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Summary Of Key Findings

The following memo summarizes Donald Trump’s positions on immigration since the end of his presidency. Our research, which included a review of news articles, Google results, social media posts, press releases and his campaign website, identified a number of harmful policies supported by Trump. A summary of our findings is shown below; more detailed findings as well as a complete appendix are included at the end of the memo. This report was compiled under specific time constraints and, as a result, may not be fully comprehensive. Information should be reviewed for accuracy and completeness before being used in public communications.

- *Trump pledged to continue work on the border wall if reelected as president. He claimed that the border wall had been only months away from completion when he left office, and he said he would work to complete the wall “in three weeks.”*
- *Trump said he would restore “every border security measure of the Trump presidency,” including the “Remain in Mexico” policy and Title 42.*
- *If elected to another term, Trump seemed likely to make significant cuts to legal immigration, potentially by replacing government workers with anti-immigration loyalists. He planned to reinstate the “Schedule F” executive order, which could strip employment protections from as many as 50,000 federal workers, and the Trump-aligned group American Moment then hoped to replace those workers with loyalists “who want to cut not just illegal but also legal immigration into the United States.” As one commentator noted, “If immigrants, businesses and attorneys complain now about U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS), they should consider what agency processing would look like after an anti-immigrant litmus test is imposed on USCIS employees...” Attempts to reduce legal immigration would be in line with Trump’s first term; an analysis by the National Foundation for American Policy found that if Trump’s policies had continued, legal immigration would have decreased by half and “average annual labor force growth would be approximately 59% lower than compared to a policy of no immigration reductions.” Trump could also further restrict H-1B visa holders and international students, leading the U.S. to lose talented foreign workers.*
- *Trump pledged to increase the number of ICE officers and deport millions of immigrants if reelected, saying he would “carry out the largest domestic deportation operation in American history.” He also said he would “ask every state and federal agency to identify every known or suspected gang member in America. And every one of them that is here legally we will pick them up and we will send them back to the country from which they came as we restore safety to our streets.”*
- *As he prepared for a second term, Trump considered taking military action against Mexican drug cartels. In January 2023, Trump released a plan to “destroy the cartels” by imposing a naval embargo, designating the cartels as terrorist organizations, engaging in cyber warfare, cutting off cartels’ access to global financial systems and asking Congress to apply the death penalty to drug smugglers. As reported in March 2023, Trump asked his policy advisors for a range of military options aimed at the cartels, including strikes not sanctioned by the Mexican government. Trump was also reportedly briefed on a white paper outlining possible procedures for the next president to “formally” declare war on the cartels.*

- *Trump said he would impose criminal penalties on future presidents if they did not take action to stem undocumented immigration, saying, "I'll ask Congress to establish criminal penalties for any future administration that releases millions and millions of people that you don't want in our country."*
- *Trump sought to force states to comply with federal immigration authorities in order to receive grants from the Justice Department. In addition, he planned to "deputize the National Guard and local law enforcement to assist with rapidly removing illegal alien gang members and criminals."*
- *After leaving office, Trump criticized Biden for turning the border into an "unmitigated disaster zone." He claimed that Biden had "inherited from me the strongest, safest, and most secure border in US history, and in mere weeks they turned it into the single worst border crisis in US history." Trump believed that Biden should have kept Trump's border policies, saying, "There's never been anything like what's happened at our border, and people are coming in by the tens of thousands. They're walking in. All he had to do is leave it alone."*
- *Trump used violent and racist language to describe undocumented immigration. He alleged that "illegal aliens" wanted to "invade" our "homeland" and were "trying to destroy our country." He called for being "tough, mean and nasty," and he claimed that "the spiraling tsunami at the border is overwhelming local communities, depleting budgets, crowding hospitals, and taking jobs from legal American workers."*
- *Trump criticized "catch and release" policies, which he said led to "Mass releases of illegal aliens that deplete our social safety net." Trump believed that "Even someone of Mayorkas' limited abilities should understand that if you provide Catch-and-Release to the world's illegal aliens then the whole world will come."*
- *During the evacuation of Afghanistan, Trump suggested that unvetted Afghans were boarding military planes and that terrorists had been lifted out of the country. He said, "You can be sure the Taliban, who are now in complete control, didn't allow the best and brightest to board these evacuation flights. [...] Instead, we can only imagine how many thousands of terrorists have been airlifted out of Afghanistan and into neighborhoods around the world. What a terrible failure. NO VETTING. How many terrorists will Joe Biden bring to America? We don't know!"*
- *Trump argued that his border policies were popular with Hispanic voters, saying, "One of the worst lies of the radical left is that Hispanic Americans want open borders. See, when I ran, I was talking about a wall. [...] But what they said is, 'Oh, you're going to lose the Hispanic-American vote.' I said, but I have to do what's right. And it was just the opposite. ... And we had the best numbers ever."*
- *Trump endorsed hard-right candidates who spouted racist conspiracy theories about immigration. In Ohio, Trump endorsed JD Vance, who warned of an "invasion" of immigrants and accused Democrats of intentionally bringing undocumented immigrants into the U.S. to vote and "transform the electorate." In Arizona, Trump backed Blake Masters, who believed Democrats were encouraging immigration "to change the demographics of our country." In addition, Trump had a friendly relationship with Hungarian Prime Minister Viktor Orban, who made anti-immigrant statements such as, "These countries are no longer nations: They are nothing more than a conglomeration of peoples. [...] We are willing to mix with one another, but we do not want to become peoples of mixed race."*
- *Trump spoke out against sanctuary cities, saying, "The radical Democrats want to turn America into one giant sanctuary for dangerous criminal aliens. [...] In the Republican Party, we think our country should be a sanctuary for law-abiding citizens who love our nation. If we are going to make America great again, we have to make America safe again. It's the only way."*
- *Trump was reportedly angry about Gov. Ron DeSantis sending two planes of migrants to Martha's Vineyard, saying that DeSantis's action was an idea that the governor stole from Trump.*

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June 2021: During A Speech In Texas, Trump Claimed That The Border Wall Was Months Away From Completion When He Left Office Even Though Only 450 Miles Of Wall Had Actually Been Built. The New York Times reported, “When it was Mr. Trump’s turn, he delivered a rambling speech defending his handling of the border while president and falsely claiming that the wall he repeatedly promised to build across the 2,000-mile border had been months away from completion when he left office. The Trump administration built roughly 450 miles of border wall, nearly all of it in areas where dilapidated barriers existed or vehicle barriers had once stood. [...] ‘Within a few months you would have had the wall totally complete and they were going to paint it,’ Mr. Trump said. ‘They were supposed to paint the wall. They aren’t even doing that. They got to get a coat of paint on the wall. Believe it or not, it does rust. Maybe that’s what they like — let it rust, let it rot.’” [New York Times, 6/30/21]

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Trump Claimed That The Border Wall Built During His Tenure Was “Not Penetrable” And That “The Best Color To Paint [The Wall] Is Black, Because If You Paint It Black, It’s So Hot Nobody Can Even Try To Climb It.” The New York Post reported, “‘We did a hell of a job and we had it down to really a science. It was down to a point where people just weren’t getting in unless they came in legally,’ Trump said at a roundtable discussion with Texas Gov. Greg Abbott and local law enforcement in Weslaco, Texas. ‘All they [the Biden administration] had to do was go to the beach. If they went to the beach and did nothing, they would have been fine.’ The indoor roundtable was followed by a trip to the border at Pharr, where Trump told a crowd of congressmen and journalists: ‘Biden is destroying our country. ‘We built a wall that was not penetrable and we were just about finished. And then we had an election where . . . amazingly, we lost,’ Trump said. [...] While standing near the wall, Trump added that ‘the best color to paint it is black, because if you paint it black, it’s so hot nobody can even try to climb it.’” [New York Post, 7/1/21]

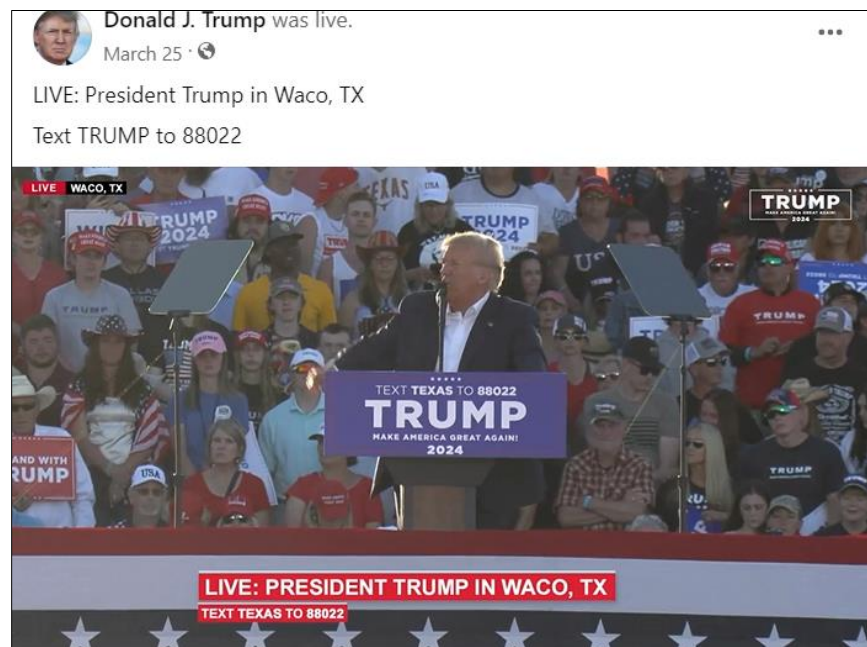
March 2021: Trump Said That ICE “Must Immediately Complete The Wall, Which Can Be Done In A Matter Of Weeks—They Should Never Have Stopped It. They Are Causing Death And Human Tragedy.” The Boston Herald reported, “Trump also lashed out at Biden for what he called a gag order on Immigration and Customs Enforcement officers. ‘They must immediately complete the wall, which can be done in a matter of weeks—they should never have stopped it. They are causing death and human tragedy,’ Trump said. He added the flow of migrants is allowing ‘drugs ... human and sex trafficking’ to mix in with the migrants ‘encouraging crimes against humanity.’ He added: ‘Our Country is being destroyed!’” [Boston Herald, 3/22/21]

