





mean for U.S. homeland security? The sudden outbreak of hostilities between Israel and Hamas creates three broad categories of risk for domestic counterterrorism officials. First among them is America's porous southern border. ... The disaster at the southern border has made it easy for a potential terrorist to slip into the country. Such a 'clean skin' is virtually untraceable. To make matters worse, we are inviting these border-crossers to come and paying their way to major terror targets like New York." (Paul Mauro, Op-Ed, "Border Crises Invites Terrorists," [The Wall Street Journal](#), 10/13/23)

- **Mauro: Due To The Porous Border, Hamas "Must Now Be Considered Part Of The Domestic Counterterrorism Landscape."** "The Hamas charter confines the group's mission to 'the liberation of occupied Palestine,' and it hasn't traditionally been a major actor in the U.S. Hamas's stateside affiliates have mostly confined themselves to fundraising. But with the unprecedented events unfolding in Gaza, the group must now be considered part of the domestic counterterrorism landscape." (Paul Mauro, Op-Ed, "Border Crises Invites Terrorists," [The Wall Street Journal](#), 10/13/23)

## **The Number Of People Crossing The Border Undetected Continues To Increase**

**Under Biden, There Have Been 1.5 Million "Gotaways" At The Border.** "Those numbers do not include encounters by CBP's Office of Field Operations at ports of entry or those who have evaded agents. Sources say there have been over 1.5 million such 'gotaways' during the Biden administration." (Adam Shaw and Griff Jenkins, "Officials Apprehend Two Lebanese Nationals At Southern Border, Amid Terror Concerns," [Fox News](#), 10/13/23)

**Since October 1, 2023, More Than 18,000 People Have Slipped Into The U.S. Illegally, Nearly 1,125 People Daily.** "More than 18,000 people have evaded border patrol agents and slipped into the United States illegally since October 1, Border Patrol Chief Jason Owens announced Tuesday. ... "The shocking number of so-called 'gotaways' — people known to have entered the country illegally without being caught — equates to about 1,125 people daily over the last 16 days." (Alex Oliveira, "More Than 18,000 'Gotaways' Have Illegally Entered US In The Last 16 Days, CBP Chief Warns," [New York Post](#), 10/17/23)

- **Gotaways Are People Who Have Crossed The Border Illegally And Were Not Caught.** "The shocking number of so-called 'gotaways' — people known to have entered the country illegally without being caught — equates to about 1,125 people daily over the last 16 days." (Alex Oliveira, "More Than 18,000 'Gotaways' Have Illegally Entered US In The Last 16 Days, CBP Chief Warns," [New York Post](#), 10/17/23)

**In May 2023, It Was Estimated That There Were 530,000 Gotaways, Which Will "Smash The Record-Setting 600,000 Estimated Gotaways In 2022."** "Border Protection agents haven't released a complete gotaway estimate for the 2023 fiscal year, but as of May there had been an estimated 530,000 — indicating the full year will smash the record-setting 600,000 estimated gotaways in 2022." (Alex Oliveira, "More Than 18,000 'Gotaways' Have Illegally Entered US In The Last 16 Days, CBP Chief Warns," [New York Post](#), 10/17/23)

## **In September 2023, 210,000 Migrants Were Apprehended At The Border And Over 2 Million Were Apprehended For The Year**

**210,000 Migrants Were Processed By U.S. Immigration Agents Making It The Highest Level Recorded In 2023.** "U.S. immigration agents processed more than 200,000 migrants who crossed the southern border unlawfully in September, the highest level recorded in 2023, as the Biden administration struggles to contain the mass migration gripping the region, according to preliminary government data obtained by CBS News. Border Patrol agents last month recorded approximately 210,000 apprehensions of migrants who entered the U.S. without authorization in between official ports of entry along the Mexican border, an increase from 181,000 in August, internal statistics from the Department of Homeland Security show." (Camilo Montoya-Galvez, "Unlawful Crossings Along Southern Border Reach Yearly High As U.S. Struggles To Contain Mass Migration," [CBS News](#), 10/1/23)

