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IMMIGRATION IS NOT A CRIME, BUT SHOOTING IMMIGRANTS IS TERRORISM

Abstract

An estimated 46 million people are in slavery around the world, out of which 11 million (25% of the total enslaved in the world) are enslaved in the US, where these slaves labeled “criminal aliens” are working for little or no pay, controlled by threats, debt, rape, and violence, and the threat of separation from families and deportation by the government.

Many Americans think that America has become decadent due to the presence of NEW immigrants, increasing recognition of rights to minorities of all kinds, and the alleged threat they pose to their way of life. The fear of such threats, real or fake, is one of the reason for the hatred towards the immigrants. Immigration Is Not A Crime, But Shooting Immigrants Is Terrorism.

To understand the anti-immigrant sentiment running high enough to kill innocent people who are hardworking assets to America², we must understand the nature of the perception of the problem. The problem is multi-layered and complex involving the people of the entire world. It would be impossible to cover every unique issue presented by each prospective immigrant and existing immigrant.

The people of the enlightened democracy of the United States of America must find the standards of decency in inflicting punishment on the victims of our actions, commissions or omissions in Africa, Asia, Central and South Americas, Europe, India, Middle East, and other places, who came here from the war-torn places looking for a sanctuary, the Shining City on a Hill, and the Beacon of Hope.



INTRODUCTION

The United States of America is the world’s top resettlement country, accepting 53,000 refugees in 2015.

An individual is 13 times more likely to gain admission to Harvard than to the US as a refugee. The following journey takes you through the many

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grueling steps a typical refugee seeking resettlement to the US must endure. There are nearly 20M refugees across the world, more than we have ever seen before³.

America has reinvented the slavery which is as inhumane as it was before. The net effect of years of demonizing, profiling, and discriminating was to dramatically increase the pressure on immigrants, regardless of legal status or American citizenship.

Many Americans see that America has become decadent due to the presence of NEW immigrants, increasing recognition of rights to minorities of all kinds, and the alleged threat they pose to their way of life. The fear of such threats, real or fake, is the reason for the hatred towards the immigrants. Is this new? Not really. We have seen this time and again in this country and elsewhere. History is replete with genocides and exterminations of such kind based on prejudices and ignorance.

Politicians and Intellectuals have divided Americans based on their vision and understanding of the Greatness of America. Politicians from both parties have divided the country and pitted against each other – US and them; an old strategy used to conquer enemies. Why do we want to use that draconian, but effective, a strategy used by the imperialists who conquer and enslave others, to destroy immigrants in a nation of immigrants? It is because xenophobia due to ignorance and racism took over the country and perception of the enemy in the immigrants as they look different, behave differently, and speak jibberish sounding like terrorism. How did we get to the bottom of the pit where persecution of enslaved, weak, and incapable victim is patriotism and security from the Shining City on the Hill with the Beacon of Hope?

No society is free of such discriminatory attitudes and divisions⁴. Rapid and efficient judgments about the significance of social threat are important for species survival and may recruit specialized neurocognitive systems, consistent with biological models of threat processing. Cognitive research suggests that faces depicting anger are detected quickly when presented amongst other facial expressions, by distinguishing facial features. As such, clinical levels of paranoia may represent the inevitable cost of efficient threat perception or justified suspicion that is necessary for the survival of the human species⁵.

It would be naïve to think that there are no criminals or bad people in any given group in society, whether it is white Americans, black Americans, immigrant Americans of

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various colors and nationalities, Native Americans of various nationalities, visitors from various nations, or any other group of people.

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Current Status



The US immigration law is very complex and confusing for all and the current immigration system fails to meet the needs of the nation's economy, workforce and families⁷.

Lawful permanent residents (LPRs) remain in the country even if they are unemployed, have almost all rights enjoyed by the American citizens, and are eligible to apply for nearly all jobs, with exceptions such as the jobs and voting rights restricted to US citizens. Immigration Policy of the United

States relies on the principles that serve and promote our values and interests such as

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the reunification of families, admitting skilled immigrants valuable to the US economy, humanitarian protection of refugees, and promoting diversity⁸.

Each year the United States also admits noncitizens on a temporary basis. Annually, Congress and the President determine a separate number for refugee admissions. In 2016, we promised to accept 85,000 refugees for resettlement. Each refugee will have undergone a rigorous 18- to 24-month screening process⁹.

In 2017, there are about 11 million people living in the United States without proper documentation and any rights whatsoever, but paying taxes and contributions worth \$ 14 billion and services. A 2007 Congressional Budget Office (CBO) report on the impact of undocumented immigrants on the budgets of local and state governments cited IRS figures showing that 50% to 75% of the about 11 million unauthorized US immigrants file and pay income taxes each year.

After abolishing slavery, America has developed a new culture of business in which citizens break the law¹⁰ and take advantage of migrant workers and their families for the benefit of unscrupulous business owners without any ramifications and penalties for such brutal exploitation of the victims of human trafficking and evading taxes, creating a neo-slave state without a clear path forward for these new slaves to work in the USA without the shackles of slavery¹¹.

An estimated 46 million people are in slavery around the world, out of which 11 (25% of the enslaved in the world) million are enslaved in the US, where people are working for little or no pay, controlled by threats, debt, rape, and violence. We call it by many names, but it amounts to the same thing: modern slavery, we call the enslaved victims Criminal Aliens. Slavery is illegal everywhere, including the US, but it continues to thrive because so many of us think that the victims are criminal aliens who don't deserve any rights, services, protections, etc. Unshackling these immigrant slaves from slavery would amount to Amnesty to criminal aliens who do not deserve any rights, privileges, protections, dignity, and respect because they broke the law, but the companies that brought them are impeccable patriots serving this great America¹².

Federal immigration law caps the number of people who can permanently immigrate to the United States at 675,000 per year.¹³ Our current immigration system retains per-country ceilings, limiting the number of immigrants who can enter the US from any one country. Although the country caps are not intended to discriminate against particular

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races or nationalities, they allow control immigration patterns to the United States. Democrats and Republicans, in general, are divided over immigration reform. Those who oppose “the pathway to obtain the missing documentation required to work for these enslaved people” are opposed to it to ***punish these victims*** of terror and enslavement for fake reasons such as undermining border security, creating a path to work permit is amnesty to criminals and the alleged potential effect on jobs.