February 2022: During A Keynote Speech At The Conservative Political Action Conference, Trump Said That The Border Wall Would “Quickly Completed ... In Three Weeks.” The New York Times reported, “The

former president made inaccurate claims about his border wall, the Biden administration and a Russian pipeline, among other topics...in a keynote speech at the Conservative Political Action Conference on Saturday. [...] ‘The wall will be quickly completed. We’ll build the wall and complete the wall in three weeks. It took two and half years on the wall, two and half years just to win all the litigation, over 11 lawsuits that they threw at us. And we have it just about finished, and I said they can’t be serious. They don’t want to close up the little loops.’” [New York Times, 2/27/22]

June 2021: Trump Applauded Texas Governor Greg Abbott’s Plan To Construct A State-Funded Border Wall. The Texas Tribune reported, “Trump, who made immigration restrictions and border security a staple of his administration, applauded Gov. Greg Abbott’s plan to construct a state-funded border wall, while pushing for a return to the hardline immigration policies, that he implemented during his presidency. Trump also reiterated his endorsement of Abbott for reelection while speaking with reporters. ‘We have an open, really dangerous border,’ Trump said during a news conference at the Department of Public Safety’s Weslaco headquarters. ‘We better go back fast.’” [Texas Tribune, [6/30/21](#)]

March 2023: Trump Pledged To Expand The Border Wall “Even Further” In His Second Term. According to a Facebook video by Donald J. Trump, “But they’re flooding your towns with deadly drugs. Selling your jobs to China. Mutilating your children. [...] The drugs are pouring in. People talk about the people that are pouring in but the drugs that are pouring into our country killing everybody, killing so many people. [...] As president, I will immediately end the invasion of our southern border... I built hundreds of miles of wall and completed that task, totally as promised, and then I began to add even more wall in areas where it was needed. And I could have done it all in three more weeks, but Biden decided not to do it. [...] Under my leadership, we will seal it up, and we will expand the wall even further. Walls do work. [...] As president, I’ll sign a massive increase in border patrol and a colossal increase in the number of ICE deportation officers. [...] We will use all necessary state, local, federal and military resources to carry out the largest domestic deportation operation in American history. [...] I will reinstitute Title 42 to keep sick people out of our country and to bring back Remain in Mexico policy. You can’t come in, you have to remain in Mexico.” [Facebook, Donald J. Trump, [49:00-1:10:30](#), 3/25/23]



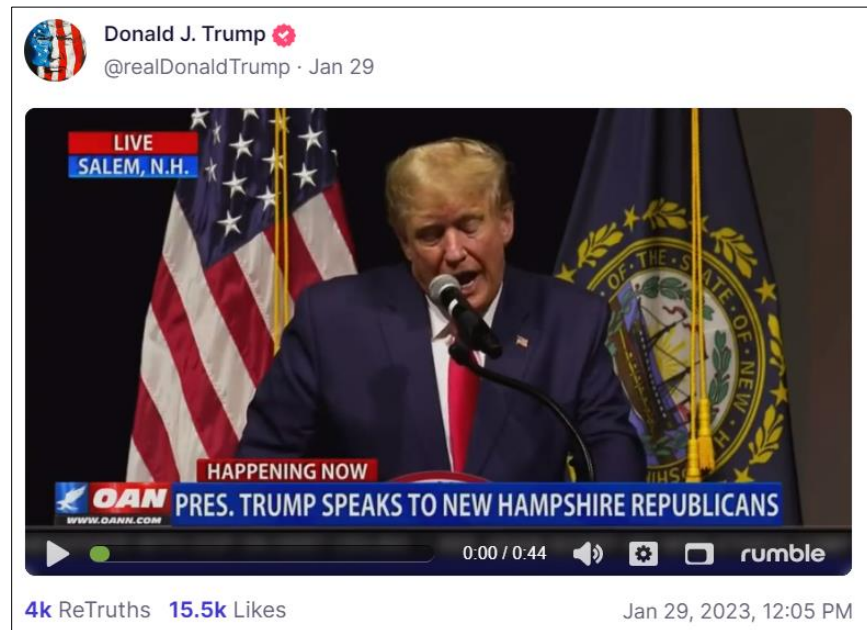
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January 2023 – Trump: “Within Hours Of My Inauguration, We Will Restore Every Border Security Measure Of The Trump Presidency... I’ll Ask Congress To Establish Criminal Penalties For Any Future Administration That Releases Millions And Millions Of People That You Don’t Want In Our Country.”

According to a video posted on Truth Social by Donald J. Trump, “Within hours of my inauguration, we will restore every border security measure of the Trump presidency, we had it so good, to quickly achieve the most secure border in US history again just as we had two years ago, and I’ll ask Congress to establish criminal penalties for any future administration that releases millions and millions of people that you don’t want in our country.” [Truth Social, @realDonaldTrump, [1/29/23](#)]



[Truth Social, @realDonaldTrump, [1/29/23](#)]

Trump Criticized Biden’s Termination Of The “Remain In Mexico” Policy

August 2021: Trump Stated That Biden Must Reinstate His Remain In Mexico Policy, Which He Touted As Being One Of His “Most Successful And Important Programs In Securing The Border.” The Boston Herald reported, “President Joe Biden is being ripped by his predecessor for creating a ‘catastrophic border disaster’ as the Supreme Court says his administration may have violated federal law by dropping the ‘Remain in Mexico’ program. ‘Biden must reinstate Remain in Mexico, one of my most successful and important programs in securing the border,’ said former President Donald Trump on Wednesday. ‘Other State Attorneys General should follow suit and go after every one of Biden’s unlawful border and immigration policies.’” [Boston Herald, 8/26/21]

June 2021: Trump Condemned Biden’s Termination Of The “Remain In Mexico” Policy, Saying, “Our Country Is Being Destroyed Before Our Very Eyes.” San Antonio Express News reported, “It’s hard to say which Trump-era immigration policy was cruelest, but certainly one of the worst was ‘Remain in Mexico,’ which returned asylum-seekers, often from Central America, to Mexico until their court dates in the United States. It left asylum-seekers in dire straits, exposed to violence and exploitation from gangs, sometimes forcing people to go around the legal asylum process at great risk. President Joe Biden formally ended the policy last week, following up on his decision to pause the program, officially known as Migrant Protection Protocols, shortly after assuming office in January. An estimated 11,000 people in the program have been allowed into the country since the pause, according to Reuters. [...] Trump condemned the move, saying ‘our country is being destroyed before our very eyes,’ but immigration advocates hailed the decision as a ‘huge’ victory.” [San Antonio Express News, 6/7/21]

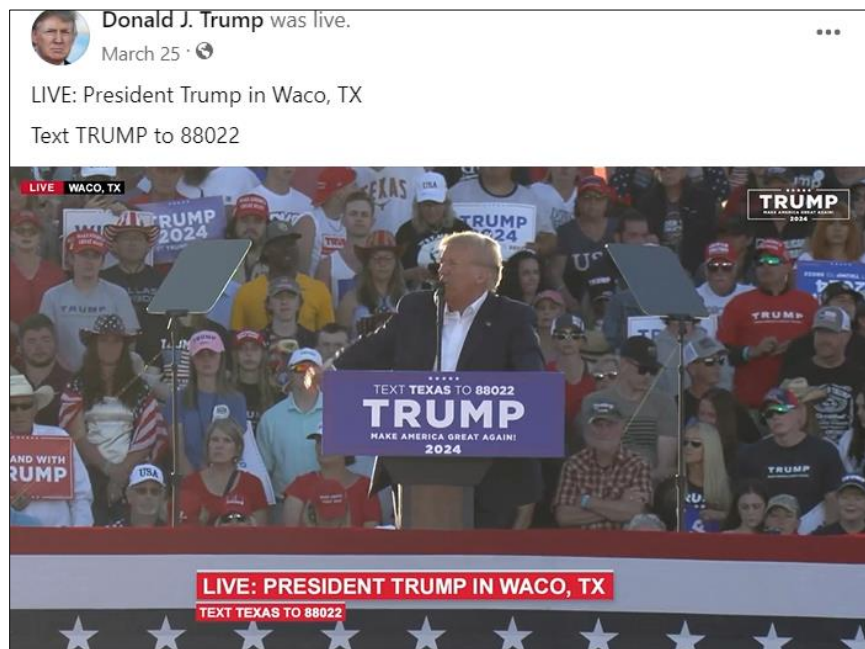
DonaldJTrump.Com: “President Trump Will Shut Down Biden’s Border Disaster. He Will Again End Catch-And-Release, Restore Remain In Mexico, And Eliminate Asylum Fraud.” According to DonaldJTrump.com, “President Donald J. Trump created the most secure border in U.S. history. He ended catch-and-release, took down human traffickers, deported record numbers of illegal alien gang members, and built 450 miles of powerful new wall. Joe Biden turned our country into one giant sanctuary for dangerous criminal aliens when he suspended all immigration enforcement in the middle of a global pandemic and reversed landmark agreements that safely returned asylum-seekers to Mexico, Guatemala, Honduras, and El Salvador. The onslaught of illegal aliens invading our wide-open borders threatens public safety, drains the treasury, undermines U.S. workers, and burdens schools and hospitals. President Trump will shut down Biden’s border disaster. He will again end catch-and-release, restore Remain in Mexico, and eliminate asylum fraud. In cooperative states, President Trump will deputize the National Guard and local law enforcement to assist with rapidly removing illegal alien gang members and criminals. He will also deliver a merit-based immigration system that protects American labor and promotes American values.” [DonaldJTrump.com, accessed [4/28/23](#)]

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If Reelected, Trump Planned To Reimpose His Schedule F Executive Order, Potentially Allowing Him To Install Loyalists In U.S. Citizenship And Immigration Services

Sources Said Trump Would Reimpose His “Schedule F” Executive Order If Re-Elected, Which Could Cause Up To 50,000 Federal Workers To Lose Their Employment Protections, Making Them Easier To Fire And Be Replaced With Trump Loyalists. Axios reported, “Sources close to former President Trump say he would immediately reimpose his ‘Schedule F’ executive order if he takes back the White House in the 2024 presidential elections, Axios’ Jonathan Swan reports. [...] It would effectively upend the modern civil service, and put future presidents in the position of bringing in their own loyalists or reverting to a traditional bureaucracy, Swan reports. [...] Trump signed an executive order in October 2020 which established a new Schedule F employment category for federal employees. It was rescinded by President Biden shortly after he took office in 2021. But back in March of 2022, Trump floated the possibility of going after the federal workforce. ‘We will pass critical reforms making every executive branch employee fireable by the president of the United States,’ he said at a rally in South Carolina. [...] Tens of thousands of civil servants who serve in roles deemed to have some influence over policy would be reassigned as ‘Schedule F’ employees. [...] They would lose their employment protections upon re-assignment, making them functionally at-will employees and therefore far easier to fire, Gov Exec reports. [...] It could apply to as many as 50,000 federal workers out of a workforce of more than 2 million, Swan reports.” [Axios, [7/23/22](#)]

