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BIDEN ADMINISTRATION ACTIONS THAT HAVE UNDERMINED BORDER SECURITY AND ENCOURAGED ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION

	DATE	ACTION	SOURCE LINKS	NUMBERS
1	Jan 20, 2021	President Biden terminated the National Emergency at the Southwest border (Proclamation 9844), thereby halting emergency construction of a border wall.	See here and here .	CBP/OFO Total Encounters: 92,746 Children: 6,047
2	Jan 20, 2021	President Biden issued an Executive Order (EO) further entrenching the unlawful Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program. With his action, President Biden directed the Secretary of Homeland Security, in consultation with the Attorney General, “to preserve and fortify DACA”, signaling to illegal aliens that his Administration supports amnesty and that illegal aliens need not fear coming to the U.S. or worry about immigration enforcement.	See here .	Fentanyl Seized: 945 pounds
3	Jan 20, 2021	President Biden unveiled the U.S. Citizenship Act, which would provide amnesty to millions of illegal aliens in the U.S., demonstrating intent to reward illegal border crossers with a path to citizenship.	See here .	

4	Jan 20, 2021	President Biden revoked Trump-era Executive Order that was designed to ensure there was meaningful enforcement of U.S. immigration laws.	See here .	
5	Jan 20, 2021	The Administration issued an Executive action ending limitations and restrictions against immigration from certain countries associated with terrorism.	See here .	
6	Jan 20, 2021	The Biden Administration announced a 100-day moratorium on deportations and immigration enforcement, effectively providing amnesty to criminal and other removable aliens and sending the signal the Biden Administration would not enforce the law. The Administration also announced interim immigration enforcement guidelines that signaled to illegal aliens that they do not have to worry about the possibility of deportation.	See here and here .	
7	Feb 1, 2021	The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) implemented Acting Secretary Pekoske's policy requiring a new "process [that] shall provide for assessments of alternatives to removal including, but not limited to, staying or reopening cases, alternative forms of detention, custodial detention, whether to grant temporary deferred action, or other appropriate action."	See here .	CBP/OFO Total Encounters: 115,559 Children: 9,611 Fentanyl Seized: 797 pounds

8	Feb 2, 2021	President Biden issued Executive Order (EO) 14010 and began processing asylum claims at the border. In the EO, the President also signaled an end to the Migrant Protection Protocols (which is known as “Remain in Mexico” or “MPP”) while making other statements signaling an open border.	See here .	
9	Feb 6, 2021	Secretary of State Antony Blinken suspended, and began termination procedures, for the Trump Administration’s Asylum Cooperative Agreements with El Salvador, Guatemala, and Honduras. These agreements ensured aliens seeking asylum could do so in countries closer to their home country and in countries other than the United States.	See here and here .	
10	Feb 2021	The Biden Administration voluntarily stopped applying Title 42 expulsions to children across the board, setting off a major wave of unaccompanied alien children, family units, and illegal aliens generally heading to the U.S. border.	See here .	
11	Feb 17, 2021	The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) exempted unaccompanied alien children (UAC) from Title 42 expulsion requirements, thereby encouraging UACs to come to the U.S. and parents to pay cartels to smuggle their children to the U.S. border.	See here and here .	
12	Feb 25, 2021	The Biden Administration sped up releases of UACs.	See here .	

13	Mar 2, 2021	According to news reports, the Biden Administration lost track of 20,000 unaccompanied alien children and President Biden was briefed on the need to expand detention to hold an additional 20,000 children who had illegally crossed the border.	See here and here .	CBP/OFO Total Encounters: 192,025 Children: 19,115 Fentanyl Seized: 652 pounds
14	Mar 5, 2021	Faced with overwhelming numbers of UACs in federal custody, the CDC ignored its normal facilities guidance regarding COVID-19 and notifies “facilities caring for migrant children that they can open back up to pre-Covid-19 levels, acknowledging ‘extraordinary circumstances.’”	See here and here .	
15	Mar 10, 2021	Biden Administration announced reinstatement of the Central American Minors (CAM) program, an Obama-era parole program that allowed citizens and aliens—including illegal aliens—to bypass the family-based immigration laws adopted by Congress and sponsor family members El Salvador, Guatemala, and Honduras to come to the United States.	See here .	
16	Mar 16, 2021	DHS Secretary Mayorkas delivered remarks effectively explaining the border is open for illegal immigration by stating DHS’s focus would be on “processing” illegal aliens—in other words catch-and-release and the creation of new “lawful pathways.”	See here .	