**More Than 2 Million Migrants Were Apprehended In Fiscal Year 2023.** "For only the second time in U.S. history, the unpublished DHS data shows, annual migrant apprehensions along the U.S. southern border surpassed 2 million. The data pertained to fiscal year 2023, which ended this weekend. The 2.2 million total of migrant apprehensions in fiscal year 2022 remains the highest-ever

annual tally.” (Camilo Montoya-Galvez, “Unlawful Crossings Along Southern Border Reach Yearly High As U.S. Struggles To Contain Mass Migration,” [CBS News](#), 10/1/23)

**Fiscal Year 2023 Set A New Record For Illegal Border Crossings.** “The new border-related request comes ahead of the release of September border numbers, which at times saw migrant encounters near a staggering 11,000 per day, as Axios has reported. Early figures indicate that the 2023 fiscal year, which ended on Sept. 30, set a new record for illegal border crossings.” (Stef W. Kight, “Scoop: Biden To Seek Billions For Border Security Alongside Israel-Ukraine Aid,” [AXIOS](#), 10/19/23)

## ***Top Three Ways Biden’s Border Failure Has Risked The Safety Of American Citizens***

### **INCREASED ENCOUNTERS WITH THOSE ON THE TERRORIST WATCHLIST**

#### **The Number Of Encounters Along The Southern Border Between U.S. Border Agents And Individuals On The FBI’s Terrorist Watchlist Has Increased**

**According To The Department Of Homeland Security’s “Homeland Threat Assessment,” U.S. Border Agents Have Encountered A “Growing Number Of Individuals” On The FBI’s Terrorist Watchlist Along The Southern Border.** “This year U.S. border agents have encountered a ‘growing number of individuals’ on the FBI’s terrorist watchlist trying to enter the country via the southern border, according to the Homeland Threat Assessment released Thursday by the Department of Homeland Security.” (Julia Ainsley, “Number Of People On Terrorist Watchlist Stopped At Southern U.S. Border Has Risen,” [NBC News](#), 9/14/23)

- **“As Of July, 160 Migrants Whose Identities Match Those On The Terrorist Screening Dataset Had Been Apprehended By Customs And Border Protection Trying To Cross The U.S.-Mexico Border During Fiscal Year 2023, Compared To 100 In Fiscal Year 2022. Fiscal Years End On Sept. 30.”** (Julia Ainsley, “Number Of People On Terrorist Watchlist Stopped At Southern U.S. Border Has Risen,” [NBC News](#), 9/14/23)
- **“The Number Of All People, Including U.S. Citizens, On The Terrorist Watchlist Who Had Been Stopped At The Southern Border As Of July This Fiscal Year Was 216, Compared To 165 In All Of Fiscal Year 2022.”** (Julia Ainsley, “Number Of People On Terrorist Watchlist Stopped At Southern U.S. Border Has Risen,” [NBC News](#), 9/14/23)

**Fiscal Year 2023 Shattered The Record Of Encounters At The Border With People On The FBI Terror Watchlist.** “Meanwhile, fiscal year 2023 broke the record for encounters on the FBI terror watch list with 151 people encountered at the southern border between ports of entry, higher than the previous six years combined.” (Adam Shaw and Griff Jenkins, “Officials Apprehend Two Lebanese Nationals At Southern Border, Amid Terror Concerns,” [Fox News](#), 10/13/23)

#### **A Rising Number Of Individuals On The FBI Terror Database Has Also Increased At The Northern Border**

**“Encounters Of Individuals With FBI Terror Database Matches Are Much More Common Along The Border Separating The U.S. And Canada, ...”** “Encounters of individuals with FBI terror database matches are much more common along the border separating the U.S. and Canada, despite the much lower levels of unauthorized migration there.” (Camilo Montoya-Galvez, “Are Terrorists Trying To Enter The U.S. Through The Southern Border? Her Are The Facts,” [CBS News](#), 10/11/23)

- **“Customs And Border Protection Recorded More Than 430 Watchlist Hits Along The Northern Border In Fiscal Year 2023, The Vast Majority Of Them At Official Ports Of Entry.”** “For example, Customs and Border Protection recorded more than 430 watchlist hits along the northern border in fiscal year 2023, the vast majority of them at official ports of entry.” (Camilo Montoya-Galvez, “Are Terrorists Trying To Enter The U.S. Through The Southern Border? Her Are The Facts,” [CBS News](#), 10/11/23)