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A Startup Group Called American Moment Was Developing A List Of Thousands Of "America First" Personnel For The Next GOP Administration, With One Requirement For Getting On The List Being That Applicants Would "Cut Not Just Illegal But Also Legal Immigration Into The United States." Axios reported, "Startups including American Moment have sprung up to develop lists of thousands of younger 'America First' personnel for the next GOP administration. Founded by Saurabh Sharma, the 24-year-old former head of the Young Conservatives of Texas, American Moment is dedicated to the idea of restaffing the government. Trump-endorsed Ohio Senate candidate J.D. Vance serves on its board. [...] American Moment says it has, so far, around 700 'fully vetted' personnel to potentially serve in the next administration. Sharma's goal is to have 2,000 to 3,000 'America First' would-be government staffers in his database by the summer of 2024. [...] Sharma is prescriptive about what gets a person on his list. He wants applicants who want to cut not just illegal but also legal immigration into the United States. He favors people who are protectionist on trade and anti-interventionist on foreign policy. They must be eager to fight the 'culture war.' Credentials are almost irrelevant." [Axios, [7/22/22](#)]

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Trump's Policies Would Likely Lead To "Extremely Low" Refugee Admissions And Could Cut Legal Immigration By Half

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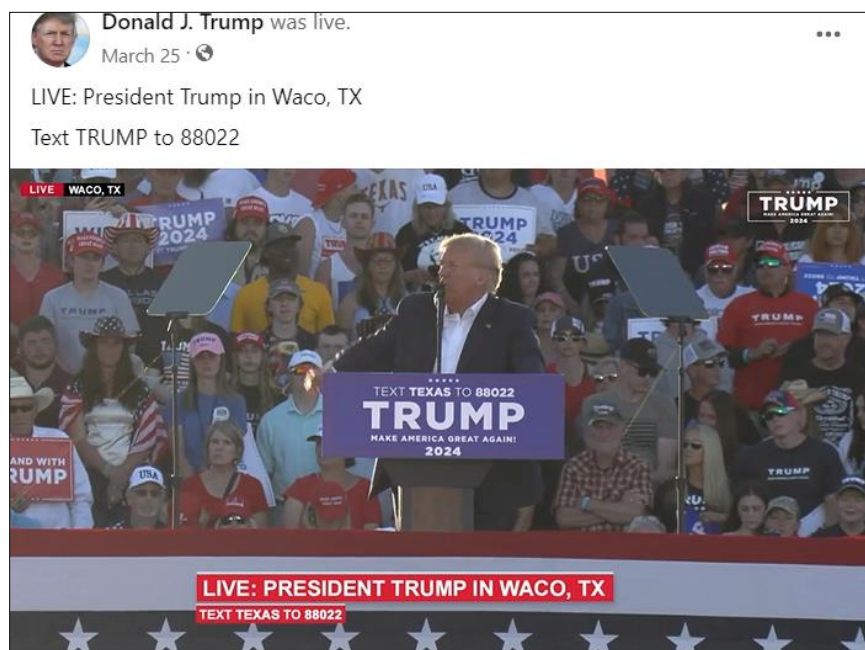
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According to a column in Forbes by Stuart Anderson, executive director of the National Foundation for American Policy, “Expect America to lose talent in even more significant numbers should the entire Trump immigration agenda against highly educated foreign nationals come to fruition. Businesses and universities should expect every idea or regulation the Trump administration failed to implement to be tried again. That would mean: - New limits on who qualifies for an H-1B petition and how (and where) an H-1B visa holder can work; - Requiring employers to pay well above-market wages for H-1B visa holders and employees sponsored for permanent residence; - New restrictions on international students and Optional Practical Training (OPT), and other policies.” [Forbes, Column, [8/3/22](#)]

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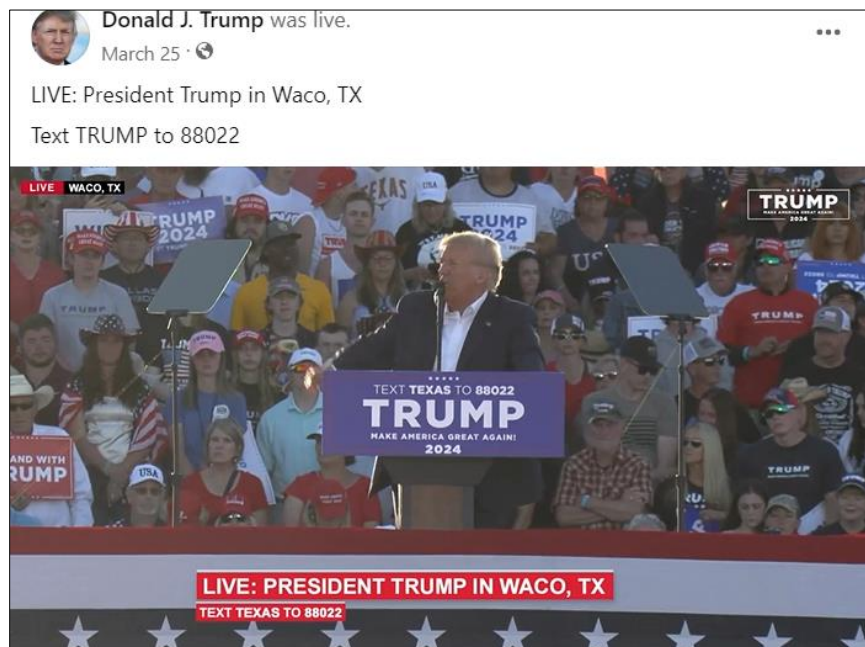
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September 2022: In An Interview With Sean Hannity, Trump Suggested That He Would Deport Millions Of Immigrants If He Was Re-Elected. The Independent reported, “Former president Donald Trump has suggested he will deport millions of immigrants if he is re-elected in 2024. During an interview with Fox News host Sean Hannity, he was asked how long it would take him to ‘get things back to where you had it when you left’, if he was elected president again. ‘Very quickly, except for one thing: millions of people are in our country now that shouldn’t be here. Many of them are prisoners, criminals,’ the former president replied. ‘Would you deport them?’ Hannity asked. ‘The bad ones I would deport. Millions and millions of people have – they’re poisoning our country. They’re poisoning – I’d like to be nice about it,’ replied Mr. Trump.” [Independent, [9/23/22](#)]

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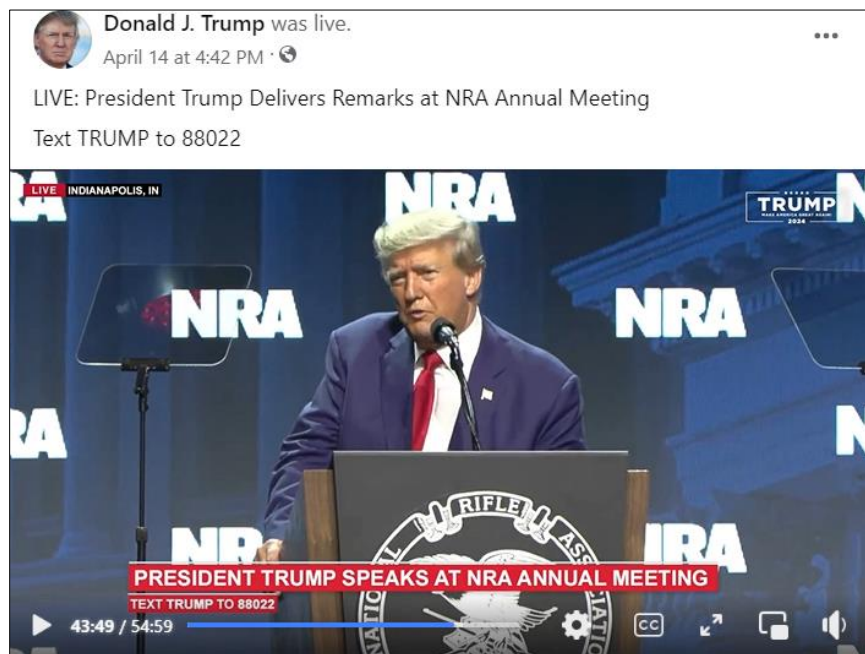
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April 2023: Trump Said He Was Going To Follow The “Eisenhower Model” To “Increase The Number Of ICE And Border Patrol Deportation Offices” And Carry Out The “Largest Domestic Deportation Operation In American History.” According to a Facebook video by Donald J. Trump, “It’s going to be a colossal increase in the number of ICE and Border Patrol deportation offices following the Eisenhower model. I don’t know if you know, Dwight Eisenhower was very tough on the subject. We will use all necessary state, local, federal, and military resources to carry out the largest domestic deportation operation in American history. And I will ask every state and federal agency to identify every known or suspected gang member in America. And every one of them that is here legally we will pick them up and we will send them back to the country from which they came as we restore safety to our streets.” [Facebook, Donald J. Trump, [43:39-44:23](#), 4/14/23]

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- **The “Eisenhower Model” Referred To “Operation Wetback,” A 1950s Series Of Police Raids That Deported Hundreds Of Thousands Of Undocumented Immigrants To Mexico.** According to Medium, “The so-called ‘Eisenhower model’ Donald Trump refers to is the controversial — and controversially named — Operation Wetback of the 1950s. According to History.com, Operation Wetback was a series of police raids conducted in 1954 to deport thousands of undocumented immigrants to Mexico. (2). Estimated deportations range from 300,000 to over 1.3 million individuals, although these numbers are disputed. From 1944–1954, United States Border Patrol authorities launched numerous drives to deport undocumented workers among ‘braceros,’ Mexican nationals working in the United States on temporary visas. These crackdowns reached their apex in the summer of 1954 when hundreds of US Border Patrol agents apprehended thousands of undocumented workers nationwide. Many were sent to Mexico via train, while others in distant cities like Chicago were airlifted.” [Medium, [4/16/23](#)]

Trump Was Reportedly Considering Taking Military Action Against Drug Cartels If Reelected

