



BORDER SUCCESS

By the Staff of AFP

With 2026 looming large, President Donald Trump will be finishing off the first year of his second term in the White House. While there has been plenty of well-deserved criticism over a possible regime-change war in Venezuela, the ongoing genocide in Gaza, a struggling economy, and many other pressing matters, when it comes to the Trump administration's handling of immigration, there can be no debate. This administration has effectively closed America's porous southern border, preventing millions of immigrants from illegally invading the country.

Right before the holidays, Border Czar Tom Homan gave a press conference alongside the president in the Oval Office to defend current immigration policy.

"I just got home last night," Homan told reporters on Dec. 15. "I toured the border in California, Arizona and Texas. I did it in four-wheel drive. I did it on the river. I did it from the air. Hundreds upon hundreds of miles of border. I didn't see one illegal alien—not a single one."

Homan continued: "I've done this since 1984. I worked for six different presidents. None has done more than President Trump. What he has done is give us the most secure border in the history of this nation. Hard stop."

He then laid out the facts for the American people.



TOM HOMAN
Border policies a Trump success.

"Studies show that 31% of women that make that journey through the cartels get sexually assaulted," he said. "And not just women, children too."

Homan tore into former President Joe Biden, pointing out how the men and women who were really running Biden's administration allowed in anywhere from 10,000 to 12,000 illegal immigrants every day for an eyepopping total of 15 million illegal aliens during the four years Biden was in the White House.

Now that the border is shut down, Homan said, "How many women aren't being raped? How many children aren't dying making that journey? How many women and children aren't being sex

trafficked into this country every day? How many known and suspected terrorists aren't just walking across that border?"

The numbers speak for themselves:
• According to the Department of Homeland Security, as of Dec. 10, the Trump administration has conducted over 605,000 deportations of criminal illegal aliens and reported 1.9 million self-deportations since January 2025, totaling more than 2.5 million deportations;

• 60,000 children illegally smuggled into the United States have been located by the Trump administration. Some were rescued from dire situations, including sex trafficking and forced labor;

• In November, there were only 30,367 encounters with illegal aliens reported across the entire United States; compare that to the Biden administration, which reported more than 300,000 encounters in December 2024;

• In the last month, there were 7,350 Border Patrol apprehensions on the southwest border, which is 95% lower than the monthly average of the Biden administration and less than what was apprehended in five days when Biden was president in November 2024;

• On average in the last year, there were only 245 Border Patrol apprehensions per day on the southwest border, which is 95% lower than the daily average under the Biden administration and less than the number apprehended every hour under Biden; and

• In November, the Border Patrol seized 1,543 lbs. of fentanyl, a 59% increase from October; it only takes 2 milligrams of fentanyl to kill a person.

"These numbers reflect the tireless efforts of our agents and officers who are delivering results that redefine border security," said Customs and Border Patrol Commissioner Rodney Scott in a Dec. 5 statement. "We're not slowing down. We're setting the pace for the future." ★



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