Where Are The Illegals?

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Ever wonder what happens to the illegal aliens who are caught in Biden's illegal "Catch and Release" program?

Every country in the world has immigration laws that cover illegal entry into their nation. With the exception of the United States, under Biden's presidency, every country strictly enforces their immigration laws. For every country, illegal entry is punishable by either deportation and/or imprisonment, usually a combination of both.

Now you might want to ask, "What about refugees, are they also imprisoned and/or deported?" The answer to that question is yes. However the difference between refuges and illegal immigrants is that refugees are fleeing their country to escape political and/or religious persecution. They are seeking asylum which is

Some people might say that refugees also flee for economic reasons. Refugees may flee their nation for economic reasons following some form of disaster that permanently destroyed the nation's economic structure.

Most illegal immigrants entering the US do so because they want to improve their economic well-being. The asylum reasons stated above are not primary for most legal and illegal entries into the US.

When we look at immigration on southern and now northern borders, there are many issues at hand. First there are three types of migrants entering the US.

- 1. Those who have official forms of authorization (visas, green cards, etc)
- 2. Those seeking entry at official entry points without authorization
- 3. Those seeking entry illegally

Comparatively speaking those immigrants who have official authorization are not of great concern compared to those without authorization. Initially those immigrants who did not have proper authorization, and who were not seeking appropriate asylum, were turned away at the borders. However when the liberal left came into power in both the Legislative and Executive branches of our government, believed our borders should be open to ALL people. Consequently members of the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) and the Judicial branch of government, ignored current immigration laws and formulated their own interpretation of the laws.

The result has been a catastrophic migration of immigrants who have attempted or successfully entered the US illegally. Among the immigrants who have shown up at border crossings without authorization and those who illegally enter the country are criminals, gang members, drug pushers, terrorists, and many undesirable people. Among the illegal immigrants are those who were captures and those who were getaways.

When an immigrant comes across the US border, either at an official border crossing, or has been caught illegally entering the US, they are usually housed in one of DHS detention facilities that cost taxpayers billions of dollars each year. When these facilities are overcrowded, DHS Security officials (usually Border Patrol agents) are supposed to issue "Notice to Appear" (NTA) in Immigration Court to those immigrants that they release to the public.

According to a 2022 Transactional Records Access Clearinghouse (TRAC) report, DHS may be issuing the NTAs but are not filling the actual notices. The result of not filling NTAs was that one out of every six Immigration Court cases that were thrown out (roughly 13% of cases files).

In addition to the failure to file NTAs, only 15% of immigrants who do show up for court seeking asylum are qualified to receive asylum, according to fatcheck.org.

According to NBC "between late March 2021 and late January 2023, more than 800,000 migrants were released on Notices to Report or Parole Plus ATD. About 214,000 of them were eventually issued charging documents with court dates, meaning that roughly 588,000 did not know when or where to report for their asylum hearings."

Data provided by ICE, however, shows that when migrants are enrolled in ATD and given court dates, 99.4% show up to their first court hearing and that percentage, 95.7% show up to their final hearing.

In 2022 testimony before Congress, Secretary of DHS Mayorkas state "... approximately 75% have indeed reported within the time frame or within their reporting time frame. And as to those who have failed to report that would qualify as an enforcement priority of ours." However the data from a 5-month long investigation just prior to Mayorkas' statement shows that far fewer than 75% reported to their hearings.

On the other hand, VERA, a left leaning liberal legal organization claims that 98% of their clients (illegal immigrants) were ". . . released from detention over the past three years have continued to appear for their scheduled court hearing."

The Center for Immigration Studies reported:

- 43 percent of all aliens free pending trial failed to appear for court in 2017.
- Since 1996, 37 percent of all aliens free before trial disappeared from court.
- 46 percent of all unaccompanied children disappeared from U.S. immigration courts from 2013 through 2017.
- 49 percent of unaccompanied children failed to appear in U.S. immigration courts in 2017.

The challenges facing America's immigration courts are significant. The inaccuracy of government reporting leaves policymakers and, more importantly, the American public, less able to make informed decisions about the relationships between government, immigration, and enforcement imperatives that follow their rulings.

It is not immigration that has failed America, but the American government which has failed its citizens by not enforcing the nation's rule of law.

Notwithstanding immigration, the actions of Biden, his administration, far-left activists, along with socialist and communist supporters are tearing down our great nation. We are rapidly going down the drain to become a third world country that will be run by dictators and thugs. The writing is clearly on the wall. Open your eyes, read it and <u>take</u> <u>action</u> to bring our nation back from the abyss.