Crime and Punishment

A crime is an act usually defined by a society and its legislature based on its time in the evolution of its state, culture, religion, and beliefs. Human beings, by their very nature, must constantly choose among courses of action, and there are not an infinite number of equally "valuable" choices and some choices are superior to others. Meaning, we discriminate and chose one over the other. A person will do that thing the consequences of which are perceived by him or her to be preferable to the consequences of doing something else. The essential question for modern criminology is how to limit or manipulate the human capacity to choose, depending upon what choices will receive public approval or disapproval. The reason for the concept of individual responsibility for the behavior leads to the notions of *mens rea* and culpability¹⁴. *Actus non facit reum nisi mens sit rea* (the act is not guilty unless the mind is guilty).

Two Types of Crimes: *Malum In Se* and *Malum prohibitum*

Malum in se is a criminal act that is wrong because it violates the moral, public, or natural principles of society. *Mala in se* or felonies include offenses resulting in serious physical harm (or threat of harm) to victims, crimes in this category include heinous criminal acts such as murder, rape, robbery, burglary, etc.

Mala prohibita are criminal acts that are wrong because they violate a statute or law devised by the legislature, which can be changed. *Mala prohibita* crimes are less severe than *mala in se* crimes. *Mala prohibita* crimes include copyright infringement, drug use, indecent exposure, pornography, white collar crimes, petty theft, parking violations, disrupting funeral services, failure to pay taxes, neglect, drunken driving, etc., and are misdemeanors with fines and/or less than one year in jail. Punishment for misdemeanors can also include payment of a fine, probation, community service, and restitution. Infractions or violations are petty offenses that are typically punishable by fines, but not jail time. Traffic offenses are the most common form of infractions. Offenses that otherwise are misdemeanors can be elevated to felonies for second-time

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offenders. Some states consider some of the petty offenses such as traffic violations as civil offenses.

Separation of the Church from the Government (Judiciary, Executive, and Legislature)

In the US, the crimes are codified under Title 18. Some actions or omissions that are considered as crimes by society may not be considered crimes at all. When religion and law are interwoven into the code of conduct, it invariably makes it a crime to belong to “other religions and practices thereof.” Many countries have included religion in their constitutions, e.g., Islamic Republics such as Pakistan.



Some of the countries such as the United States struggle to exclude the religion out of the government to protect people from a religious rule, with a strong belief that America is a nation under God and Judeo-Christian principles, acknowledging God as the source of our

rights, and Biblical morality directly into laws, values, culture, character, and the American Exceptionalism¹⁵.

Are the Judeo-Christian principles evident in the Title 18 USC? Take, for example, religion and culture based Bigamy and Incest (some of the American incestual relationships) prohibited under 18 USC sections 4301-2¹⁶ are not crimes in many other countries, for example, Islamic Republics where not only bigamy, but also polygamy are legal under the Shariat Law. In India, both bigamy and polygamy are legal under the Shariat Law limited to Muslims, while ban on such marriages was established for the rest of the non-Muslim India during the British rule.

Another example of a crime punishable as a felony of the second degree is Incest, defined as marriage with “an ancestor or descendant, a brother or sister of the whole or half blood or an uncle, aunt, nephew or niece of the whole blood,” which is not so in the Middle East, India, Indonesia etc. Although Shariat and Jewish law forbid polyandry, for a woman - to marry more than one husband, permit polygamy allowing a man to marry

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more than one wife. There are several instances of polygamy in the Bible, including two of the three patriarchs (Abraham and Jacob) and many of the kings. Jewish law gives guidelines as to the circumstances under which polygamy is permitted. Each year, Israeli rabbis affiliated with the rabbinate give permission for dozens of Orthodox Jewish men to take a second wife, despite the fact that polygamy is illegal under state law¹⁷. While there is no evidence of a polyandrous state in primitive Jewish society, polygamy seems to have been a well-established institution, dating from the most ancient times and extending to comparatively modern days. According to a 2013 Knesset report, some 30% of families in the Bedouin sector are polygamous, while other estimates place the figure as high as 35%, including some prominent public figures, like Taleb Abu Arar, a sitting Knesset Member remains married to multiple wives. Therefore, it makes sense to conclude that it is not the Judeo-Christian principles that guide America, but the Constitution and the law, and the Founding Fathers' scientific outlook¹⁸.

Mistake of Fact or Law

The Model Penal Code, Section 2.02(1) requires the proof of culpability on each material element of the offense. Model Penal Code requires culpability as to each element of an offense and, further, allows the level of culpability required to be different for different elements of the same offense. A person might satisfy the requirements of theft by intentionally taking someone else's property, yet have a defense if the law of mistake of fact allowed a defense in the situation, such as when the defendant reasonably believed the property was his. Mistakes of fact can serve as defenses to criminal charges, but a mistake of law cannot be a defense. The concept of mistake of fact can be very complicated. The distinction between mistake of law and mistake of fact is very fuzzy, and it can be easy to confuse the two.

The United States was not founded on a common ethnicity, language, or religion that could be taken for granted as the primary source of national identity, but was founded as the first modern nation-state based on liberal principles such as the democratic principle that political sovereignty in any government resides in the people and the individual is the sovereign unit in the political equation, the capitalist principle that economic productivity depends upon the release of individual energies in the marketplace rather than on state-sponsored policies, and the judicial principle that all people are equal before the law. However, this immigrant nation has its failures and shortcomings and is not the Utopia.

Punishment

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Excessive bail shall not be required, nor excessive fines imposed, nor cruel and unusual punishments inflicted. Eighth Amendment¹⁹

The Eighth Amendment to the US Constitution prohibits the federal government from imposing cruel and unusual punishment for federal crimes. The due process clause of the Fourteenth Amendment to the US Constitution bars the states from inflicting such punishment for state crimes, and most state Constitutions also prohibit the infliction of cruel and unusual punishment.

In attempting to define cruel and unusual punishment, federal and state courts have analyzed two aspects of punishment: the method and the amount. As to the method of punishment, the Eighth Amendment clearly bars punishments that were considered cruel at the time of its Adoption, such as burning at the stake, crucifixion, or breaking on the wheel. A defendant need not suffer actual physical injury or pain before a punishment to be declared cruel and unusual. The Supreme Court of the US held that the Eighth Amendment barred the use of the deprivation of citizenship as a punishment. The Court reasoned that when someone is *denationalized*, "[t]here may be involved no physical mistreatment, no primitive torture. There is instead the total destruction of the individual's status in organized society. It is a form of punishment more primitive than torture, for it destroys for the individual the political existence that was centuries in the development." The Court also opined that the Eighth Amendment must "draw its meaning from the evolving standards of decency that mark the progress of a maturing society." In *Trop v. Dulles*, 356 U.S. 86, 78 S. Ct. 590, 2 L. Ed. 2d 630 (1958).