March 2023: Trump Reportedly Asked Policy Advisers For A Range Of Military Options Aimed At Mexican Drug Cartels, Including Strikes Not Sanctioned By The Mexican Government. Rolling Stone reported, “As he campaigns for a second White House term, Trump has been asking policy advisers for a range of military options aimed at taking on Mexican drug cartels, including strikes that are not sanctioned by Mexico’s government, according to two sources familiar with the situation. ‘Attacking Mexico,’ or whatever you’d like to call it, is something that President Trump has said he wants ‘battle plans’ drawn for,’ says one of the sources. ‘He’s complained about missed opportunities of his first term, and there are a lot of people around him who want fewer missed opportunities in a second Trump presidency.’ [...] One such proposal that Trump has been briefed on this year is an October white paper from the Center for Renewing America, an increasingly influential think tank staffed largely by Trumpist wonks, MAGA loyalists, and veterans of his administration. The policy paper — titled ‘It’s Time to Wage War on Transnational Drug Cartels’ — outlines possible justifications and procedures for the next Republican commander-in-chief to ‘formally’ declare ‘war against the cartels,’ in response to ‘the mounting bodies of dead Americans from fentanyl poisonings.’” [Rolling Stone, [3/29/23](#)]

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January 2023: Trump Released An Action Plan To “Destroy The Drug Cartels” That Included Restoring “All Trump Border Policies,” Fully Securing The Border And Deploying The Military To Impose “A Full Naval Embargo On The Cartels.” According to a press release by Donald Trump, “TRUMP ACTION PLAN TO DESTROY THE DRUG CARTELS: Restore all Trump border policies and fully secure border Deploy all necessary military assets, including the U.S. Navy, to impose a full naval embargo on the cartels, to ensure they cannot use our region’s waters to traffic illicit drugs to the U.S. Order the Department of Defense to make appropriate use of special forces, cyber warfare, and other covert and overt actions to inflict maximum damage on cartel leadership, infrastructure, and operations Designate the major drug cartels as foreign terrorist organizations Cut off the cartels’ access to the global financial system Get full cooperation of neighboring governments to dismantle the cartels, or else fully expose the bribes and corruption that protect these criminal networks Ask

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Trump Said He Would Impose Criminal Penalties On Future Presidents If Illegal Immigration Were To Go Unchecked

January 2023: In A Campaign Speech, Trump Said He Would Impose Criminal Penalties On Future Presidents If Illegal Immigration Were To Go Unchecked. Newsmax reported, “‘Every day is like April Fool’s Day,’ Trump said in a speech Saturday in Columbia, South Carolina, setting up his 2024 presidential campaign leadership team in a key early primary state. [...] If elected in 2024, Trump vowed on the open border under Biden that he will impose criminal penalties on future presidents if illegal immigration were to go unchecked like it has since he left office January 2021.” [Newsmax, [1/28/23](#)]

January 2023 – Trump: “Within Hours Of My Inauguration, We Will Restore Every Border Security Measure Of The Trump Presidency... I’ll Ask Congress To Establish Criminal Penalties For Any Future Administration That Releases Millions And Millions Of People That You Don’t Want In Our Country.” According to a video posted on Truth Social by Donald J. Trump, “Within hours of my inauguration, we will restore every border security measure of the Trump presidency, we had it so good, to quickly achieve the most secure border in US history again just as we had two years ago, and I’ll ask Congress to establish criminal penalties for any future administration that releases millions and millions of people that you don’t want in our country.” [Truth Social, @realDonaldTrump, [1/29/23](#)]



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Trump Released A Plan To Require Local Law Enforcement Agencies To Cooperate With ICE

February 2023: Trump Released A Plan To Stop Crime “And Keep All Americans Safe,” Which Included Requiring Local Law Enforcement Agencies Receiving Justice Department Grants To Cooperate With ICE To Deport “Criminal Aliens.” According to a press release by Donald Trump, “President Donald J. Trump unveiled his new plan to stop out-of-control crime and keep all Americans safe. [...] ‘First, because police forces have been gutted by Democrats’ war on police, I will sign a record investment in hiring, retention and training for police officers nationwide. [...] Second, to qualify for this new funding and all other Justice Department grants, I will insist that local jurisdictions return to proven common sense policing measures, such as stop and frisk— very simple—you stop them and you frisk them, strictly enforcing existing gun laws against convicted felons, cracking down on the open use of illegal drugs, and cooperating with ICE to get criminal aliens off our streets and get them out of our country.’” [Donald Trump, Press Release, [2/20/23](#)]

DonaldJTrump.Com: “In Cooperative States, President Trump Will Deputize The National Guard And Local Law Enforcement To Assist With Rapidly Removing Illegal Alien Gang Members And Criminals.” According to DonaldJTrump.com, “President Donald J. Trump created the most secure border in U.S. history. He ended catch-and-release, took down human traffickers, deported record numbers of illegal alien gang members, and built 450 miles of powerful new wall. Joe Biden turned our country into one giant sanctuary for dangerous criminal aliens when he suspended all immigration enforcement in the middle of a global pandemic and reversed landmark agreements that safely returned asylum-seekers to Mexico, Guatemala, Honduras, and El Salvador. The onslaught of illegal aliens invading our wide-open borders threatens public safety, drains the treasury, undermines U.S. workers, and burdens schools and hospitals. President Trump will shut down Biden’s border disaster. He will again end catch-and-release, restore Remain in Mexico, and eliminate asylum fraud. In cooperative states, President Trump will deputize the National Guard and local law enforcement to assist with rapidly removing illegal alien gang members and criminals. He will also deliver a merit-based immigration system that protects American labor and promotes American values.” [DonaldJTrump.com, accessed [4/28/23](#)]

Trump Criticized Biden For Turning The Border Into “An Unmitigated Disaster Zone”

June 2021 – Trump: “The Biden Administration Inherited From Me The Strongest, Safest, And Most Secure Border In US History, And In Mere Weeks They Turned It Into The Single Worst Border Crisis In US History. It’s An Unmitigated Disaster Zone.” The New York Post reported, “Former President Donald Trump announced Tuesday that he will visit the US-Mexico border region with Texas Gov. Greg Abbott at the end of this month to draw attention to what he called ‘grave and willful dereliction of duty’ by his successor. ‘The Biden administration inherited from me the strongest, safest, and most secure border in US history, and in mere weeks they turned it into the single worst border crisis in US history,’ Trump said in a statement. ‘It’s an unmitigated disaster zone.’ ‘We went from detain-and-remove to catch-and-release. We went from having border security that was the envy of the world to a lawless border that is now pitied around the world,’ Trump’s statement continued. ‘Biden and Harris have handed control of our border over to cartels, criminals, and coyotes.’” [New York Post, 6/16/21]

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March 2021: Trump Discussed Immigration Policy On Fox News, Saying, “Today They’re Coming In ... From All Foreign Countries. ... It’s A Disgrace.” The Arizona Republic reported, “Donald Trump blamed President Joe Biden recently for the situation at the U.S. southern border. ‘We did a lot of things, and all of that is now eroded,’ the former president said on Fox News. ‘Today they’re coming in ... from all foreign countries. ... It’s a disgrace.’” [Arizona Republic, 3/28/21]

April 2021: Trump Said That Biden Should Have Kept Trump’s Border Policies, Stating, “People Are Coming In By The Tens Of Thousands. They’re Walking In. All He [Biden] Had To Do Is Leave It Alone.” The New York Post reported, “Former President Donald Trump is blasting President Biden for creating chaos at the border by not maintaining Trump’s immigration policies - claiming they were popular among Hispanic voters. ‘There’s never been anything like what’s happened at our border, and people are coming in by the tens of thousands. They’re walking in. All he had to do is leave it alone,’ Trump said in a clip of his upcoming first on-camera interview since leaving office. He also called out the news media for failing to accurately report on Biden’s handling of the immigration crisis, including thousands of kids being crammed in federal detention centers. ‘They would not stand for it, and they’re playing it down as much as they can play it down. It’s a horrible situation. Could destroy our country,’ Trump said in the interview, which aired on Fox News’ ‘Hannity’ Monday evening.” [New York Post, 4/20/21]

Trump Used Violent, Racist Language To Describe Undocumented Immigration

Trump Said In A Speech In Iowa That He Predicted Illegal Border Crossings Would Rise To 10 Million, Which Would More Than Quadruple The 2.4 Million Reported In Fiscal Year 2021. The Boston Globe reported, “Trump’s speeches have lately returned to his roots with a heavy emphasis on immigration and the border, syncing up with the focus of many Republican ads this cycle. ‘It was just revealed that this September set yet another all-time record high in illegal border crossings, with a quarter of a million illegal alien migrants trespassing,’ Trump said in Iowa. [...] Trump predicted illegal crossings would rise to 10 million, which would more than quadruple the 2.4 million reported in the last fiscal year. [...] He rattled off a series of heinous crimes allegedly committed by people who were not authorized to be in the country. Details of the incidents were embellished. A man stabbed in a crowded hotel room became left for dead at the scene. The suspect in a

Pennsylvania stabbing has not been identified as an unauthorized immigrant. A man recently sentenced for stabbing a New York cop and shooting two others in fact did so in 2020, when Trump was president.” [Boston Globe, 11/8/22]

May 2022: At A Rally, Trump Said That “Illegal Aliens” Were Pouring “Into Our Homeland,” And Stated, “Our Country Is Full, We Can’t Take It Anymore. They Are Trying To Destroy Our Country.” The New York Times reported, “Mr. Trump no longer seems to be driving the conversation on the right so much as keeping up with it. At a rally in western Pennsylvania this month, he railed against the ‘illegal aliens’ he said were pouring ‘into our homeland.’ ‘Our country is full, we can’t take it anymore,’ he said. ‘They are trying to destroy our country.’” [New York Times, 5/16/22]

July 2022: Trump Said The Country Must Take Action Against Violence, Drugs And Illegal Immigration, Stating, “There Is No Respect For The Law And There Is Certainly No Order. It Has To Stop And It Has To Stop Now ... We Need To Be Tough, Mean And Nasty, If We Have To.” Daily News reported, “Former President Donald Trump returned to Washington, D.C., on Tuesday for the first time since he left office 18 months ago, promising a harsh crackdown on crime and immigration in an address to a think tank audience. [...] On crime, Trump painted a dystopian portrait of a Democratic-led country besieged by violent random crime, illegal drugs and unchecked illegal immigration. ‘There is no respect for the law and there is certainly no order,’ he said in an occasionally rambling hour-plus message. ‘It has to stop and it has to stop now ... We need to be tough, mean and nasty, if we have to.’ [...] He accused President Biden of allowing the southern border to deteriorate into a ‘gaping wound’ and went on an extended rant about central American gang members and his own supposed successes in cracking down on immigration.” [Daily News, 7/27/22]