**According To The U.S. Customs And Border Protection Statistics, Northern Border Encounters With Individuals On The Terrorist Watchlist Have More Than Tripled Since Fiscal Year 2020.** (CBP Enforcement Statistics Fiscal Year 2023, [U.S. Customs And Border Protection](#), Accessed 10/18/23)

**NOTE:** *Fiscal Year 2023 runs October 1, 2022 to September 30, 2023.* (CBP Enforcement Statistics Fiscal Year 2023, [U.S. Customs And Border Protection](#), Accessed 10/18/23)

**NOTE:** *There were three encounters between agents and non-U.S. citizens at the northern border in FY23. There were 0 encounters in FY22.* (CBP Enforcement Statistics Fiscal Year 2023, [U.S. Customs And Border Protection](#), Accessed 10/18/23)

	FY17	FY18	FY19	FY20	FY21	FY22	FY23YTD
<b>Office of Field Operations TSDS Encounters at Land Border Ports of Entry of All Nationalities*</b>							
<b>Southwest Border</b>	116	155	280	72	103	67	76
<b>Northern Border</b>	217	196	258	124	54	313	429
<b>Total</b>	333	351	538	196	157	380	505

**MORE MIGRANTS FROM THE EASTERN HEMISPHERE ARE SHOWING UP AT THE BORDER**

**Encounters With Migrants From The Eastern Hemisphere Has More Than Doubled, Further Exacerbating America’s Border Security Challenges**

**According To The Threat Assessment, Migrants From The Eastern Hemisphere, Which Includes Africa And The Middle East, Has More Than Doubled, From 110,000 In Fiscal Year 2022 To 228,000 So Far In Fiscal Year 2023.** “The number of migrants from the Eastern Hemisphere more than doubled, from 110,000 in fiscal year 2022 to 228,000 so far in fiscal year 2023, the Homeland Threat Assessment said. The Eastern Hemisphere includes Africa and the Middle East, among other areas.” (Julia Ainsley, “Number Of People On Terrorist Watchlist Stopped At Southern U.S. Border Has Risen,” [NBC News](#), 9/14/23)

**Apprehensions Of Eastern Hemisphere Migrants At Ports Of Entry Between October 2021 And October 2023:**

<b>Nationality</b>	<b>Migrants</b>
Lebanon	164
Afghanistan	6,386
Egypt	3,153
Iran	659
Syria	538
Uzbekistan	13,624
Turkey	30,830
Pakistan	1,613
Jordan	185
Yemen	139
Iraq	123
Mauritania	15,594
<b>Total</b>	<b>73,008</b>

(Adam Shaw and Griff Jenkins, “Officials Apprehend Two Lebanese Nationals At Southern Border, Amid Terror Concerns,” [Fox News](#), 10/13/23)

- **“Those Numbers Do Not Include Encounters By CBP’s Office Of Field Operations At Ports Of Entry Or Those Who Have Evaded Agents.”** (Adam Shaw and Griff Jenkins, “Officials Apprehend Two Lebanese Nationals At Southern Border, Amid Terror Concerns,” [Fox News](#), 10/13/23)

**The Rising Apprehensions Of Migrants From The Eastern Hemisphere Has “Exacerbated Border Security Challenges” As Those “Individuals Require More Vetting And Processing” And It’s Harder To Deport Them.** “The assessment also said a recent increase in apprehensions of migrants from the Eastern Hemisphere, while still significantly lower than those from the Western Hemisphere, has ‘exacerbated border security challenges’ because those individuals require more vetting and processing and because it’s more difficult to deport them.” (Camilo Montoya-Galvez, “Are Terrorists Trying To Enter The U.S. Through The Southern Border? Her Are The Facts,” [CBS News](#), 10/11/23)