With regard to the amount of punishment that may be inflicted, the prohibition against cruel and unusual punishment also bars punishment that is clearly out of proportion to the offense committed.

In *Gregg v. Georgia*, the Court noted that the Eighth Amendment was to be interpreted "in a flexible and dynamic manner to accord with evolving standards of decency."²⁰

In *Trop v. Dulles*, the Supreme Court, in referring to the United States as "an enlightened democracy," held that "The [Eighth] Amendment must draw its meaning from the evolving standards of decency that mark the progress of a maturing society"²¹.

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What are Criminal Aliens?

America is an immigrant nation to which millions of people from around the world have been flocking to, leaving their homelands, for a chance to start a new life in this nation of immigrants seeking the American dream or running away from persecution.

People who come to live in a new country are called immigrants. But, what do you call new people that come to a nation of immigrants? Aliens! An alien is any person who is not a citizen of the United States. A criminal alien is an alien residing in the United States legally (or illegally) and is convicted of a crime, knowingly or unknowingly, with intent or without intent.

As explained above an offense committed by a person can be *malum in se* or *malum prohibitum*. Based on the above simple examples of *malum prohibitum* such as bigamy and incest, many people become criminal aliens, by just being Muslims, Arabs, Middle Eastern, or Indians, entering the United States and subjecting themselves to the laws of the US; without any commission or omission and **with all the documentation required**. In addition to these culture based *mala prohibita*, simple traffic violations or lapses of status also convert a legal alien into an alien criminal.

Americans' fears and apprehensions prevailed in the 1920s and led to the passage of the discriminatory quotas, in response to rising economic inequality, along with new currents of scientific racism, xenophobia, and conservative ideology. The Quota Acts of 1921 and 1924 sought to reduce the number of immigrants entering the United States, and shift immigrant origins away from Southern and Eastern Europe and toward Northern and Western Europe while maintaining outright prohibitions on all immigration from Asia and Africa.

As the civil rights movement gathered force, discriminatory quotas against certain Europeans and prohibitions on African, Asian and Indian immigration came to be seen as intolerably racist and were duly repealed by Congress in 1965. As a result of shifts in US immigration policy between the late 1950s and the late 1970s, Mexico went from

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annual access to around 450,000 guestworker visas and a theoretically unlimited number of resident visas in the United States (in practice averaging around 50,000 per year) to a new situation in which there were no guest worker visas and just 20,000 resident visas annually.

When avenues for legal entry were suddenly curtailed after 1965, the migratory flows did not disappear but simply continued without authorization or documents²². A perfectly legal situation – Mexican worker in the US - with the Bracero Program becomes an illegal situation- Mexican worker in the US - due to the change in the law – *mala prohibita*, the termination of the Bracero Program. The victims in this game of politics are Mexican immigrants now branded as illegals, criminals, and criminal aliens, brought into the US by American citizens or the companies owned by American citizens. We only see penalties against these victims-immigrants now called “criminal aliens” working for the American citizen corporations for less pay and more abuse, without any rights and protections guaranteed to ordinary citizens.

As a result of *malum prohibitum* unknown to the so-called aliens who may not even be capable of speaking English, let alone understand the legal realities of *malum prohibitum* of the US, become slaves²³ to the gangs, corporations, and syndicates that brought them into the country for a price to be paid by the work. America has reinvented the slavery which is as inhumane as it was before.

The Brainwashing and Propaganda

Identification and Demonization of the Enemy
Criminalization of Displaced People

At the same time, immigration became a **crisis** depicted in the most common negative framing for the nation, dramatized with Latino immigration being a **rising tide, a tidal wave to inundate** the United States and **drown** its culture, **flood** American society with unwanted **criminal aliens**.

The use of the negative metaphors to describe Mexican immigration was virtually nonexistent in 1965, at least in major newspapers like the New York Times, Washington Post, Wall Street Journal, and Los Angeles Times. After the termination of the Bracero Program,²⁴ rose steadily, slowly at first and then rapidly during the 1970s. Politicians quickly discovered the political advantages to be gained by demonizing Latino immigrants as criminals, aliens and illegal.

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Ronald Reagan, for example, asserted that illegal immigration was a question of **national security**. In a 1986 speech, he told Americans that **terrorists** and **subversives** are just two days' driving time from the border crossing at Harlingen, Texas. Lou Dobbs (2006) framed the **invasion of illegal aliens** as part of a broader **war on the middle class**.

Ann Coulter, the author and commentator who made her name by pushing a hardline **anti-immigration stance**, says, "It's the end of America, there is no point in caring about politics anymore. There's no point to what you do, I do, Fox News, talk radio, the entire country becomes California. And by the way, soon the Democrats are gone too, they think they're going to be living on high street, look at the Democratic Party in California. It isn't the Democratic Party as we conceive of it nationally."²⁵ The implication being Democrats are different from Republicans, which is not supported by the real facts. She praised Trump's June 2015 speech accusing Mexicans of being "**rapists**," has taken to social media to warn Trump to stick to his campaign pledges of immigration reforms²⁶.

This relentless brainwashing by the media and political rhetoric and the propaganda had a pervasive intended effect on public opinion, turning it decidedly more conservative on issues of immigration. The rise of the Latino threat narrative and the concomitant increase in conservatism resulted in the passage of increasingly restrictionist immigration legislation and the implementation of ever more stringent enforcement policies by both Democrats and Republicans competing to outperform each other in **criminalizing and demonizing** Latino immigrants.²⁷

Restrictive Immigration Legislation

Restrictive immigration legislation enacted by Congress affecting Latin Americans increased during 1965–2010.²⁸ As if the **rabid anti-immigrant fever** was not enough, in response to the 1993 attack on the World Trade Center and the 1995 bombing of the Murrah Federal Building in Oklahoma City, Congress passed the Anti-Terrorism and Effective Death Penalty Act as well as the Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act in 1996. After the 1998 bombing of the USS Cole in Yemen, the 2000 bombings of the US Embassies in Kenya and Tanzania, and the catastrophic attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon in 2001, Congress enacted the USA PATRIOT Act. These measures not only further strengthened border enforcement, which had been rising for some time, but more dramatically increased the number of arrests, detentions, and deportations within the United States. After 1996, internal