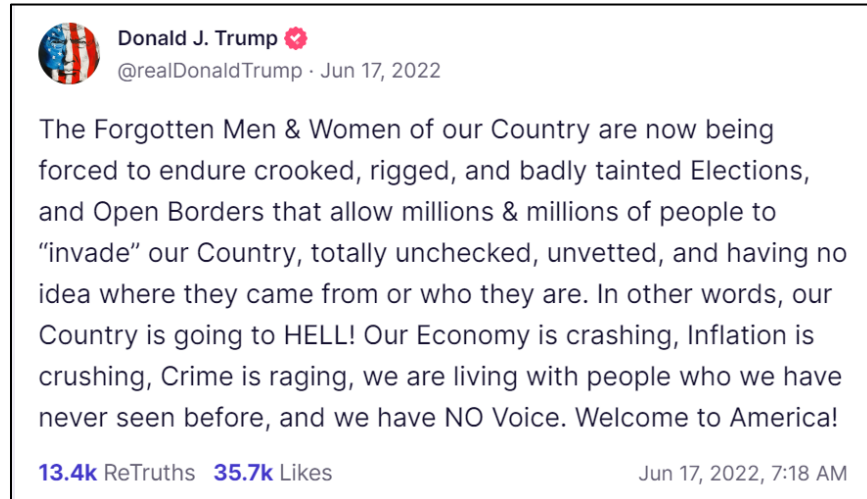
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March 2021 – Trump: “The Spiraling Tsunami At The Border Is Overwhelming Local Communities, Depleting Budgets, Crowding Hospitals, And Taking Jobs From Legal American Workers. [...] You Can Never Have A Secure Border Unless People Who Cross Illegally Are Promptly Removed.” The Boston Herald reported, “But Trump lashed out at Biden in a long email saying, in part, ‘the spiraling tsunami at the border is overwhelming local communities, depleting budgets, crowding hospitals, and taking jobs from legal American workers.’ Trump added: ‘Now that Biden has implemented nationwide Catch-and-Release, illegal immigrants from every corner of the Earth will descend upon our border and never be returned. You can never have a secure border unless people who cross illegally are promptly removed.’” [Boston Herald, 3/6/21]

October 2021 – Trump: “Take A Look At What’s Happening In Haiti. [...] Many Of Those People Will Probably Have AIDS And They’re Coming Into Our Country And We Don’t Do Anything About It. We Let Everybody Come In. It’s Like A Death Wish For Our Country.” ABC 7 reported, “Former President Donald Trump baselessly slammed Haitian migrants who are trying to enter the United States, saying hundreds of thousands are flowing in and ‘probably have AIDS.’ ‘Take a look at what’s happening in Haiti. A tremendous problem with AIDS,’ he said in a recent interview with Fox News. ‘Many of those people will probably have AIDS and they’re coming into our country and we don’t do anything about it. We let everybody come in. It’s like a death wish for our country.’” [ABC 7, [10/10/21](#)]

June 2022: Trump Posted, “The Forgotten Men & Women Of Our Country Are Now Being Forced To Endure ... Open Borders That Allow Millions & Millions Of People To ‘Invade’ Our Country, Totally Unchecked, Unvetted, And Having No Idea Where They Came From Or Who They Are.” According to Truth

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Trump Railed Against The Biden Administration’s “Catch And Release” Policies

March 2021: Trump Criticized The Biden Administration, Saying, “Even Someone Of Mayorkas’ Limited Abilities Should Understand That If You Provide Catch-And-Release To The World’s Illegal Aliens Then The Whole World Will Come.” The Boston Herald reported, “The border crisis has sparked renewed criticism from former President Donald Trump and a promise from President Biden that he’ll travel south to see the migrant mess for himself. Both spoke late Sunday after U.S. Homeland Security Secretary Alejandro Mayorkas declared ‘the border is closed.’ Trump, from his 45 Office email account, ripped Mayorkas for what he called a ‘pathetic, clueless performance’ on Sunday morning news shows. ‘Even someone of Mayorkas’ limited abilities should understand that if you provide Catch-and-Release to the world’s illegal aliens then the whole world will come,’ Trump said of the migration flood.” [Boston Herald, 3/22/21]

February 2023: Trump Called On Republicans In Congress To Cut “Reckless Spending From Unnecessary Programs” Like The “Mass Releases Of Illegal Aliens That Deplete Our Social Safety Net.” According to a press release by Donald Trump, “President Donald J. Trump released a policy video weeks ago and said, ‘Under no circumstances should Republicans vote to cut a single penny from Medicare or Social Security to help pay for Joe Biden’s reckless spending spree.’ [...] President Trump called on Republicans in Congress to cut reckless spending from unnecessary programs like: Billions in taxpayer dollars going to corrupt foreign countries. Mass releases of illegal aliens that deplete our social safety net.” [Donald Trump, Press Release, [1/9/23](#)]

Trump Suggested That Unvetted Afghans Were Boarding Military Flights Out Of Afghanistan

August 2021: Trump Said In A Statement That Unvetted Afghans Were Boarding Military Flights And That Terrorist Had Already Been Airlifted Out Of Afghanistan. The New York Times reported, “In a statement on Tuesday, Mr. Trump suggested, without evidence, that unvetted Afghans were boarding military flights and that an unknown number of terrorists had already been airlifted out of Afghanistan. The former president has also criticized

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Trump Believed His Border Policies Were Popular With Hispanic Voters

April 2021: Trump Advised Republican Candidates To Keep His Border Policy And Claimed It Was Popular With Hispanic Voters, Saying, “I Mean, The Texas Border. We Have The Biggest Hispanic Vote Since, As The Governor Said To Me . . . He Said, Since Reconstruction.” The New York Post reported, “Former President Donald Trump is blasting President Biden for creating chaos at the border by not maintaining Trump’s immigration policies - claiming they were popular among Hispanic voters. [...] Trump also advised Republican candidates running in the 2022 midterm elections to maintain his Make America Great Again agenda if they want to be successful. ‘If they want to win, yes. We’ve expanded the Republican Party. You’ve seen,’ he told Sean Hannity. ‘I mean, the Texas border. We have the biggest Hispanic vote since, as the governor said to me . . . he said, since Reconstruction . . . If you want to win and win big, you have to do that, you have to do it,’ Trump said.” [New York Post, 4/20/21]

October 2022: Trump Claimed That His Immigration Policies, Including His Policy To Build A Wall Along The U.S.-Mexico Border, Were Broadly Supported By Hispanic Voters. The Tampa Bay Times reported, “During his nearly hour-long keynote speech at the America First Policy Institute’s Hispanic Leadership Conference, Trump - who isn’t on the ballot but is expected to run for president in 2024 - slammed President Joe Biden’s immigration policies and inflation, while emphasizing his support among Latinos. In 2020, Trump’s support among Hispanic voters in South Florida buoyed his numbers throughout Miami-Dade County and ultimately helped him win comfortably in the state. [...] Between tangents about the FBI raid on his Mar-a-Lago home and foreign policy, Trump said his own hardline immigration policies - namely, building a wall all along the southern U.S. border - are widely supported by Hispanic voters. ‘One of the worst lies of the radical left is that Hispanic Americans want open borders. See, when I ran, I was talking about a wall,’ Trump said. ‘But what they said is, ‘Oh, you’re going to lose the Hispanic-American vote.’ I said, but I have to do what’s right. And it was just the opposite. ... And we had the best numbers ever.’” [Tampa Bay Times, 10/6/22]

Trump Endorsed Hard-Right Candidates Who Spouted Racist Conspiracy Theories About Immigration

May 2022: Trump Endorsed JD Vance For Senate In Ohio After Vance Embraced Trump’s Immigration Policies, Warning Of An “Invasion” Of Immigrants And Accusing Democrats Of Intentionally Bringing Undocumented Immigrants Into The U.S. To Vote In Elections And “Transform The Electorate.” The St. Louis Post-Dispatch reported, “And in Ohio, Republican Senate nominee JD Vance accused Democrats of trying to

‘transform the electorate.’ Warning of an immigrant ‘invasion,’ Vance told Fox News Channel that Democrats ‘have decided that they can’t win reelection in 2022 unless they bring a large number of new voters to replace the voters that are already here.’ [...] In Ohio, Vance has already secured a place on the November ballot. He won Trump’s endorsement after embracing many of the former president’s hardline views, including those related to immigration. Vance told Breitbart News last month that Democrats are trying to give 15 million immigrants in the country illegally the right to vote. ‘They are trying to transform the electorate of this country,’ he said. He made similar comments days later at a town hall in Portsmouth, Ohio. [...] ‘Now of course,’ Vance said, ‘you’re accused of being a racist to even point this out. We get to decide, the people get to decide how we do or do not transform the country.’” [St. Louis Post-Dispatch, 5/18/22]

June 2022: Trump Endorsed Blake Masters For U.S. Senate In Arizona, Stating, “Blake Is Strong On Border Security, In Particular, The Disastrous Southern Border Where People Are Pouring Into The U.S. By The Millions, And Destroying Our Country.” The Arizona Republic reported, “Former President Donald Trump on Thursday endorsed Blake Masters for the U.S. Senate, giving the longtime associate of PayPal co-founder Peter Thiel a big boost in Arizona’s five-way Republican primary race. [...] ‘Blake is Strong on Border Security, in particular, the disastrous Southern Border where people are pouring into the U.S. by the millions, and destroying our Country,’ Trump said in a written statement issued by his Save America political-action committee. ‘Just two years ago, with the help of the Wall, we had the Strongest Border in the history of our Country, and now we have the weakest - Blake will turn that around quickly. ‘Additionally, he will Cut Taxes and Regulations, be Tough on Crime, and Support our Military and our Vets,’ Trump continued. ‘Blake will fight for our totally under-siege Second Amendment, and WIN!’” [Arizona Republic, 6/3/22]

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- **Masters Advocated For Militarizing The Border And Spoke Against An “Invasion” By Immigrants Entering The U.S. Illegally, Saying Democrats Were Encouraging Immigration “To Change The Demographics Of Our Country.”** The New York Times reported, “As a candidate, Mr. Masters, now 35, takes a position diametrically opposed to that of his younger self and in line with Mr. Trump’s views: He favors militarizing the border and ending what he calls an ‘invasion’ by immigrants entering the country illegally. Mr. Masters declined to comment for this article. His campaign manager, Amalia Halikias, issued a statement calling him ‘the clear front-runner,’ noting Mr. Trump’s endorsement, and expressing disdain for journalists ‘spending their time sifting through CrossFit message boards from 2007 to try to discredit him.’ She said voters cared more about ‘how we can solve the inflation crisis and border crisis that Joe Biden and Mark Kelly have given us.’ Mr. Masters has also been denounced for contemporary statements, like his April 11 remark that America’s gun violence problem boiled down to ‘Black people, frankly,’ and his apparent embrace of the ‘replacement theory’ promulgated by white supremacists when he accused Democrats of trying to flood the nation with immigrants ‘to change the demographics of our country.’” [New York Times, 7/6/22]