17	Mar 20, 2021	DHS began issuing illegal alien border crossers a Notice to Report (NTR) to U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, as opposed to the standard Notice to Appear (NTA) in U.S. immigration court. The NTR policy allows illegal aliens to simply be released into the U.S. and relies on them to self-report to ICE at a later date.	See here .	
18	Mar 30, 2021	Office of Refugee Resettlement (ORR) took drastic actions to expand detention space to house unaccompanied alien children in so-called "Influx Care Facilities", often using unlicensed facilities that lacked child welfare experience. In March, April, and May of 2021, ORR expanded capacity to house another 23,849, including 10,000 at Fort Bliss. DHS was also holding children for a longer period than allowed by law (between 30 and 40 days) and, because the flow of UACs across the border outpaced Health and Human Services' (HHS) ability to vet adults who can care for the children.	See here .	
19	Mar 31, 2021	The Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Office of Refugee Resettlement (ORR) issued guidance rolling back requirements for background checks on adults in the household of a UAC sponsor.	See here , here and here .	

20	Apr 30, 2021	The Biden Administration canceled further wall construction which was being led by the Department of Defense (DOD).	See here .	CBP/OFO Total Encounters: 196,190 Children: 17,264 Fentanyl Seized: 886 pounds
21	June 15, 2021	The Biden Administration announced expansion of the Central American Minors (CAM) program to broaden the list of illegal aliens who can sponsor family members through the program, including illegal aliens who claim asylum.	See here .	CBP/OFO Total Encounters: 207,823 Children: 15,479 Fentanyl Seized: 1100 pounds
22	June 16, 2021	Attorney General Merrick Garland rescinded the Trump-era decision <i>In Matter of L-E-A-</i> , thereby expanding asylum eligibility to allow nuclear or immediate familial relationships to be treated as a “particular social group.”	See here . See also here .	
23	June 16, 2021	Attorney General Merrick Garland rescinded the Trump-era decision in <i>Matter of A-B I</i> and <i>A-B II</i> , thereby expanding asylum eligibility to include gender and domestic relationships as certain social groups, reverting to policy under in <i>Matter of A-R-C-G</i> .	See here .	

24	July 2021	The United States Border Patrol (USBP or BP) released at least 50,000 aliens without giving them a “Notice to Appear” (a court date), instead advising them to self-report to ICE on their own. Unsurprisingly, 87% of aliens fail to report.	See here .	<p>CBP/OFO Total Encounters: 233,919</p> <p>Children: 19,438</p> <p>Fentanyl Seized: 837 pounds</p>
25	Aug 5, 2021	The USBP authorized the use of parole plus alternatives to detention (ATD) in the Del Rio Border Sector.	See here .	<p>CBP/OFO Total Encounters: 231,243</p> <p>Children: 19,609</p> <p>Fentanyl Seized: 1100 pounds</p>
26	Aug 17, 2021	DHS announced an expansion of alternatives to detention (effectively reinstating and expanding catch and release) and announced the expansion of taxpayer-funded services to illegal aliens in removal proceedings.	See here .	
27	Aug 31, 2021	The Biden administration released over 100,000 aliens into the United States between March 21, 2021 and August 31, 2021, without giving these aliens a “Notice to Appear”, instead advising them to self-report to ICE on their own. Of those, nearly 50% of them did not check-in with ICE within the 60-day deadline.	See here .	