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enforcement activities rose to levels not seen since the deportation campaigns of the Great Depression.²⁹

Before 1996, the annual number of deportations had **not exceeded 50,000** for decades, but with the passage of the 1996 legislation this threshold was breached and by the turn of the century, deportations were running at just under 200,000 annually. With the passage of the Patriot Act in late 2001, the number of deportations increased again and reached nearly 400,000 in 2009; despite **none of the terrorist attacks involved Mexicans, and none of the terrorists entered through Mexico.**³⁰

Much to the chagrin of rabid anti-immigrants; despite denigration, depiction as criminals and a threat to the American way of life and culture, curbing entry of Mexicans and other immigrants using draconian measures and massive increase in border enforcement with the exponential increase in deportations and incarcerations; successive governments *failed miserably* in preventing the entry of millions of unauthorized Mexicans after 1965. From the first ever estimated number of undocumented Mexicans living in the United States to be 1.13 million in 1986, the population grew to 2.04 million in 1990, reached 4.68 million in 2000, and then peaked at 7.03 million in 2008.

Cause and Effect and the Game of XENOPHOBIA

Most of the remaining growth in the undocumented population came from Central America due to the United States' intervention³¹ in the region by launching the Contra War and funding paramilitary groups, directly resulting in the extensive violence, death and the deterioration of the region's economy. Victims escaping from the life-threatening war unleashed upon them by the US intervention met with the same restrictions on entry of former Braceros from Mexico. America excepted Nicaragua from these restrictions, whose emigrants were fleeing a leftist regime and were thus allowed to overstay tourist visas and ultimately adjust their status to become legal permanent residents.³² Another example of *malum prohibitum* of the US and the discrimination in the application of the law.

As the risks of border crossing mounted, Mexican workers minimized the risk and cost by shifting from **circular travel to work to migration**, hunkering down and staying once they had successfully run the gauntlet at the border and survived the ordeal. Consequently, a sharp decline in the outflow of undocumented migrants resulted, which in turn caused the increase in the **undocumented workers (aliens)** living in the

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country. The policy makers failed to foresee the result of the strict enforcement efforts at the border - the decline in return and increased settling – an unintended consequence of a thoughtless populist policy.³³

A series of decisions from 1986 onward that systematically limited the rights and liberties of legal permanent resident noncitizens (**green card holders**), and increased the vulnerability of permanent residents and noncitizens to deportation. The quota exemptions in legal immigration from Latin America, combined with the rising burden placed on **legal noncitizens** by US immigration legislation, produced a dynamic interplay between naturalization and family reunification that drove **legal immigration to new heights** - yet another unintended consequence.

To slow immigration from Latin America and other major immigrant-sending countries, amendments passed in 1986 sought to limit visas issued for purposes of family reunification by setting an annual cap. The net effect was to permanently reduce access to legal visas by relatives of legal resident aliens, **which greatly increased their waiting time**, thereby placing an enormous hardship on families and kept them separated, which goes against the American family values³⁴. The American Congress passed laws limiting family reunion and increasing the wait times to more 20 years for some countries, without any questions or moral concerns because of the prejudices against immigrants - lesser humans deserving no families, while the cheap labor of individual illegal and “jobs and dreams” of Americans are paramount. The decision is easy after demonizing the victim as **the criminal alien**.

As discussed above, mistake of fact is a defense for certain crimes, but not the mistake of law. Although well understood in principle that ignorance of law is no excuse, it is also clear that a certain level of understanding is required to be responsible for actions as evidenced by the protections and latitude given to minors. However, the immigrants to this immigrant nation are named aliens and discriminated against and treated as less than humans similar to the treatment given to slaves in this country.

As if that is not enough, these aliens are divided into legal aliens, illegal aliens, and criminal aliens to further discriminate and ill treat them under the false premise that this is a nation of laws, by promulgating new *mala prohibita* targeting the so-called aliens and forcing them into a “**status of inferior human beings deportable**” called **undocumented, illegal, criminal**, etc. for ruthless exploitation of the workers.

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America has branded about 11 million people who came seeking shelter in the promised land of America³⁵, a world in which visas are lottery prizes, and refugees die in trucks, or trapped in stateless purgatory, with the xenophobic division of people into citizens, immigrants, aliens, illegal aliens, criminal aliens, and terrorists. The net effect of years of demonizing, profiling, and discriminating was to dramatically increase the pressure on immigrants, regardless of legal status or American citizenship.

Much to the chagrin of anti-immigrants, the result of these anti-immigrant policies is an intended consequence for the policy makers, though predictable and logical, is the proportion of Mexicans admitted to the United States as relatives of US citizens has been steadily increasing since 1991 when the costs of noncitizenship began seriously to accumulate. The percentage of adjustment of status within the US, but “outside the country quotas,” rose from just 5% in 1990 to peak at 69% in 2002 and falling to 64% in 2010. In response to the baffling and continuing increase in legal immigration, rising concerns about terrorism, and growing **XENOPHOBIA**, Congress began to strip civil, social, and economic rights from **legal immigrants**, prompting an increase in petitions for citizenship, **an immigrant strategy of defensive naturalization** – another unforeseen consequence for policy makers. The result of these processes has been a **massive transformation of the demography of the United States** in the past 40 years, **causing more pain to the xenophobic and anti-immigrant Americans**. Intervening forcefully in complex social and economic systems without understanding their dynamics can lead to unintended consequences and unanticipated policy feedbacks. Not learning anything from these failures, the anti-immigrant agenda continues with the manipulated data to support anti-immigrant sentiment and continue to march with a vengeance against immigrants.