August 2022: Trump Had A Friendly Relationship With Hungarian Prime Minister Viktor Orban And Invited Him To His Golf Resort; Orban Had Previously Made Anti-Immigrant Statements, Such As, “These Countries Are No Longer Nations: They Are Nothing More Than A Conglomeration Of Peoples.” The New York Times reported, “But the recipient of the heroic welcome on Thursday was Viktor Orban, the Hungarian prime minister, who has been widely condemned for his attacks on democratic norms. At the Conservative Political Action Conference in Dallas, he was an opening headliner. [...] The support Mr. Orban found in Dallas contrasted

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Trump Spoke Out Against Sanctuary Cities

October 2022: At A Rally In Nevada, Trump Railed Against Sanctuary Cities, Saying, “The Radical Democrats Want To Turn America Into One Giant Sanctuary For Dangerous Criminal Aliens.” The Sacramento Bee reported, “Trump on Saturday held a rally near Lake Tahoe in Minden, Nevada, to stump for Republican Senate candidate Adam Laxalt, and gubernatorial contender Joe Lombardo. [...] Trump also attacked California’s sanctuary state policy, which prevents law enforcement from helping immigration authorities detain undocumented residents in law enforcement custody, unless they have already been convicted of violent crimes. ‘The radical Democrats want to turn America into one giant sanctuary for dangerous criminal aliens,’ he said. ‘In the Republican Party, we think our country should be a sanctuary for law-abiding citizens who love our nation. If we are going to make America great again, we have to make America safe again. It’s the only way.’” [Sacramento Bee, 10/8/22]

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Trump Claimed That He – Not Ron DeSantis – Came Up With The Idea To Resettle Migrants In Sanctuary Cities

September 2022: DeSantis’s Office Took Credit For Sending Two Planes With Migrants To Martha’s Vineyard, Massachusetts. The Miami Herald reported, “In a surprise announcement Wednesday evening, Gov. Ron DeSantis’ office took credit for sending two planes with migrants to Martha’s Vineyard, Massachusetts, apparently jump-starting an immigration program without revealing any details. The governor told reporters three weeks ago that the program was on standby, and the Florida Department of Transportation, which is overseeing the immigrant relocation program, said it had no details about how it would work yet. Things changed on Wednesday—on DeSantis’ birthday. ‘Florida can confirm that two planes with illegal immigrants that arrived in

Martha's Vineyard today were part of the state's relocation program to transport illegal immigrants to sanctuary cities,' Taryn Fenske, the governor's communication director, said in a statement. Martha's Vineyard is an island south of Cape Cod, popular for summer vacations and accessible only by plane or ferry." [Miami Herald, 9/14/22]

September 2022: Trump Reportedly "Privately Voiced His Anger Over Florida Governor Ron DeSantis Sending Planeloads Of Migrants To Martha's Vineyard," Saying That DeSantis's Action Was An Idea That The Governor Allegedly Stole From Trump. The Rolling Stone reported, "In recent days, Donald Trump has privately voiced his anger over Florida Republican Gov. Ron DeSantis sending planeloads of migrants to Martha's Vineyard. Trump's displeasure, however, has nothing to do with moral revulsions at the governor using human beings as unsuspecting pawns for a political attack. Instead, Trump is telling allies and confidants he's outraged that DeSantis seems to think he's allowed to steal the ex-president's mantle as both media star, and as undocumented-immigrant-basher-in-chief. [...] The twice-impeached former president, the sources say, has also vented that DeSantis' latest stunt was yet another one of 'my idea[s]' that the governor allegedly stole from Trump." [Rolling Stone, 9/18/22]

Appendix

Nexis News

Researcher's Note: We conducted the following Nexis search in major U.S. news, filtered by immigration-related index topics: [(Donald w/2 Trump) AND Trump w/20 immigrat! OR refug! OR illegal! OR border! OR dreamer! OR alien! OR migrant OR immigrant OR undocumented OR DACA OR "Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals" AND atleast4(trump) AND atleast4(immigrat! OR refug! OR illegal! OR border! OR dreamer! OR alien! OR migrant OR immigrant OR undocumented OR DACA OR "Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals")]. We narrowed our date range to post-January 2021.

Biden Administration

June 2021 – Trump: "The Biden Administration Inherited From Me The Strongest, Safest, And Most Secure Border In US History, And In Mere Weeks They Turned It Into The Single Worst Border Crisis In US History. It's An Unmitigated Disaster Zone." The New York Post reported, "Former President Donald Trump announced Tuesday that he will visit the US-Mexico border region with Texas Gov. Greg Abbott at the end of this month to draw attention to what he called 'grave and willful dereliction of duty' by his successor. 'The Biden administration inherited from me the strongest, safest, and most secure border in US history, and in mere weeks they turned it into the single worst border crisis in US history,' Trump said in a statement. 'It's an unmitigated disaster zone.' 'We went from detain-and-remove to catch-and-release. We went from having border security that was the envy of the world to a lawless border that is now pitied around the world,' Trump's statement continued. 'Biden and Harris have handed control of our border over to cartels, criminals, and coyotes.'" [New York Post, 6/16/21]

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June 2021: Following Kamala Harris's Visit To The Border In El Paso, Texas, Trump Said, "I Think She Should Go To The Real Part Of The Border, Not A Part Of The Border That's Seldom Violated." The

Associated Press reported, “Visiting El Paso, Harris called the situation at the border ‘tough’ and said more work is needed, anchored in a thorough understanding of why migrants leave their homes. [...] Trump said on Friday in an interview with the conservative outlet Newsmax that ‘I think she should go to the real part of the border, not a part of the border that’s seldom violated.’ White House press secretary Jen Psaki said Harris chose El Paso because that’s where Trump announced some of his controversial immigration policies that Biden sought to roll back.” [Associated Press, 6/26/21]

During A Trip To Texas In June 2021, Trump Said That His Administration Addressed The Immigration Issue “Down To Really A Science” And All The Biden Administration Had To Do Was “Go To The Beach” And Do Nothing. The New York Post reported, “‘We did a hell of a job and we had it down to really a science. It was down to a point where people just weren’t getting in unless they came in legally,’ Trump said at a roundtable discussion with Texas Gov. Greg Abbott and local law enforcement in Weslaco, Texas. ‘All they [the Biden administration] had to do was go to the beach. If they went to the beach and did nothing, they would have been fine.’ The indoor roundtable was followed by a trip to the border at Pharr, where Trump told a crowd of congressmen and journalists: ‘Biden is destroying our country. ‘We built a wall that was not penetrable and we were just about finished. And then we had an election where . . . amazingly, we lost,’ Trump said. [...] While standing near the wall, Trump added that ‘the best color to paint it is black, because if you paint it black, it’s so hot nobody can even try to climb it.’” [New York Post, 7/1/21]

March 2021: Trump Discussed Immigration Policy On Fox News, Saying, “Today They’re Coming In ... From All Foreign Countries. ... It’s A Disgrace.” The Arizona Republic reported, “Donald Trump blamed President Joe Biden recently for the situation at the U.S. southern border. ‘We did a lot of things, and all of that is now eroded,’ the former president said on Fox News. ‘Today they’re coming in ... from all foreign countries. ... It’s a disgrace.’” [Arizona Republic, 3/28/21]

April 2021: Trump Said That Biden Should Have Kept Trump’s Border Policies, Stating, “People Are Coming In By The Tens Of Thousands. They’re Walking In. All He [Biden] Had To Do Is Leave It Alone.” The New York Post reported, “Former President Donald Trump is blasting President Biden for creating chaos at the border by not maintaining Trump’s immigration policies - claiming they were popular among Hispanic voters. ‘There’s never been anything like what’s happened at our border, and people are coming in by the tens of thousands. They’re walking in. All he had to do is leave it alone,’ Trump said in a clip of his upcoming first on-camera interview since leaving office. He also called out the news media for failing to accurately report on Biden’s handling of the immigration crisis, including thousands of kids being crammed in federal detention centers. ‘They would not stand for it, and they’re playing it down as much as they can play it down. It’s a horrible situation. Could destroy our country,’ Trump said in the interview, which aired on Fox News’ ‘Hannity’ Monday evening.” [New York Post, 4/20/21]

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Border Wall

June 2021: During A Speech In Texas, Trump Claimed That The Border Wall Was Months Away From Completion When He Left Office But Only 450 Miles Of Wall Had Actually Been Built. The New York Times

reported, “When it was Mr. Trump’s turn, he delivered a rambling speech defending his handling of the border while president and falsely claiming that the wall he repeatedly promised to build across the 2,000-mile border had been months away from completion when he left office. The Trump administration built roughly 450 miles of border wall, nearly all of it in areas where dilapidated barriers existed or vehicle barriers had once stood. [...] ‘Within a few months you would have had the wall totally complete and they were going to paint it,’ Mr. Trump said. ‘They were supposed to paint the wall. They aren’t even doing that. They got to get a coat of paint on the wall. Believe it or not, it does rust. Maybe that’s what they like — let it rust, let it rot.’” [New York Times, 6/30/21]

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March 2023: During A 2024 Presidential Campaign Event In Waco, Trump Said That He Would Deliver “Retribution” On Behalf Of Those Outraged By Liberal Policies On Immigration, Among Other Issues, And Falsely Claimed That He “Completed” Sealing Off The Border Wall During His Time As President. San Antonio Express News reported, “Former President Donald Trump kicked off his 2024 presidential campaign in Waco by promising to deliver ‘retribution’ on behalf of those outraged by liberal policies on immigration, gender identity and education. ‘I am your warrior, I am your justice,’ Trump said Saturday night before a crowd estimated at 15,000 at Waco Regional Airport. ‘For those who have been wronged and betrayed ... I am your retribution.’” [...] Trump falsely claimed that during his presidency, he ‘completed’ a wall sealing off the nation’s 2,000-mile border with Mexico.” [San Antonio Express News, 3/27/23]

