, “How Two Mexican Drug Cartels Came To Dominate America’s Fentanyl Supply,” [The Wall Street Journal](#), 8/30/22)

In California, Fentanyl Overdose Deaths Continue To Rise As Trafficking Routes Between The U.S. And Mexico Have “Hardened.”

“Fentanyl overdoses killed about 4,000 people in California in 2020 – more than double the previous year – as trafficking routes from Mexico hardened and the unusually cheap drug began penetrating local drug markets.” (Scooty Nickerson, “‘We Are Not Trying To Scare You.’ In California, Fentanyl Now Behind 1 Out Of Every 5 Youth Deaths,” [The Mercury News](#), 10/30/22)

Despite Record Seizures Of Fentanyl In The States, Cartels Are Reaping Massive Profits Form The Illicit Drug

More Fentanyl Has Crossed The U.S. Border In July And August 2022 Than In 2019. “We don’t know how much fentanyl has crossed the border undetected, but we do know how much has been seized. Federal agents seized 4,500 pounds of fentanyl in July and August 2022, mostly at the southwestern border, which was more than the 2,800 pounds seized all of 2019.” (Megan Bevins and Pearse Costello, “Fact-Checking How Much Fentanyl Is Coming Into The U.S.,” [PolitiFact](#), 10/3/22)

- **PolitiFact Rated The Claim “More Fentanyl Has Crossed The Border In The Last Two Months Under Biden Than In 2019 Under Trump” As “Mostly True.”** (Megan Bevins and Pearse Costello, “Fact-Checking How Much Fentanyl Is Coming Into The U.S.,” [PolitiFact](#), 10/3/22)

According To Investigative Reporter Anabel Hernández: “Security Forces Say You Can Calculate Drug Production From The Size Of Seizures. ... The Amounts Confiscated Represent About 10 To 15 Percent Of Real Production.” “‘Security forces say you can calculate drug production from the size of seizures,’ says Anabel Hernández, an investigative reporter and author who writes about drug trafficking and organized crime. ‘The amounts confiscated represent about 10 to 15 percent of real production.’” (Jude Webber, “Mexican Drug Cartels See Big Profits In Fentanyl,” [Financial Times](#), 4/27/21)

Fentanyl Is Highly Profitable And According To A U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration Report, A \$1 Fentanyl Pill Can Be Resold In The U.S. For 10 Times As Much. “Fentanyl is extraordinarily profitable to produce: where opium poppies require acres of land and months of care, this highly powerful drug requires only a minimal workforce and infrastructure. A 2019 DEA report estimated that each fentanyl pill costs only \$1 to produce. It can be resold in the US for at least 10 times as much.” (Audrey Travers and Jules Giraudat, “Revealed: How Mexico’s Sinaloa Cartel Has Created A Global Network To Rule The Fentanyl Trade,” [The Guardian](#), 12/8/20)

According To Mike Vigil, Former Chief Of International Operations For The DEA, A \$9,000 Fentanyl Investment Would Net Cartels \$2 Million. “‘For the cartels in Mexico, the biggest profits now come from methamphetamines and fentanyl,’ says Mike Vigil, a former chief of international operations for the US Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA). ... A kilo of fentanyl can be bought online in China for about \$9,000, Vigil says. ‘Fentanyl is 50 times more potent than heroin and 100 times more potent than morphine. You can cut that

and make a lot of kilos. That investment of a little over \$9,000 would net you \$2m,' he said.” (Jude Webber, “Mexican Drug Cartels See Big Profits In Fentanyl,” [Financial Times](#), 4/27/21)

VICTIM ADVOCATES AND LAW ENFORCEMENT ARE CRITICAL OF BIDEN’S FENTANYL FAILURES

Victim Advocate Groups And Law Enforcement Have Blamed Biden For Fentanyl’s Devastation

Lost Voices Of Fentanyl, A Mothers’ Group Has Argued That Biden Has Not Done Enough To Stanch The Flow Of Fentanyl Across The Border. “The mothers’ group, Lost Voices of Fentanyl, which has more than 19,000 members on Facebook, argues that the Biden administration has not done enough to stop fentanyl from being brought across the border, or to raise awareness of its dangers.” (Meryl Kornfield, “Families Devastated By Fentanyl Deaths Rally Near The White House,” [The Washington Post](#), 9/22/22)