Criminalization by Selective Data

According to the Criminal Alien Statistics Report to Congressional Requesters by the United States Government Accountability Office (GAO Report), the number of total inmates incarcerated in federal prisons increased about 14 percent from about 189,000 in the fiscal year 2005 to about 215,000 in the fiscal year 2010. The number of criminal aliens in federal prisons in the fiscal year 2010 was about 55,000. The GAO Report states contradictory statements, for example, “About 90 percent of the criminal aliens sentenced in federal court in the fiscal year 2009 (the most recently available data) were convicted of immigration and drug-related offenses. About 40 percent of individuals convicted as a result of DOJ terrorism-related investigations were aliens.” Now, if 90%

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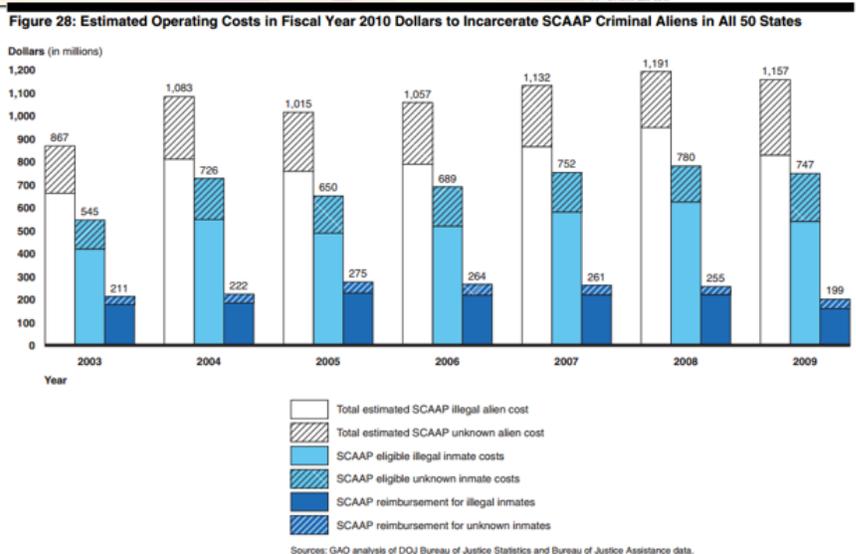
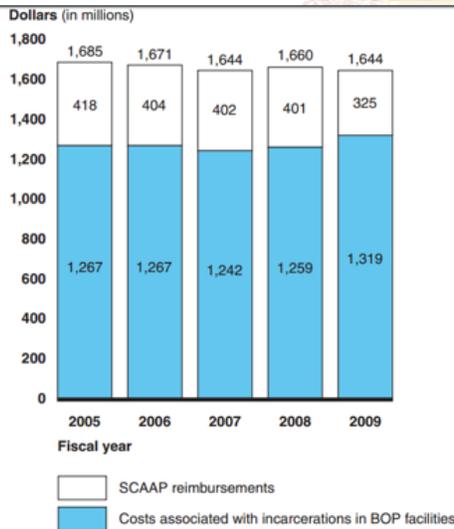
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were convicted of immigration and drug-related offenses, how can there be 50% convicted as a result of terrorism, totaling to about 140%?

Further, GAO estimates that “the criminal aliens had an average of 7 arrests, 65 percent were arrested at least once for an immigration offense, and about 50 percent were arrested at least once for a drug offense,” and contradicts itself by stating, “Immigration, drugs, and traffic violations accounted for about 50% of arrest offenses. About 90 percent of the criminal aliens sentenced in federal court in the fiscal year 2009 (the most recently available data) were convicted of immigration and drug-related offenses.” Which is it, 40%, 50%, 65%, or 90%?

In addition, GAO makes another erroneous, contradictory, and conclusory statements: “the highest percentage of convictions for criminal aliens incarcerated in four of these states was for drug-related offenses.” “65 percent were arrested at least once for an immigration offense, and about 50 percent were arrested at least once for a drug offense.” The data are contradictory: 1) 65% is immigration-related offenses, 2) the highest percentage is drug related, but only 50% were drug related arrests, and 3) in NY, the highest percentage is homicide convictions. It seems the goal of the GAO is to confuse the Congress and present immigrants as demons and criminals.

Further, GAO presents the costs of alien criminal incarceration about \$1.5 billion to \$1.6





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billion annually from fiscal years 2005 through 2009, without any reference to total costs of incarceration of all criminals. GAO stated: Total inmates incarcerated in federal prisons increased about 14 percent from about 189,000 in the fiscal year 2005 to about 215,000 in the fiscal year 2010. The number of criminal aliens in federal prisons in the fiscal year 2010 was about 55,000. The number of SCAAP criminal alien incarcerations in state prison systems and local jails was about 296,000 in the fiscal year 2009. If the total incarcerated population was 215,000 in 2010, and the criminal aliens incarcerated in federal prisons were 55,000, a simple mathematical estimation of the total cost of incarceration in federal prisons would be \$ 1.6 billion x 215/55 = \$ 6.2 billion, and about \$ 4.8 billion for the **citizen criminals' incarceration**.

Instead of incarcerating aliens for immigration lapses, if work permits for a fee are given thereby cutting the incarceration costs by at least 65% (because 65% arrests were due to immigration violations, per GAO). Because the aliens with work permit would be no longer illegal, their contribution to IRS would increase from 65% to 100%. Note that 65% of them were paying taxes even when they were illegals.

The issues that nobody wants to consider are the “criminalization of immigrants,” “catching the immigrants,” “incarcerating the immigrants,” and “wasting the human capital both immigrant and citizen” in the pursuit of an ill-conceived bigoted pursuit of immigrants.

RACE	Population	%	Below Poverty (%)
Total	2,717,534	2,717,534	
White	1,323,544	48.7%	191,988 (14.8%)
Black	850,821	31.3%	280,884 (33.7%)
Hispanic or Latino	790,649	29.1%	186,092 (23.8%)
Asian/Indian	162,002	6.0%	32,505 (20.5%)
Chinese	51,809	1.9%	
Indian	34,199	1.3%	
Filipino	30,939	1.1%	
Other Asian	21,195	0.8%	
Korean	11,384	0.4%	
Vietnamese	7,955	0.3%	
Japanese	4,521	0.2%	
Pacific Islander	0,698	0.0%	
Native American	7,585	0.3%	

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EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT Total Population Below Poverty (%)

Population 25 years and over	1,802,588	311,794 (17.3%)
Less than high school	315,342	96,114 (30.5%)
High school graduate	415,342	95,193 (22.9%)
Associate's degree	425,764	74,549 (17.5%)
Bachelor's degree or higher	646,140	45,938 (7.1%)

The data includes Americans and immigrants, but not the so-called aliens. About 65 percent of African-American, Latino, and Asian households in Chicago have so little