March 2021: Trump Said That ICE “Must Immediately Complete The Wall, Which Can Be Done In A Matter Of Weeks—They Should Never Have Stopped It. They Are Causing Death And Human Tragedy.” The Boston Herald reported, “Trump also lashed out at Biden for what he called a gag order on Immigration and Customs Enforcement officers. ‘They must immediately complete the wall, which can be done in a matter of weeks—they should never have stopped it. They are causing death and human tragedy,’ Trump said. He added the flow of migrants is allowing ‘drugs ... human and sex trafficking’ to mix in with the migrants ‘encouraging crimes against humanity.’ He added: ‘Our Country is being destroyed!’” [Boston Herald, 3/22/21]

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February 2022: During A Keynote Speech At The Conservative Political Action Conference, Trump Said That The Border Wall “Would Be Quickly Finished” And Completed “In Three Weeks.” The New York Times reported, “The former president made inaccurate claims about his border wall, the Biden administration and a Russian pipeline, among other topics...in a keynote speech at the Conservative Political Action Conference on Saturday. [...] ‘The wall will be quickly completed. We’ll build the wall and complete the wall in three weeks. It took two and half years on the wall, two and half years just to win all the litigation, over 11 lawsuits that they threw at us. And we have it just about finished, and I said they can’t be serious. They don’t want to close up the little loops.’” [New York Times, 2/27/22]

Catch And Release

March 2021: Trump Criticized The Biden Administration, Saying, “Even Someone Of Mayorkas’ Limited Abilities Should Understand That If You Provide Catch-And-Release To The World’s Illegal Aliens Then The Whole World Will Come.” The Boston Herald reported, “The border crisis has sparked renewed criticism from former President Donald Trump and a promise from President Biden that he’ll travel south to see the migrant mess for himself. Both spoke late Sunday after U.S. Homeland Security Secretary Alejandro Mayorkas declared ‘the border is closed.’ Trump, from his 45 Office email account, ripped Mayorkas for what he called a ‘pathetic, clueless performance’ on Sunday morning news shows. ‘Even someone of Mayorkas’ limited abilities should understand that if you provide Catch-and-Release to the world’s illegal aliens then the whole world will come,’ Trump said of the migration flood.” [Boston Herald, 3/22/21]

Afghanistan

August 2021: Trump Said In A Statement That Unvetted Afghans Were Boarding Military Flights And That Terrorist Had Already Been Airlifted Out Of Afghanistan. The New York Times reported, “In a statement on Tuesday, Mr. Trump suggested, without evidence, that unvetted Afghans were boarding military flights and that an unknown number of terrorists had already been airlifted out of Afghanistan. The former president has also criticized the evacuation of vetted Afghans from Kabul, arguing that military planes should have been ‘full of Americans.’” [New York Times, 8/25/21]

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Remain In Mexico

August 2021: Trump Stated That Biden Must Reinstate His Remain In Mexico Policy, Which He Touted As Being One Of His “Most Successful And Important Programs In Securing The Border.” The Boston Herald reported, “President Joe Biden is being ripped by his predecessor for creating a ‘catastrophic border disaster’ as the Supreme Court says his administration may have violated federal law by dropping the ‘Remain in Mexico’ program. ‘Biden must reinstate Remain in Mexico, one of my most successful and important programs in securing the border,’ said former President Donald Trump on Wednesday. ‘Other State Attorneys General should follow suit and go after every one of Biden’s unlawful border and immigration policies.’” [Boston Herald, 8/26/21]

June 2021: Trump Condemned Biden’s Termination Of The “Remain In Mexico” Policy, Saying, “Our Country Is Being Destroyed Before Our Very Eyes.” San Antonio Express News reported, “It’s hard to say which Trump-era immigration policy was cruelest, but certainly one of the worst was ‘Remain in Mexico,’ which returned asylum-seekers, often from Central America, to Mexico until their court dates in the United States. It left asylum-seekers in dire straits, exposed to violence and exploitation from gangs, sometimes forcing people to go around the legal asylum process at great risk. President Joe Biden formally ended the policy last week, following up on his decision to pause the program, officially known as Migrant Protection Protocols, shortly after assuming office in January. An estimated 11,000 people in the program have been allowed into the country since the pause, according to Reuters. [...] Trump condemned the move, saying ‘our country is being destroyed before our very eyes,’ but immigration advocates hailed the decision as a ‘huge’ victory.” [San Antonio Express News, 6/7/21]

Drugs

January 2021: During A Final Stop Of His Tour, Trump Said, “We Had The Most Secure Border That The Country Has Ever Had. [...] We Had The Smallest Amount Of Drugs Come Into Our Country In Its History.” The Atlanta Journal-Constitution reported, “Former President Donald Trump offered a grim assessment of an America at its lowest point ever during a visit Sunday afternoon in Dallas. ‘Our country is going to hell,’ he told thousands of supporters at a full American Airlines Center. ‘We have to get our country back. We have to make America great again.’ The stop in Dallas marked Trump’s final stop on the History Tour, a four-day trip of cities in Florida and Texas with former Fox News personality Bill O’Reilly. [...] ‘We had the most secure border that the country has ever had,’ Trump said. ‘We had the smallest amount of drugs come into our country in its history.’” [Atlanta Journal-Constitution, 1/20/21]

March 2021: Trump Said That His Approach Of Using Mexico To Guard Its Borders Before Migrants Reached The United States Was Working And Added “We Also Made A Tremendous Dent In Human Trafficking ... And Drugs.” The Boston Herald reported, “Trump also said that he took a big ‘risk’ on vaccines but it has paid off. As for anti-vaxxers, Trump added ‘we have our freedoms and we have to live by that.’ Biden said on ABC News Tuesday night that his message to migrants at the border is ‘Don’t come over.’ When pressed, he added: ‘Yes, I can say quite clearly: Don’t come over. Don’t leave your town or city or community.’ Trump said his approach of using Mexico to guard their borders before migrants reached the U.S. was working. ‘We also made a tremendous dent in human trafficking ... and drugs,’ he said.” [Boston Herald, 3/17/21]

Crime

November 2022: During His Remarks In Iowa, Trump Listed Off A Series Of Crimes Allegedly Committed By People Who Were Not Authorized To Be In The U.S., Making Embellishments To The Details Of The Incidents. The Boston Globe reported, “Trump’s speeches have lately returned to his roots with a heavy emphasis on immigration and the border, syncing up with the focus of many Republican ads this cycle. ‘It was just revealed that this September set yet another all-time record high in illegal border crossings, with a quarter of a million illegal alien migrants trespassing,’ Trump said in Iowa. [...] Trump predicted illegal crossings would rise to 10 million, which would more than quadruple the 2.4 million reported in the last fiscal year. [...] He rattled off a series of heinous crimes allegedly committed by people who were not authorized to be in the country. Details of the incidents were embellished. A man stabbed in a crowded hotel room became left for dead at the scene. The suspect in a Pennsylvania stabbing has not been identified as an unauthorized immigrant. A man recently sentenced for stabbing a New York cop and shooting two others in fact did so in 2020, when Trump was president.” [The Boston Globe, 11/8/22]

October 2022: At A Rally In Michigan, Trump Baselessly Claimed That Other Countries Were Sending Prisoners To Immigrate To The U.S. And Listed Violent Incidents Involving Immigrants. Detroit Free Press reported, “Former President Donald Trump, visiting Michigan for the second time in six months to rouse his base ahead of the midterm elections, delivered a grim speech Saturday mired in grievances against Democrats, characterizing himself as persecuted by enemies and the nation as threatened by rising prices, crime and the possibility of a third world war. [...] Railing against crime and a surge in contacts with undocumented immigrants at the southern border, he went through a list of violent incidents involving immigrants and said that countries around the world were sending prisoners to cross into the U.S. - without offering any kind of proof for the claim. He also spoke appreciatively of what he described as China’s relying on ‘quick trials’ for accused drug dealers - with what he believed was probably near a 100% conviction rate - and then executions.” [Detroit Free Press, 10/3/22]

November 2022: At A Rally In Pennsylvania, Trump Listed Crimes Committed By Undocumented Immigrants, Calling Them “Animals.” Pittsburgh Post-Gazette reported, “Painting an apocalyptic picture of a country in free-fall, former President Donald Trump on Saturday teased another presidential run and whipped up voters in support of his endorsed candidates in two of the most important and closely watched races in the country: Pennsylvania governor and U.S. senator. [...] As he inches closer to potentially announcing another White House campaign, Mr. Trump placed illegal immigration at the center of the country’s problems and accused Democrats of engineering open southern borders. ‘They’re either stupid or they hate our country,’ Mr. Trump said. Though studies have shown undocumented immigrants commit violent crimes at lower rates than native-born Americans, Mr. Trump ran down a list of the former’s crimes, calling them ‘animals.’” [Pittsburgh Post-Gazette, 11/6/22]

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May 2022: At A Rally, Trump Said That “Illegal Aliens” Were Pouring “Into Our Homeland,” And Stated, “Our Country Is Full, We Can’t Take It Anymore. They Are Trying To Destroy Our Country.” The New York Times reported, “Mr. Trump no longer seems to be driving the conversation on the right so much as keeping up with it. At a rally in western Pennsylvania this month, he railed against the ‘illegal aliens’ he said were pouring ‘into our homeland.’ ‘Our country is full, we can’t take it anymore,’ he said. ‘They are trying to destroy our country.’” [New York Times, 5/16/22]

July 2022: Trump Addressed A Think Tank, Saying The Country Must Take Action Against Violence, Drugs And Illegal Immigration: “There Is No Respect For The Law And There Is Certainly No Order. It Has To Stop And It Has To Stop Now ... We Need To Be Tough, Mean And Nasty, If We Have To.” Daily News reported, “Former President Donald Trump returned to Washington, D.C., on Tuesday for the first time since he left office 18 months ago, promising a harsh crackdown on crime and immigration in an address to a think tank audience. [...] On crime, Trump painted a dystopian portrait of a Democratic-led country besieged by violent random crime, illegal drugs and unchecked illegal immigration. ‘There is no respect for the law and there is certainly no order,’ he said in an occasionally rambling hour-plus message. ‘It has to stop and it has to stop now ... We need to be tough, mean and nasty, if we have to.’ [...] He accused President Biden of allowing the southern border to deteriorate into a ‘gaping wound’ and went on an extended rant about central American gang members and his own supposed successes in cracking down on immigration.” [Daily News, 7/27/22]