In September 2022, “A Group Of Texas Sheriffs Blasted President Biden ... For Not Stopping The Rampant Flow Of (Fentanyl) Into The Lone Star State.” “A group of Texas sheriffs blasted President Biden last week for not stopping the rampant flow of the dangerous drug into the Lone Star State.” (Brad Hamilton, Maryann Martinez and Isabel Vincent, “The Trail Of Death From China To Mexico: How Fentanyl Became ‘A Weapon Of Mass Destruction’ In The United States,” [The New York Post](#), 9/4/22)

Collin County (TX) Sheriff Jim Skinner: “It’s Quite Frankly A Tsunami Of Death That Is Crashing Into The United States Over Our Southern Border.” “It’s quite frankly a tsunami of death that is crashing into the United States over our southern border,” Collin County Sheriff Jim Skinner told The Post.” (Brad Hamilton, Maryann Martinez and Isabel Vincent, “The Trail Of Death From China To Mexico: How Fentanyl Became ‘A Weapon Of Mass Destruction’ In The United States,” [The New York Post](#), 9/4/22)

- **Skinner: “It’s Killing Americans Wholesale And It’s Just An Epic Slaughter Manufactured By The Cartels. If You Don’t Secure The Border, It’s Going To Continue.”** “It’s quite frankly a tsunami of death that is crashing into the United States over our southern border,” Collin County Sheriff Jim Skinner said of the thousands of pounds of fentanyl that Mexican drug cartels trafficked into the Lone Star State. ‘It’s killing Americans wholesale and it’s just an epic slaughter manufactured by the cartels. If you don’t secure the border, it’s going to continue.’” (Jon Levine, “Texas Sheriffs Take Aim At Biden Border Policies Causing ‘Tsunami Of Death’ From Drug Smuggling,” [New York Post](#), 8/27/22)

Brandon Judd, President Of The National Border Patrol Union: “Ninety Percent Of Our Resources Are Tied Up Processing Immigrants. ... The Cartels Exploit That Border Patrol Agents Are Tied Up. That Means The Border Is Wide Open For Them.” “Ninety percent of our resources are tied up processing immigrants,” said Brandon Judd, president of the national Border Patrol union. ‘The cartels exploit that Border Patrol agents are tied up. That means the border is wide open for them.’” (Brad Hamilton, Maryann Martinez and Isabel Vincent, “The Trail Of Death From China To Mexico: How Fentanyl Became ‘A Weapon Of Mass Destruction’ In The United States,” [The New York Post](#), 9/4/22)

Robert Almonte, Texas Based Consultant And Former El Paso Cop Said “Unfortunately, It’s Only Going To Get Worse Because The Federal Government Is Not Providing The Resources That Border Agents Need To Stop The Flow Of Fentanyl At The Border.” “The Mexican cartels are behind this new marketing campaign to flood the country with rainbow fentanyl, and it’s only going to get worse,” said Robert Almonte, a Texas-based consultant and former El Paso cop who has more than 30 years of experience cracking down on drug trafficking. ‘Unfortunately, it’s only going to get worse because the federal government is not providing the resources that border agents need to stop the flow of fentanyl at the border.’ According to Almonte, most of the fentanyl that makes its way to New York City originates with the Nueva Generacion and Sinaloa cartels.” (Isabel Vincent, “Rainbow Fentanyl Crisis ‘Going To Get Worse’ Unless US Stops Flow At Border,” [New York Post](#), 10/14/22)

- **Almonte: “I Don’t See Our Government Treating This As A Crisis, Even Though It’s Been A Real Crisis For A Long Time.”** “I don’t see our government treating this as a crisis, even though it’s been a real crisis for a long time,” he told The Post.” (Isabel Vincent, “Rainbow Fentanyl Crisis ‘Going To Get Worse’ Unless US Stops Flow At Border,” [New York Post](#), 10/14/22)

The Biden Administration Has Ignored The Pleas Of Law Enforcement To Crack Down On Fentanyl As U.S. Homeland Security Secretary Alejandro Mayorkas Recently Canceled A Meeting With Texas Lawmen.