**The 2024 Homeland Threat Assessment Noted That The “Record Encounters Of Migrants Arriving From A Growing Number Of Countries Have Complicated Border And Immigration Security.”** “In its homeland threat assessment for 2024, the intelligence branch of DHS said the ‘record encounters of migrants arriving from a growing number of countries have complicated border and immigration security,’ citing the increase in terror database matches.” (Camilo Montoya-Galvez, “Are Terrorists Trying To Enter The U.S. Through The Southern Border? Her Are The Facts,” [CBS News](#), 10/11/23)

### **People From Lebanon, Iran And Syria Have Been Recently Apprehended At The Border**

**In October 2023, Two Men In Their Early To Mid-20s From Lebanon Were Apprehended In Eagle Pass, Texas.** “Customs and Border Protection (CBP) apprehended two Lebanese nationals at the southern border in Texas on Thursday, sources tell Fox News. The two men in their early to mid-20s from Lebanon were apprehended in Eagle Pass, Texas.” (Adam Shaw and Griff Jenkins, “Officials Apprehend Two Lebanese Nationals At Southern Border, Amid Terror Concerns,” [Fox News](#), 10/13/23)

- **The Men Were Deemed “Special Interest Aliens” As They Are “From Countries Identified By The U.S. Government As Having Conditions That Promote Or Protect Terrorism Or Potentially Pose Some Sort Of National Security Threat To The U.S.”** “Sources said they are considered ‘special interest aliens’ and are currently undergoing extensive background vetting, including by the FBI.” ‘Special interest aliens’ are people from countries identified by the U.S. government as having conditions that promote or protect terrorism or potentially pose some sort of national security threat to the U.S.” (Adam Shaw and Griff Jenkins, “Officials Apprehend Two Lebanese Nationals At Southern Border, Amid Terror Concerns,” [Fox News](#), 10/13/23)

**In October 2023, Border Patrol Had Apprehended 19 Iranians And 17 Syrians.** “Separately, in the Rio Grande Valley Sector, officials have apprehended 19 Iranians and 17 Syrians since Monday.” (Adam Shaw and Griff Jenkins, “Officials Apprehend Two Lebanese Nationals At Southern Border, Amid Terror Concerns,” [Fox News](#), 10/13/23)

**An Egyptian Man Was Also Apprehended.** “CBP has also apprehended an Egyptian man in his 40s.” (Adam Shaw and Griff Jenkins, “Officials Apprehend Two Lebanese Nationals At Southern Border, Amid Terror Concerns,” [Fox News](#), 10/13/23)

### **The Customs And Border Protection (CBP) San Diego Field Office Intelligence Division Has Released An Internal Memo Warning That Members Of Hamas Or Other Middle Eastern Terrorist Organizations Could Be Entering The U.S. Through The Southern Border**

**A Federal Internal October 2023 Memo Is “Warning That Members Of Hamas, Palestinian Islamic Jihad (PIJ) And Hezbollah Could Be Crossing Through The Southern Border.”** “Federal officials are warning that members of Hamas, Palestinian Islamic Jihad (PIJ) and Hezbollah could be crossing through the southern border, according to an internal Oct. 20 memo exclusively obtained by the Daily Caller News Foundation.” (Jennie Taer, “Feds Warn That Hamas, Hezbollah Could Be Crossing Southern Border,” [Daily Caller](#), 10/22/23)

**The San Diego Field Office Intelligence Division Of Customs And Border Protection (CBP) Issued The Memo As There Could Be Encounters With “Terror-Tied Individuals”**



**Seeking To Travel To The U.S.** “The San Diego Field Office Intelligence Division of Customs and Border Protection (CBP) sent the memo warning that due to the war between Israel and Hamas, there could be encounters of terror-tied individuals who are seeking to travel to or from the Middle East via transit across the southern border.” (Jennie Taer, “Feds Warn That Hamas, Hezbollah Could Be Crossing Southern Border,” [Daily Caller](#), 10/22/23)