Subject	Chicago city, Illinois			
	Estimate	Margin of Error	Percent	Percent Margin of Error
SEX AND AGE				
Total population	2,717,534	+/-53	2,717,534	(X)
Male	1,318,494	+/-3,383	48.5%	+/-0.1
Female	1,399,040	+/-3,380	51.5%	+/-0.1
Under 5 years				
5 to 9 years	183,535	+/-1,792	6.8%	+/-0.1
10 to 14 years	164,657	+/-2,392	6.1%	+/-0.1
15 to 19 years	159,324	+/-2,049	5.9%	+/-0.1
20 to 24 years	169,420	+/-1,777	6.2%	+/-0.1
25 to 34 years	217,337	+/-1,870	8.0%	+/-0.1
35 to 44 years	523,435	+/-2,787	19.3%	+/-0.1
45 to 54 years	384,259	+/-2,510	14.1%	+/-0.1
55 to 59 years	333,965	+/-2,778	12.3%	+/-0.1
60 to 64 years	153,106	+/-2,341	5.6%	+/-0.1
65 to 74 years	131,020	+/-2,236	4.8%	+/-0.1
75 to 84 years	167,348	+/-1,657	6.2%	+/-0.1
85 years and over	91,616	+/-1,668	3.4%	+/-0.1
85 years and over	38,512	+/-1,091	1.4%	+/-0.1
Median age (years)	33.7	+/-0.1	(X)	(X)
18 years and over				
18 years and over	2,114,088	+/-2,603	77.8%	+/-0.1
21 years and over	2,001,579	+/-3,073	73.7%	+/-0.1
62 years and over	373,302	+/-3,136	13.7%	+/-0.1
65 years and over	297,476	+/-2,258	10.9%	+/-0.1
18 years and over				
18 years and over	2,114,088	+/-2,603	2,114,088	(X)
Male	1,013,699	+/-3,447	47.9%	+/-0.1
Female	1,100,389	+/-3,221	52.1%	+/-0.1
65 years and over				
65 years and over	297,476	+/-2,258	297,476	(X)
Male	122,371	+/-1,518	41.1%	+/-0.4
Female	175,105	+/-1,587	58.9%	+/-0.4

savings and other assets that a sudden job loss, medical emergency or other income disruption would throw them into poverty within three months, according to a report on wealth inequities in the city. The median income of whites in Chicago is \$70,960 compared with \$56,373 for Asians/Indians, \$41,188 for Latinos and \$30,303 for blacks³⁶.

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Nationwide Crime³⁷: The FBI's Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) Program counts one arrest for each separate instance in which a person is arrested, cited, or summoned for an offense. The UCR Program collects arrest data on 28 offenses, as described in Offense Definitions.

- Nationwide, law enforcement made an estimated 10,797,088 arrests in 2015. Of these arrests, 505,681 were for violent crimes, and 1,463,213 were for property crimes.
- The highest number of arrests were for drug abuse violations (estimated at 1,488,707 arrests), larceny-theft (estimated at 1,160,390), and driving under the influence (estimated at 1,089,171).
- More than 73 percent (73.1) of the persons arrested in the nation during 2015 were males.
- They accounted for 79.7 percent of persons arrested for violent crime and 61.7 percent of persons arrested for property crime.
- In 2015, 69.7 percent of all persons arrested were white, 26.6 percent were black, and the remaining 3.6 percent were of other races.

Crimes

All Races	5,996,307
Whites	4,038,898 (67.4%)
Blacks	1,716,106 (28.6%)
Hispanic/Latino	938,061 (15.6%)
Natives	143,628 (2.4%)
Asian/Indian	79,162 (1.3%)
Pacific Islander	18,513 (0.3%)

Legal immigration grew from a total of around 459,000 during the decade of the 1950s to peak at 4.2 million during the 1990s, by which time it made up 44 percent of the entire flow, compared with 29 percent for Asia, 14 percent for Europe, 6 percent for Africa, and 7 percent for the rest of the world³⁸.

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Table 2. Property crime victimizations by race of head of household, 2002 and 2013

	2002	2013	% change
Number			
White	13,108,165	10,491,279	-20.0%
Black	2,534,714	2,447,316	-3.4%
Hispanic	2,344,423	2,657,590	13.4%
Other (a)	567,016	1,177,902	107.7%
Total	18,554,318	16,774,087	-9.6%
Percent of total			
White	70.6%	62.5%	-11.5%
Black	13.7%	14.6%	6.8%
Hispanic	12.6%	15.8%	25.4%
Other (a)	3.1%	7.0%	129.8%
Total	100.0%	100.0%	0.0%
Rate per 1,000 households (b)			
White	168.1	130.6	-22.3%
Black	191.0	161.9	-15.2%
Hispanic	185.3	139.4	-24.7%
Other (a)	88.7	89.6	1.0%
Total	168.2	131.4	-21.9%

Note: Property crimes include household burglary, theft, and motor vehicle theft.

Fig 2³⁹

Figure 1: Number of Criminal Aliens and U.S. Citizens Incarcerated in Federal Prisons from Fiscal Years 2005 through 2010

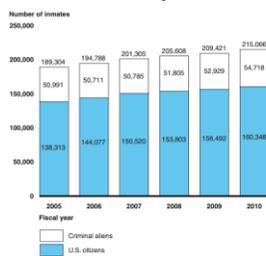
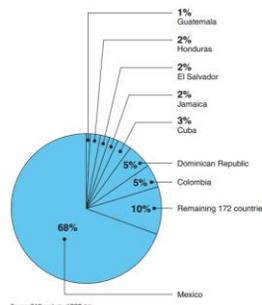


Figure 2: Country of Citizenship for Criminal Aliens Incarcerated in Federal Prisons as of December 2010



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Fig. 4: Percentage of Offenders and Arrested Suspects of Known Race Who Were Black, 2013

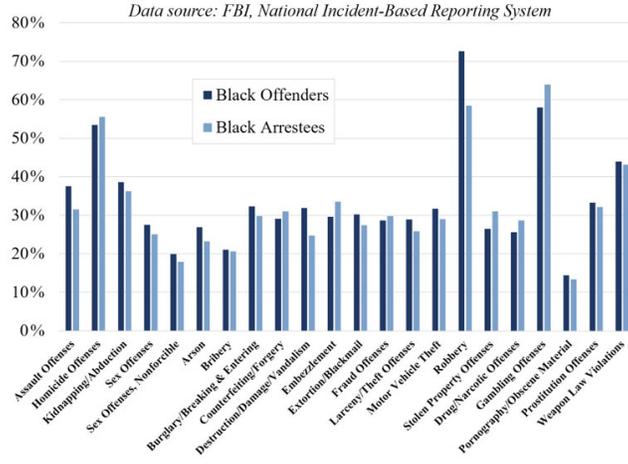


Fig 4⁴⁰

Fig. 7: Percentage of Arrested Suspects Who Were Black, 2009–2013; Percentage of Prisoners Who Were Black, 2013