28	Sep 24, 2021	The Administration falsely accused Border Patrol agents on horseback in Del Rio, Texas of whipping aliens at the border. President Biden condemned the agents, saying the aliens had been “strapped” and vowed “consequences.” Vice President Harris piled on the false allegations, comparing them to oppression and slavery. In fact, DHS Secretary Mayorkas knew the claim was false and even though the agents were exonerated in July 2022, the Administration proposed punishment for the agents.	See here , here and here .	CBP/OFO Total Encounters: 213,622 Children: 15,194 Fentanyl Seized: 737 pounds
29	Sep 30, 2021	DHS Secretary Mayorkas issued a memorandum that states “the fact an individual is a removable [alien] should [not be the sole] basis of an enforcement action”, effectively using prosecutorial discretion to give deportable aliens a pass to stay in the United States, thereby granting a form of amnesty to many illegal aliens.	See here .	
30	Fiscal Year 2021	Throughout Fiscal Year 2021, the Biden Administration distributed more than \$300 million in federal law enforcement grants to Sanctuary Cities under SCAAP, Byrne, and COPS programs (amounting to 43% of total awards going to sanctuary cities), financially rewarding cities whose policies encourage illegal immigration.	See here .	
31	Oct 8, 2021	DHS canceled another group of border wall contracts led by DHS related to the Laredo and Rio Grande Valley Border Sectors.	See here .	CBP/OFO Total Encounters: 187,136 Children:

32	Oct 12, 2021	DHS effectively suspended large-scale worksite enforcement, a key tool to deter the hiring and employment of illegal aliens.	See here and here .	13,256 Fentanyl Seized: 1100 pounds
33	Oct 27, 2021	DHS Secretary Mayorkas issued a memorandum prohibiting enforcement of immigration laws in certain areas including schools, healthcare facilities, recreational areas, social service and emergency facilities, ceremonial locations (such as funerals and civil ceremonies) as well as at demonstrations and rallies.	See here .	
34	Oct 29, 2021	DHS Secretary Mayorkas terminated the Migrant Protection Protocols (known as “MPP” or “Remain in Mexico”).	See here .	
35	Nov 2021	The Biden Administration formally created a program that included alternatives to detention (ATD) plus parole, resulting in “catch and release” for hundreds of thousands of aliens into the U.S. interior after they were encountered at the border (338,000 aliens were released in Fiscal Year 2022 alone) under this program.	See here .	CBP/OFO Total Encounters: 198,553 Children: 14,435 Fentanyl Seized: 1100 pounds
36	Dec 17, 2021	Immigrations and Customs Enforcement (ICE) repurposed three detention centers previously used for family detention, thus encouraging greater illegal immigration of family units.	See here .	CBP/OFO Total Encounters: 205,691 Children: 12,363 Fentanyl Seized: 549 pounds

37	Jan 2022	Between July 2021 and January 2022, the United States admitted more than 79,000 Afghan evacuees as part of Operation Allies Welcome after the Biden State Department and Department of Defense botched the nation's withdraw from Afghanistan. The DHS OIG determined that DHS failed to fully vet the evacuees. Failure to vet refugees, signaled that the Administration might also apply lax vetting to asylum seekers, further encouraging asylum abuse.	See here .	CBP/OFO Total Encounters: 186,808 Children: 9,171 Fentanyl Seized: 862 pounds
38	Apr 1, 2022	The Biden Administration announced intent to end Title 42. Federal District Court Judge from Louisiana temporarily blocks the action.	See here . See here .	CBP/OFO Total Encounters: 262,109 Children: 12,691
39	Apr 3, 2022	ICE Principal Legal Advisor issued memorandum promoting termination of cases in immigration court and directing ICE Office of the Principal Legal Advisor (OPLA) trial attorneys to comb through their cases to determine whether aliens would be considered a "priority" for removal under the Biden "enforcement priorities."	See here .	Fentanyl Seized: 1300 pounds
40	Sep 9, 2022	The Biden Administration reversed Trump-era public charge rule, allowing aliens who are likely to become a burden to taxpayers to receive immigration benefits – such as a visa, admission, or adjustment of status.	See here and here .	CBP/OFO Total Encounters for: 272,338 Children: 12,508 Fentanyl Seized: 1900 pounds