"Skinner was joined by Lone Star lawmen Rand Henderson (top inset) of Montgomery County, Javier Salazar (middle) of Bexar County and Bill Waybourn (bottom) of Tarrant County on an exclusive Zoom call with The Post. ... All four men said they felt Washington was not taking their concerns seriously and cited as evidence a planned meeting with Homeland Security Secretary Alejandro Mayorkas during a swing through Texas this week. An original 90-minute meeting was canceled after Mayorkas' team said he could spare only half that time for the lawmen, they said." (Jon Levine, "Texas Sheriffs Take Aim At Biden Border Policies Causing 'Tsunami Of Death' From Drug Smuggling," [New York Post](#), 8/27/22)

In An April 2022 Op-Ed, Marc Thiessen Blamed The Biden Administration's Failure To Secure The Border For The Surge Of Fentanyl Overdoses And Violence In American Cities

In An Op-Ed Published By *The Washington Post*, Marc Thiessen Blamed Biden's Failure To Secure The Southern Border For The Surge Of Fentanyl On The Streets. "They are right. And one major reason we are facing a surge in crime is the disaster Biden unleashed on our southern border. Last year, the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) seized enough fentanyl to provide a lethal dose to every American." (Marc A. Thiessen, Op-Ed, "Biden's Border Disaster Fuels The Crime Wave In American Cities," [The Washington Post](#), 4/20/22)

- **"Overdose Deaths From Fentanyl Coming Across The Border Hit Record Levels In 2021, Claiming A New Victim Every Five Minutes."** (Marc A. Thiessen, Op-Ed, "Biden's Border Disaster Fuels The Crime Wave In American Cities," [The Washington Post](#), 4/20/22)

As Illegal Migrant Border Crossings Surge, Border Patrol Has Had To Redirect Resources From "Drug Interdiction To Processing Migrants." "The problem has worsened in the past year thanks to the border crisis Biden unleashed, as the flood of illegal migrants over the past year has forced Customs and Border Protection to shift resources away from drug interdiction to processing migrants. Biden's own budget acknowledges this, requesting funds for 300 new 'Border Patrol Processing Coordinators to respond to migration along the Southwest border,' who 'will allow existing agents to focus on their core counterterrorism, law enforcement, and security missions.'" (Marc A. Thiessen, Op-Ed, "Biden's Border Disaster Fuels The Crime Wave In American Cities," [The Washington Post](#), 4/20/22)

- **The Surge Of Illegal Migrants Distracts Border Authorities, Allowing Drugs To Easily Cross Into The Country At Another Point Of Entry.** "Because the same cartels are engaged in both human and drug trafficking, they often use migrants — including children — as drug mules. And they strategically send caravans of migrants to overwhelm and distract Border Patrol in one area so they can surge drug shipments across the border in another location." (Marc A. Thiessen, Op-Ed, "Biden's Border Disaster Fuels The Crime Wave In American Cities," [The Washington Post](#), 4/20/22)

Biden's Unsecured Border Policy Is Allowing More Drugs Into The Country Which Has Contributed To The Crime Wave In U.S. Cities. "As the migrant crisis has grown over the past year, fentanyl seizures rose 56 percent in March 2022 compared with March 2021. And this surge in illegal drugs has contributed to the crime surge in U.S. cities. Last fall, the DEA analyzed 'national crime statistics and [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention] data to identify hot spots of drug-related violence and overdose deaths across the country.' The DEA study 'revealed alarming trends' about the criminal drug networks' activity in 34 U.S. cities, finding the vast majority of those networks 'are engaged in gun violence.' In response, the DEA launched Operation Overdrive this February 'aimed at combatting the rising rates of drug-related violent crime.' By making it easier for cartels to flood our country with illegal drugs, our unsecured borders are fueling a drug-related crime wave across the United States that has necessitated a major DEA response." (Marc A. Thiessen, Op-Ed, "Biden's Border Disaster Fuels The Crime Wave In American Cities," [The Washington Post](#), 4/20/22)