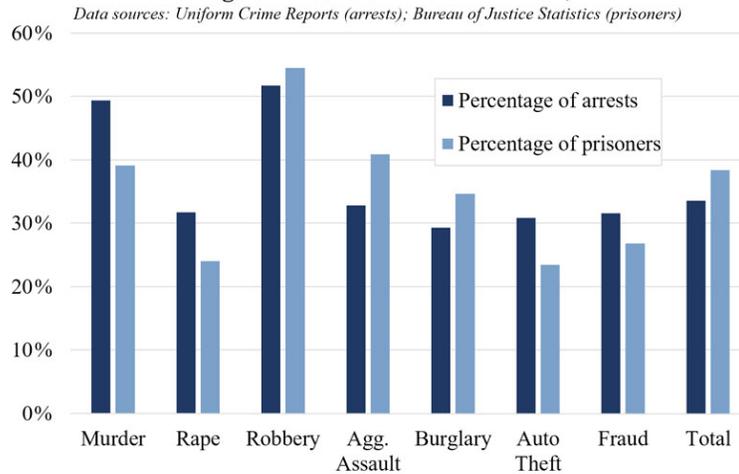


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Fig 1⁴². As shown in figure 1, the number of criminal aliens incarcerated in federal prisons increased about 7 percent from about 51,000 in the fiscal year 2005 to about 55,000 in the fiscal year 2010. The number of total inmates incarcerated in federal

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prisons increased about 14 percent from about 189,000 in the fiscal year 2005 to about 215,000 in the fiscal year 2010⁴³. Fig 2⁴⁴ shows the country of citizenship for 55,000 so-called criminal aliens incarcerated in federal prisons as of December 2010. If these so-called criminal aliens were undocumented, they could/should have been deported, at least 49500 (90%) prisoners who are refugees from North and South Americas. About 3% of the incarcerated criminal aliens were Cubans, invited into this country with open arms. They were not deported indicating that they are either permanent residents or citizens of America. Permanent residents living in America are all **non-citizens** and are citizens of some other country. Permanent residents have the documents providing them a permanent status with all the rights that citizens have except voting rights and employment in certain citizen only jobs such the president of the US, and Federal and State government jobs limited to American citizens. Therefore these Mexicans, Cubans, etc., are permanent residents and were imprisoned under the label of **Criminal Aliens**. Criminal alien incarcerations increased from fiscal years 2003 through 2009 because of indiscriminate use of the Patriot Act. Congress enacted the Patriot Act by overwhelming, bipartisan margins, arming law enforcement with new tools to detect and prevent terrorism⁴⁵.

Jessica Vaughan, director of policy studies at the Center for Immigration Studies, actively produces fake data to brand immigrants as alien criminals to drum up support for anti-immigrant policies⁴⁶.

Allied Educational Foundation actively involved in helping victims of brutal wars waged by America through Legal Action to Safeguard America. The Foundation has provided support in legal actions aiming to allow local and state governments to act on illegal immigration, security, reduce the number of delays, and stays when deportation is justified, effectively secure the United States border, and grant the authority of custom officials to inspect all vehicles crossing the border into the United States from Mexico. Hundreds of immigrants die in the Arizona desert and elsewhere from dehydration every year trying to cross the border illegally, and the Foundation has argued that in the absence of a practical solution toward citizenship, stronger security measures are necessary for the protection of human lives. The Foundation has filed Amici briefs⁴⁷ to protect the integrity of American elections.⁴⁸

Conclusion

An estimated 46 million people are in slavery around the world, out of which 11 million (25% of the total enslaved in the world) are statusless in the US, where these slaves

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labeled “criminal aliens” are working for little or no pay, controlled by threats, debt, rape, violence, threat of separation from families, threat of deportation by the government, and are subjected to humiliation and murder by the American terrorists⁴⁹.

The US had two Bracero or guest worker programs under which Mexicans were recruited to work on US farms under the terms of bilateral agreements, the first, between 1917 and 1921 and the second, between 1942 and 1964. Mexican Nationals, desperate for work, were willing to take arduous jobs at wages scorned by most Americans. Farm workers already living in the United States worried that braceros would compete for jobs and lower wages. On September 17, 1963, 32 Braceros were killed and 27 injured in an accident in Chualar in the Salinas Valley. Their bodies were not claimed immediately, **highlighting the lack of accountability** that critics said was common in the Bracero program, and setting the stage for a decisive vote in Congress to end the Bracero program⁵⁰.

Many Mexican laborers faced an array of injustices and abuses, including substandard housing, discrimination, and unfulfilled contracts or being cheated out of wages during Bracero programs in the last century. The Bracero program ended, but the American employers illegally continued to hire Mexicans. Today, about 5.5 million Mexican citizens are living in the same conditions facing an array of injustices and abuses, including substandard housing, discrimination, and unfulfilled contracts or being cheated out of wages - **highlighting the lack of accountability.**

After more than century of failure to treat Mexicans and other immigrants with respect and decency, we⁵¹ must find the standards of decency in treating the 11 million human beings enslaved in our farms and corporations and provide these suffering human beings with a status fitting our enlightened status.

If the people of the enlightened democracy of the United States of America failed to find the standards of decency in inflicting punishment on the victims of our actions, commissions or omissions in Africa, Asia, Central and South Americas, Europe, India, Middle East, and other places, who came here from the war- and economy-torn places looking for a sanctuary, the Shining City on a Hill, and the Beacon of Hope; who will find such standards of decency?

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Hiring illegal immigrants

Recruiting illegal immigrants

Referring illegal immigrants for work and receiving a fee

This also includes hiring contractors who use illegal immigrants. There are criminal and civil penalties associated with this conduct.