	Fiscal Year 2022	U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) encounters involving alien children in Fiscal Year 2022 reached a record high 158,865 total encounters (this includes both accompanied and unaccompanied children, 96.2% of whom were unaccompanied).	See here .	
41	Oct 31, 2022	DHS finalized a rule to “fortify DACA”, which declares DACA recipients as “lawfully present” and grants them employment documents despite ongoing litigation.	See here .	<p>CBP/OFO Total Encounters: 284,624</p> <p>Children: 13,756</p> <p>Fentanyl Seized: 2900 pounds</p>
42	Dec 13, 2022	The Biden Department of Justice (DOJ) sued the State of Arizona in order to force Arizona to remove shipping containers placed to close gaps in the border wall.	See here .	<p>CBP/OFO Total Encounters: 302,392</p> <p>Children: 13,030</p> <p>Fentanyl Seized: 2400 pounds</p>
43	Jan 2023	CBP changed CBP One app to allow border crossers to schedule online appointments, expanding the number of aliens allowed into the United States.	See here .	<p>CBP/OFO Total Encounters: 209,151</p> <p>Children: 10,059</p> <p>Fentanyl Seized: 1400 pounds</p>

44	Jan 6, 2023	The Biden Administration began abusing statutory parole authority under INA 212(d)(5) by creating a categorical parole program for nationals of Cuba, Haiti, Nicaragua, and Venezuela. Parole was intended by Congress to be used sparingly and only on a “case by case” basis, yet DHS continues to create and administer categorical parole programs to allow hundreds of thousands of illegal aliens to classes of aliens.	See here .	
45	Feb 25, 2023	<i>The New York Times</i> reported data showing the Biden Department of HHS has lost track of 85,000 alien children over the prior two years. NYT exposes details of minor children working in factories in the United States.	See here .	CBP/OFO Total Encounters: 213,911 Children: 11,629 Fentanyl Seized: 2300 pounds
46	Mar 2023	ICE continued to ignore the need for deportations, allowing criminal aliens to stay in the U.S. ICE’s non-detained docket grew to an estimated 5.3 million aliens, including 407,983 criminal aliens. Meanwhile, ICE arrests in Fiscal Year 2022 fell by 69% compared to Fiscal Year 2018 and arrests of convicted criminals fell 65% (to 36,322 in Fiscal Year 2022 from 105,140 in Fiscal Year 2018).	See here .	CBP/OFO Total Encounters: 259,471 Children: 13,178 Fentanyl Seized: 2900 pounds
47	Mar 25, 2023	Despite record numbers of illegal aliens arriving at the southern border, the Biden Administration proposed cutting detention beds by 25 percent as part of its Fiscal Year 2024 budget request .	See here .	

48	Mar 28, 2023	DHS Inspector General (IG), citing lax oversight, issued a report that identified misuse and fraud of federal emergency funds, resulting in up to \$110 million in funds appropriated in the American Rescue Plan and other legislation being awarded to pay for services to illegal aliens and not Americans suffering due to COVID.	See here .	
49	Apr 13, 2023	The Biden Administration announced DACA recipients would be eligible for Obamacare benefits and Medicaid, giving taxpayer-funded healthcare to illegal aliens.	See here .	CBP/OFO Total Encounters: 276,036 Children: 12,214
50	Apr 27, 2023	The State Department and DHS announced plans to end Title 42, expand CBP One app, and create additional unlawful categorical parole programs for aliens from El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras and Colombia. The program violates the law and allows aliens to enter before they receive a green card and without a visa.	See here and here .	Fentanyl Seized: 3200 pounds
51	Apr 30, 2023	The Biden Administration circulated guidance that waters down the vetting process for Chinese illegal aliens, requiring that interviews used to question a Chinese illegal alien consist of five basic questions. The media reported that Chinese illegal aliens “quickly adapted” to the new CBP guidelines and were “coached” to give “stories that are identical.”	See here .	