**According To The Memo: “San Diego Field Office Intelligence Unit Assesses That Individuals Inspired By, Or Reacting To The Current Israel-Hamas Conflict May Attempt To Travel To Or From The Area Of Hostilities In The Middle East Via Circuitous Transit Across The Southwest Border.”** “San Diego Field Office Intelligence Unit assesses that individuals inspired by, or reacting to the current Israel-Hamas conflict may attempt travel to or from the area of hostilities in the Middle East via circuitous transit across the Southwest border,” the memo reads.” (Jennie Taer, “Feds Warn That Hamas, Hezbollah Could Be Crossing Southern Border,” [Daily Caller](#), 10/22/23)

- **Additionally, “Foreign Fighters Motivated By Ideology Or Mercenary Soldiers Of Fortune May Attempt To Obfuscate Travel To Or From The US To Or From Countries In The Middle East Through Mexico.”** “Foreign fighters motivated by ideology or mercenary soldiers of fortune may attempt to obfuscate travel to or from the US to or from countries in the Middle East through Mexico,” the memo adds, before listing the patches of Hamas, PIJ and Hezbollah.” (Jennie Taer, “Feds Warn That Hamas, Hezbollah Could Be Crossing Southern Border,” [Daily Caller](#), 10/22/23)
- **The Warning Tasked Federal Border Authorities To Search For Numerous Indicators Of People Seeking To Cross The Border, Which Include “Seeing Military Age Males, Military Gear, Lone Travelers, And Ties To The Region.”** “The latest warning of possible terrorist encounters says federal border authorities should look for indicators that include seeing military age males, military gear, lone travelers, and ties to the region, according to the memo. The memo also lists several ‘questions of interest,’ such as questions related to individuals’ personal or familial associations with ‘Hamas, Hezbollah, Palestinian Islamic Jihad (PIJ), Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine (PFLP)’ or other similar groups.” (Jennie Taer, “Feds Warn That Hamas, Hezbollah Could Be Crossing Southern Border,” [Daily Caller](#), 10/22/23)

### **Federal Government Data Is Unclear If Hamas, Al Qaeda Or ISIS-Affiliated Terrorists Have Been Stopped At The Border**

**It Is Unclear If Any Of The Migrants Arrested Along The U.S. Southern Border Have Been Affiliated With Hamas As The Terror Watchlist Data Does Not Show Who They Are, Where They Hail From Or Group Associations.** “There have been no indications that any individuals affiliated with Hamas have been arrested along the U.S.-Mexico border in recent years. However, the available data on migrants who appear on the terror watchlist does not show who they are, where they hail from or the group they are associated with.” (Camilo Montoya-Galvez, “Are Terrorists Trying To Enter The U.S. Through The Southern Border? Her Are The Facts,” [CBS News](#), 10/11/23)

- **The U.S. Hasn’t Disclosed If Border Patrol Has Arrested Terrorist With Al Qaeda Or ISIS Connections, But Earlier In 2023, U.S. Officials Reported That A Smuggler With Ties To ISIS Had Helped Migrants From Uzbekistan Travel To The Southern Border.** “So far, the U.S. has not publicly reported recent incidents of Border Patrol arresting terrorists with connections to al Qaeda or ISIS, either. Earlier this year, however, U.S. officials did report a case in which a smuggler with ties to ISIS helped migrants from Uzbekistan travel to the southern border. The White House said there were no indications the migrants had terrorist links or were plotting an attack.” (Camilo Montoya-Galvez, “Are Terrorists Trying To Enter The U.S. Through The Southern Border? Her Are The Facts,” [CBS News](#), 10/11/23)
- **“The Exact Number Of Recent Border Crossers Who Are Associated With Hamas Remains Classified.”** “A DHS official said the idea that members of Hamas are ‘pouring’ across the border or that the numbers have increased recently is false. The exact number of recent border crossers who are associated with Hamas remains classified.” (Julia Ainsley, “Why Is It So Hard For Palestinians To Enter The U.S. As Refugees?” [NBC News](#), 10/17/23)

## **The DHS' Office Of Inspector General Has "Raised Questions About Border Patrol's System To Determine Whether A Migrant Could Be A National Security Risk."**