It is also illegal for employers to not verify work authorization. Three days after an employee is hired, employers should correctly complete an I-9. Failing to do so will subject employers to criminal and civil punishment:

1) First offenders can be fined \$250-\$2,000 per illegal employee. 2) For a second offense, the fine is \$2,000-\$5,000 per illegal employee. 3) Three or more offenses can cost an employer \$3000-\$10,000 per illegal employee. 4) A

pattern of knowingly employing illegal immigrants can mean extra fines and up to six months in jail for an employer. The corrupt, illegal, criminal corporations may also be found guilty of racketeering which refers generally to criminal extortion, loan sharking, bribery, identity theft, or obstruction of justice to further their illegal activities,

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Key facts and moments in bracero history include:

- August 4, 1942 – the Mexican Farm Labor Program Agreement is signed by the governments of Mexico and the United States, the first establishing the legalization and control of Mexican migrant workers along America's southern border area
- April 29, 1943 – the Mexican Labor Agreement is sanctioned by Congress though Public Law 45
- The agreement guaranteed a minimum wage of 30 cents per hour and "humane treatment" for workers
- With many braceros remaining in the United States after their contracts ended, the Immigration and Naturalization Service began Operation Wetback in 1954. Many US-born children of Mexican braceros were wrongly repatriated, along with their parents.
- The Bracero program ended in 1964

Under this program, Mexican workers, many of whom were rural peasants, were allowed to enter the United States on a temporary basis. Between 1942 and 1964, the year the program ended, it was estimated that approximately 4.6 million Mexican nationals came to work in the U.S. as braceros.

Mexican nationals, desperate for work, were willing to take arduous jobs at wages scorned by most Americans. Farm workers already living in the United States worried that braceros would compete for jobs and lower wages. Many laborers faced an array of injustices and abuses, including substandard housing, discrimination, and unfulfilled contracts or being cheated out of wages. Nevertheless, the impact of the bracero program on the history and patterns of migration and settlement in the United States remains an important area to explore and assess, particularly in the contexts of civil rights, social justice, and Latino history in the United States.

<http://braceroarchive.org/about>

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Restrictive immigration legislation enacted by Congress affecting Latin Americans, 1965–2010

1965 Hart–Cellar Act: Imposed first-ever annual cap of 120,000 visas for immigrants from Western Hemisphere

1976 Amendments to Immigration and Nationality Act: Put Western Hemisphere under preference system and country quotas

1978 Amendments to Immigration and Nationality Act: Combined separate hemispheric caps into single worldwide ceiling of 290,000

1980 Refugee Act: Abolished refugee preference and reduced worldwide ceiling to 270,000

1986 Immigration Reform and Control Act: Criminalized undocumented hiring and authorized expansion of Border Patrol

1990 Amendments to the Immigration and Nationality Act: Sought to cap visas going to spouse and children of resident aliens

1996 Anti-Terrorism and Effective Death Penalty Act: Authorized expedited removal of noncitizens and deportation of aggravated felons

1996 Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act: Increased resources for border enforcement, narrowed criteria for asylum, and increased income threshold required to sponsor immigrants

1996 Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Act: Declared documented and undocumented migrants ineligible for certain entitlements

1997 Nicaraguan and Central American Relief Act: Allowed registered asylum seekers from Central America (mostly Nicaraguans) in the US for at least 5 years since December 1, 1995 to obtain legal status; but prohibited legalization and ordered deportation for those who lacked a valid visa or who previously violated US immigration laws (mostly Guatemalans, Hondurans, and Salvadorans)

2001 USA PATRIOT Act: Created Department of Homeland Security, increased funding for surveillance and deportation of foreigners, and authorized deportation of noncitizens without due process

2004 National Intelligence Reform and Terrorism Protection Act: Funded new equipment, aircraft, Border Patrol agents, immigration investigators, and detention centers for border enforcement

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2005 Real ID Act: Sharply increased the data requirements, documentation, and verification procedures for state issuance of drivers licenses

2006 Secure Fence Act: Authorized construction of additional fencing, vehicle barriers, checkpoints, lighting and funding for new cameras, satellites, and unmanned drones for border enforcement

2010 border Security Act: Funded hiring 3,000 more Border Patrol agents and increased BP budget by \$244 million

Restrictive enforcement operations launched by the Immigration and Naturalization Service or the Department of Homeland Security 1993–2010

1993 Operation blockade

Border Patrol's (BP) militarization of the El Paso Sector

1994 Operation Gatekeeper

BP's militarization of the San Diego Sector

1998 Operation Rio Grande

BP program to restrict the movement of migrants across the Texas and New Mexico border with Mexico

1999 Operation Safeguard

BP's militarization of the Tucson Sector

2003 Operation Endgame

Plan launched by Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) to detain and deport all removable noncitizens and "suspected terrorists" living in the United States

2004 Operation Frontline

Program launched by ICE to address "vulnerabilities in immigration and trade" by focusing on immigration violators who pose an "enhanced public safety or national security threat"

2004 Arizona border Control Initiative

Multi-agency effort supporting Homeland Security's anti-terrorism mission through the detection, arrest, and deterrence of all persons engaged in cross-border illicit activity

2004 Operation Stonegarden

Federal grant program administered through the State Homeland Security Grant Program to provide funding to state and local agencies to improve immigration enforcement

2005 Secure borders Initiative

Comprehensive multi-year plan launched by IC E to secure America's borders and reduce illegal migration

2005 Operation Streamline

Program mandating criminal charges for illegal migrants, including first-time offenders

2006 Operation Return to Sender

Sweep of illegal immigrants by ICE to detain those deemed most dangerous, including convicted felons, gang members, and repeat illegal immigrants

2006 Operation Jump Start

Program authorizing the deployment of National Guard troops along the US–Mexico border

2007 Secure Communities Program

ICE program to identify and deport criminal noncitizens arrested by state and local authorities

2007 Operation Rapid REPAT

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Program to Remove Eligible Parolees Accepted for Transfer by allowing selected criminal noncitizens incarcerated in US prisons and jails to accept early release in exchange for voluntary deportation

2008 Operation Scheduled Departure

ICE operation to facilitate the voluntary deportation of 457,000 eligible illegal migrants from selected cities

2010 Operation Copper Cactus

Deployment of Arizona National Guard troops to assist BP in apprehension of illegal migrants

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“Where the mind is without fear and the head is held high, Where knowledge is free, Where the world has not been broken up into fragments, By narrow domestic walls.” -- Rabindranath Tagore (1861-1941), Gitanjali, 1912.

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AUM! SWASTI!

Om! Asatoma Sadgamaya, Tamasoma Jyotirgamaya, Mrityorma Amritamgamaya, Om Shantih, Shantih, Shantih!

(Aum! Lead the world from wrong path to the right path, from ignorance to knowledge, from mortality to immortality, and peace!)

SWASTI! AUM!

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