52	May 5, 2023	CBP expanded appointment capability of the CBP One App. Through Nov. 2023, nearly 360,000 appointments had been scheduled on the app (43,000 in November alone). The CBP One app continues to be vulnerable to exploitation by the cartels.	See here , here and here .	CBP/OFO Total Encounters: 275,166 Children: 10,525 Fentanyl Seized: 2700 pounds
53	May 11, 2023	The Biden Administration terminated use of Title 42 policy expulsion authority.	See here .	
54	May 31, 2023	The Biden Administration ended the DNA testing program used to verify that adults who crossed the border with a child and claimed to be related to that child, are in fact related. Ending the program promotes not only illegal immigration, but also child exploitation and trafficking.	See here and here .	
55	July 7, 2023	The Biden Administration expanded unlawful parole programs to include individuals from Colombia, El Salvador, Guatemala, and Honduras.	See here .	CBP/OFO Total Encounters: 245,154 Children: 11,236
56	July 24, 2023	The Biden Department of Justice sued the State of Texas to remove newly placed floating barriers in the Rio Grande River.	See here .	Fentanyl Seized: 1800 pounds

57	Aug 10, 2023	The Biden Administration Office of Management and Budget requested nearly \$14 billion in emergency funding that perpetuates the Biden Administration’s open borders policies. For example, \$600 million was requested for FEMA’s Shelter and Services program, which provided airfare and hotels to illegal aliens. This is on top of the \$363.8 spent by the program in Fiscal Year 2023.	See here (page 47). See here .	CBP/OFO Total Encounters: 304,073 Children: 14,922 Fentanyl Seized: 1800 pounds
58	Aug 29, 2023	ICE scrambled after releasing into the U.S. more than a dozen Uzbek nationals with ties to an ISIS smuggler.	See here .	
59	Aug 2023	DHS rebranded “Alternatives to Detention” as “Release and Reporting Management,” effectively using ICE to provide social services to aliens instead of allowing ICE to function as a law enforcement agency.	See here .	
	Fiscal Year 2023	CBP encountered over 3.2 million aliens in FY2023, including nearly 2.5 million at the Southwest border. In the same timeframe of Fiscal Year 2023, ICE only removed 142,580 from the United States.	See here and here .	

	Fiscal Year 2023	CBP and Office of Field Operations (OFO) reported seizing 549,000 pounds of illicit drugs during Fiscal Year 2023, including 27,000 pounds of fentanyl – enough to kill every American 18 times. The Fiscal Year 2023 numbers represent an increase in fentanyl seizures from 14,700 pounds in Fiscal Year 2022, 11,200 pounds in Fiscal Year 2021, and 4,800 pounds in Fiscal Year 2020.	See here and here . See here and here .	
	Sep 2023	CBP recorded nearly 270,000 illegal alien encounters at our Southwest border in September, the highest number ever recorded in a single month.	See here .	CBP/OFO Total Encounters: 341,392 Children: 14,346
60	Sep 8, 2023	The Biden Administration promulgated a proposed rule to reverse Trump-era policy and allow Immigration Judges to administratively close or dismiss removal proceedings without any action (something not allowed by statute), resulting in no decision denying asylum.	See here and here .	Fentanyl Seized: 1500 pounds
61	Oct 4, 2023	The Biden Administration issued new rules on UACs that fails to prevent the release of illegal alien children to strangers, fails to facilitate age determinations, and fails to collect immigration information on sponsors. All of this will encourage trafficking of children, including by the cartels.	See here .	CBP/OFO Total Encounters: 309,137 Children: 12,103 Fentanyl Seized: 1700 pounds

62	Dec 21, 2023	Biden Administration announced the creation of a new “juvenile” docket within immigration courts which is so expansive, it gives specialized treatment to 18, 19, and 20 year-old illegal aliens who should be deported through the expedited removal process.	See here .	CBP/OFO Total Encounters for Dec: Children: Fentanyl Seized:
63	Dec 28, 2023	Following a trip to Mexico by Secretary of State Blinken and DHS Secretary Mayorkas, the Mexican government reported that their discussions focused on “regularizing” status – i.e., amnesty – for “Hispanic migrants who have been undocumented... and DACA beneficiaries.”	See here .	DATA NOT YET AVAILABLE
	Dec 29, 2023	According to media reporting, CBP recorded more than 300,000 illegal alien encounters at our southern border in December, the highest number ever recorded in a single month.	See here , here and here .	
64	Jan 3, 2024	The Biden Administration sued the State of Texas for enforcing a recently enacted Texas state law that allows Texas judges and magistrates to order illegal aliens to return to the foreign nation from which they entered.	See here .	

SOURCES FOR NUMBER COLUMN:

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