"Moreover, DHS' Office of Inspector General in July published a report that raised questions about Border Patrol's system to determine whether a migrant could be a national security risk, citing the release of a Colombian migrant in 2022 who was later found to be on the FBI's terrorist watchlist. DHS pushed back on the report, noting the migrant was re-arrested once it became clear that he was on the database." (Camilo Montoya-Galvez, "Are Terrorists Trying To Enter The U.S. Through The Southern Border? Her Are The Facts," [CBS News](#), 10/11/23)

## **The Issue Will Continue To Grow Worse As More Migrants Seek To Enter The Country**

**A DHS Official Said The Increase Is Consistent With An Increase In Migrants Crossing The Border, Especially Those Coming From Areas Of Conflict.** "A DHS official told reporters that the increase from fiscal 2022 to 2023 is consistent with the overall increase in migrants crossing the border and the rising number of migrants coming from areas of conflict." (Julia Ainsley, "Number Of People On Terrorist Watchlist Stopped At Southern U.S. Border Has Risen," [NBC News](#), 9/14/23)

- **Additionally, "We Are More Likely Going To See An Increase In Individuals Who Might Be On The Watchlist Or Directly Related To Terror Activity."** "The increase in encounters of individuals on the terror screening data set are largely commensurate with the increased flow to the border more broadly,' a DHS official told reporters. 'Naturally, as we see more people arrive at the border from different countries, we are more likely going to see an increase in individuals who might be on the watchlist or directly related to terror activity.'" (Julia Ainsley, "Number Of People On Terrorist Watchlist Stopped At Southern U.S. Border Has Risen," [NBC News](#), 9/14/23)

## **Drugs Continue To Stream Across The Border**

### **In Fiscal Year 2023, Enough Fentanyl To Kill The Entire U.S. Population Has Been Seized At The Border**

**According To Border Patrol Chief Jason Owens, 2,700 Lbs Of Fentanyl, Enough To Kill The Entire U.S. Population, Was Seized At The Southern Border In Fiscal Year 2023.** "Border Patrol agents have seized enough fentanyl to kill the entire U.S. population this fiscal year, as agents also struggle to contend with a record-setting migrant crisis at the southern border. Border Patrol Chief Jason Owens announced that agents have seized over 2,700 lbs of fentanyl as part of the more than 69,000 lbs of narcotics seized between ports of entry." (Adam Shaw and Griff Jenkins, "Border Patrol Seized Enough Fentanyl To Kill Entire U.S. Population This Fiscal Year," [Fox News](#), 9/27/23)

- **"The Seizures Include 40,000 Lbs Of Marijuana, 13,000 Lbs Of Methamphetamine And 11,000 Lbs Of Cocaine."** (Adam Shaw and Griff Jenkins, "Border Patrol Seized Enough Fentanyl To Kill Entire U.S. Population This Fiscal Year," [Fox News](#), 9/27/23)

**"The Amount Of Fentanyl ... Is More Than Enough Lethal Doses To Kill The Entire Population In The United States."** "This amount of fentanyl, which does not include the amount seized at ports of entry, is more than enough lethal doses to kill the entire population of the United States. While significantly more is caught at ports of entry -- with over 22,000 lbs caught at the ports of entry at the southern border this fiscal year -- the stat highlights the danger of fentanyl moving between the ports and potentially past overwhelmed agents in the field." (Adam Shaw and Griff Jenkins, "Border Patrol Seized Enough Fentanyl To Kill Entire U.S. Population This Fiscal Year," [Fox News](#), 9/27/23)

**According To *The Washington Post*, "Illegal Fentanyl Has Become The Leading Cause Of Death For Americans Ages 18 To 49," Claiming More Lives Than Car Accidents, Gun Violence Or Suicides.** "A Washington Post investigation published last week found that illegal fentanyl has become the leading cause of death for Americans ages 18 to 49. Fatal overdoses from fentanyl have surged 94 percent since 2019, and the drug now claims more lives in the United States than car accidents, gun violence or suicides, The Post reported." (Nick Miroff, "DEA Seized Enough Fentanyl To Kill Every Person In The U.S. In 2022," [The Washington Post](#), 12/20/22)



**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)

## ***Biden Is Playing Catch-Up***

### **Biden Is Going To Request More Than \$8 Billion For Immigration And Border Enforcement**

**According To AXIOS, Biden Is Planning To Ask Congress For More Than \$8 Billion For Immigration Enforcement.** “President Biden is planning to ask Congress for more than \$8 billion for the Department of Homeland Security and billions more for agencies with a role in immigration, Axios has learned. Why it matters: The sweeping emergency funding request will reportedly total around \$100 billion, with \$60 billion for Ukraine and \$10 billion for Israel. The sizable border component underscores how urgent the migration crisis has become for the Biden administration.” (Stef W. Kight, “Scoop: Biden To Seek Billions For Border Security Alongside Israel-Ukraine Aid,” [AXIOS](#), 10/19/23)

- **“The Border Funding Will Be Go Toward Direct Immigration Enforcement, International Efforts To Slow Migration, Support For Major U.S. Cities Struggling To Accommodate Migrants, And Attempts To Crack Down On Fentanyl Smuggling.”** (Stef W. Kight, “Scoop: Biden To Seek Billions For Border Security Alongside Israel-Ukraine Aid,” [AXIOS](#), 10/19/23)

### **The Border Crisis Is Endangering The Safety Of U.S. Citizens**

**Pete McGinnis Of Functional Government Initiative: “Beware, The Crisis At The Southern Border May Be Much Worse Than It Appears.”** (Peter McGinnis, Op-Ed, “For Some, Open Border Chaos Is The Goal,” [RealClear Politics](#), 9/30/23)

**McGinnis: The Biden Administration, Including Claire Trickler-McNulty, His Assistant Director Of Immigration And Customs Enforcement, “Appear Set On Turning Law Enforcement Agencies Into Social Services Organizations.”** “This may be a shocking observation to some, but this example and others indicate that senior government officials may see the lawlessness stemming from the border as a feature rather than a bug. Take Claire Trickler-McNulty, the Biden administration’s assistant director of Immigration and Customs Enforcement. Officials like Ms. Trickler-McNulty appear set on turning law enforcement agencies into social services organizations.” (Peter McGinnis, Op-Ed, “For Some, Open Border Chaos Is The Goal,” [RealClear Politics](#), 9/30/23)

- **Trickler-McNulty “Worked For An Organization That Advocated For The Abolition” Of Immigration And Customs Enforcement.** “Before joining the Biden administration, Trickler-McNulty worked for an organization that advocated for the abolition of the agency she now helps lead – in the spirit of the ‘defund the police’ movement. Unsurprisingly, the overrun southern border has given her social service aspirations lots of prospective “clients” seeking federal assistance.” (Peter McGinnis, Op-Ed, “For Some, Open Border Chaos Is The Goal,” [RealClear Politics](#), 9/30/23)
- **Her Former Employer, Kids In Need Of Defense, Was A “Major Recipient” Of George Soro’s Open Society Foundation And Has Received A \$13 Million Contract As A Result Of Biden’s Open Border Policy.** “While Trickler-McNulty has faced criticism for the so-called transition from a traditional law enforcement focus, she appears unfazed. The same could also be said of her former employer, Kids in Need of Defense, a major recipient of George Soros’s Open Society Foundation that has also benefited handsomely from its influential role in the Biden administration’s open border policy with a \$13 million contract.” (Peter McGinnis, Op-Ed, “For Some, Open Border Chaos Is The Goal,” [RealClear Politics](#), 9/30/23)

**McGinnis: Americans “Are Being Harmed By The Open Border Policies” And “It’s Clear That State Budgets, Neighborhood Safety, And Our Children’s Futures Are All Being Endangered.”** “The ways in which American families and businesses are being harmed by the open border policies could fill volumes. But it’s clear that state budgets, neighborhood safety, and our children’s futures are all being endangered while the drug cartels and our most powerful foreign adversaries become enriched and empowered. Instead of using these tragedies to advance the special interest agendas of Michael Bloomberg and George Soros, perhaps we could all agree that the American chapter on human trafficking, opioids, and open borders should be relegated to the history books.” (Peter McGinnis, Op-Ed, “For Some, Open Border Chaos Is The Goal,” [RealClear Politics](#), 9/30/23)