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Deportation

November 2022: During A 2024 Presidential Campaign Event, Trump Doubled Down On Plans To Complete The Border Wall, Limit The Number Of Migrants Allowed To Enter And Deport Migrants Who Entered The Country Illegally, Saying, “We Are Going To Restore And Secure America’s Borders.” The Tampa Bay Times reported, “Donald Trump formally launched his 2024 presidential campaign Tuesday night at an event at his Mar-a-Lago estate in Palm Beach, surprising few pundits and energizing his loyal base of followers. [...] Echoing rhetoric from his 2016 campaign launch, Trump established immigration reform as a major part of his platform. He doubled down on plans to complete a wall on the U.S.-Mexico border, limit the number of migrants allowed to enter the country and deport immigrants who enter the country illegally. ‘Joe Biden has abolished America’s borders,’ he said. ‘We are going to restore and secure America’s borders.’ [...] ‘We will begin the process of safely removing the illegal alien criminals that have been unlawfully allowed into our country,’ he said. ‘We have no choice.’” [Tampa Bay Times, 11/15/22]

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March 2021 – Trump: “The Spiraling Tsunami At The Border Is Overwhelming Local Communities, Depleting Budgets, Crowding Hospitals, And Taking Jobs From Legal American Workers. [...] You Can Never Have A Secure Border Unless People Who Cross Illegally Are Promptly Removed.” The Boston Herald reported, “But Trump lashed out at Biden in a long email saying, in part, ‘the spiraling tsunami at the border is overwhelming local communities, depleting budgets, crowding hospitals, and taking jobs from legal American workers.’ Trump added: ‘Now that Biden has implemented nationwide Catch-and-Release, illegal immigrants from every corner of the Earth will descend upon our border and never be returned. You can never have a secure border unless people who cross illegally are promptly removed.’” [Boston Herald, 3/6/21]

Hispanic Voters

April 2021: Trump Advised Republican Candidates To Keep His Border Policy And Claimed It Was Popular With Hispanic Voters, Saying, “I Mean, The Texas Border. We Have The Biggest Hispanic Vote Since, As The Governor Said To Me . . . He Said, Since Reconstruction . . . If You Want To Win And Win Big, You Have To Do That, You Have To Do It.” The New York Post reported, “Former President Donald Trump is blasting President Biden for creating chaos at the border by not maintaining Trump’s immigration policies - claiming they were popular among Hispanic voters. [...] Trump also advised Republican candidates running in the 2022 midterm elections to maintain his Make America Great Again agenda if they want to be successful. ‘If they want to win, yes. We’ve expanded the Republican Party. You’ve seen,’ he told Sean Hannity. ‘I mean, the Texas border. We have the biggest Hispanic vote since, as the governor said to me . . . he said, since Reconstruction . . . If you want to win and win big, you have to do that, you have to do it,’ Trump said.” [New York Post, 4/20/21]

October 2022: Trump Claimed That His Immigration Policies, Including His Policy To Build A Wall Along The U.S.-Mexico Border, Were Broadly Supported By Hispanic Voters. Tampa Bay Times reported, “During his nearly hour-long keynote speech at the America First Policy Institute’s Hispanic Leadership Conference, Trump - who isn’t on the ballot but is expected to run for president in 2024 - slammed President Joe Biden’s immigration policies and inflation, while emphasizing his support among Latinos. In 2020, Trump’s support among Hispanic voters in South Florida buoyed his numbers throughout Miami-Dade County and ultimately helped him win comfortably in the state. [...] Between tangents about the FBI raid on his Mar-a-Lago home and foreign policy, Trump said his own hardline immigration policies - namely, building a wall all along the southern U.S. border - are widely supported by Hispanic voters. ‘One of the worst lies of the radical left is that Hispanic Americans want open borders. See, when I ran, I was talking about a wall,’ Trump said. ‘But what they said is, ‘Oh, you’re going to lose the Hispanic-American vote.’ I said, but I have to do what’s right. And it was just the opposite. ... And we had the best numbers ever.’” [Tampa Bay Times, 10/6/22]

Endorsement Of Other Politicians

May 2022: Trump Endorsed JD Vance For Senate In Ohio After Vance Embraced Trump’s Immigration Policies; Vance Warned Of An “Invasion” Of Immigrants And Accused Democrats Of Intentionally Bringing Undocumented Immigrants Into The U.S. To Vote In Elections And “Transform The Electorate.” St. Louis Post-Dispatch reported, “And in Ohio, Republican Senate nominee JD Vance accused Democrats of trying to ‘transform the electorate.’ Warning of an immigrant ‘invasion,’ Vance told Fox News Channel that Democrats ‘have decided that they can’t win reelection in 2022 unless they bring a large number of new voters to replace the voters that are already here.’ [...] In Ohio, Vance has already secured a place on the November ballot. He won Trump’s endorsement after embracing many of the former president’s hardline views, including those related to immigration. Vance told Breitbart News last month that Democrats are trying to give 15 million immigrants in the country illegally the right to vote. ‘They are trying to transform the electorate of this country,’ he said. He made similar comments days later at a town hall in Portsmouth, Ohio. [...] ‘Now of course,’ Vance said, ‘you’re accused of being a racist to even point this out. We get to decide, the people get to decide how we do or do not transform the country.’” [St. Louis Post-Dispatch, 5/18/22]

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August 2022: Trump Endorsed Abe Hamadeh For Arizona Attorney General; Hamadeh Had Promised To Label Certain Cartels As “Terrorist Organizations” And Described The Situation At The U.S.-Mexico Border As An “Invasion.” The Arizona Republic reported, “Republican Abe Hamadeh has made border security an integral part of his campaign for Arizona attorney general. His hard-line positions include saying he would prosecute as trespassers those who illegally enter the country via the southern border. [...] Abe Hamadeh, 31, received former President Donald Trump’s endorsement and won a primary battle against five other opponents to become the GOP nominee for attorney general. [...] Hamadeh has taken a hard-line stance publicly on some immigration issues, much like his fellow Trump-endorsed candidates. In addition to designating specific cartel groups as terrorist organizations, Hamadeh said he would file lawsuits against the federal government if it does not follow immigration law, citing as examples Title 42, the ‘Remain in Mexico’ asylum policy and President Joe Biden’s ‘out-of-touch and dangerous deportation moratorium.’ On Twitter and in interviews with conservative media outlets, he has discussed the number of illegal immigrants coming to the country under Biden; migrant caravans that are organized by the ‘radical left’; prosecuting illegal immigrants for trespassing; completing the border wall; declaring the current situation at the border an ‘invasion’; links between some illegal immigrants and terrorist organizations; and challenging the notion that migrants are impoverished. [Arizona Republic, 8/25/22]

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- **Masters Advocated For Militarizing The Border And Spoke Against An “Invasion” By Immigrants Entering The U.S. Illegally, Saying Democrats Were Encouraging Immigration “To Change The Demographics Of Our Country.”** The New York Times reported, “As a candidate, Mr. Masters, now 35, takes a position diametrically opposed to that of his younger self and in line with Mr. Trump’s views: He favors militarizing the border and ending what he calls an ‘invasion’ by immigrants entering the country illegally. Mr. Masters declined to comment for this article. His campaign manager, Amalia Halikias, issued a statement calling him ‘the clear front-runner,’ noting Mr. Trump’s endorsement, and expressing disdain for journalists ‘spending their time sifting through CrossFit message boards from 2007 to try to discredit him.’ She said voters cared more about ‘how we can solve the inflation crisis and border crisis that Joe Biden and Mark Kelly have given us.’ Mr. Masters has also been denounced for contemporary statements, like his April 11 remark that America’s gun violence problem boiled down to ‘Black people, frankly,’ and his apparent embrace of the ‘replacement theory’ promulgated by white supremacists when he accused Democrats of trying to flood the nation with immigrants ‘to change the demographics of our country.’” [New York Times, 7/6/22]

October 2022: Trump Endorsed Karoline Leavitt For U.S. Representative In New Hampshire; Leavitt Linked The Opioid Crisis And Talked About “The Scourge Of Fentanyl,” Which She Linked To A Lack Of Border Security. The Boston Globe reported, “Two years after losing the presidential election, Donald Trump is casting a long shadow over a pivotal congressional race in New Hampshire that pits one of his former White House press aides against a two-term Democratic incumbent. Trump has endorsed Karoline Leavitt, a 25-year-old Republican who has said that the 2020 presidential election was ‘stolen,’ in her challenge against Representative Chris Pappas, who has assailed her as an ‘ideological bomb-thrower.’ [...] Leavitt also said that New Hampshire voters are concerned about an alarming increase in opioid overdoses and fatalities ‘because of the scourge of fentanyl,’ a trend that she linked to porous border security.” [Boston Globe, 10/29/22]

May 2022: Trump Endorsed Kevin Kiley For Congress In California And Praised Him For Being “Tough On Securing Our Border.” Sacramento Bee reported, “Former President Donald Trump on Saturday endorsed Kevin Kiley for California’s 3rd Congressional District seat, telling voters the assemblyman has helped fight the ‘radical maniacs in Sacramento.’ [...] Trump was effusive Saturday in his praise of Kiley. ‘Kevin is smart and tough. He earned his Bachelor’s Degree from Harvard and his Law Degree from Yale. Kevin Kiley is tough on securing our border, ending California’s reckless universal mail-in-ballots and securing our elections,’ Trump said.” [Sacramento Bee, 5/14/22]

August 2022: Trump Had A Friendly Relationship With Hungarian Prime Minister Viktor Orban And Invited Him To His Golf Resort; Orban Had Previously Made Anti-Immigrant Statements, Such As, “These Countries Are No Longer Nations: They Are Nothing More Than A Congglomeration Of Peoples.” The New York Times reported, “But the recipient of the heroic welcome on Thursday was Viktor Orban, the Hungarian prime minister, who has been widely condemned for his attacks on democratic norms. At the Conservative Political Action Conference in Dallas, he was an opening headliner. [...] The support Mr. Orban found in Dallas contrasted with the fallout from his July speech in Romania. ‘These countries are no longer nations: They are nothing more than a conglomeration of peoples,’ Mr. Orban said, according to a translation from The Associated Press, assailing countries in Europe that have large numbers of immigrants. He spoke of a divided Europe where immigrants were changing the character of ‘our world.’ ‘We are willing to mix with one another, but we do not want to become peoples of mixed race,’ Mr. Orban said. ‘Migration has split Europe in two — or I could say that it has split the West in two.’ [...] On Tuesday, Mr. Trump welcomed Mr. Orban to his golf resort in Bedminster, N.J., where the two posed for photographs. It was an audacious reunion between the former president and Mr. Orban, whom Stephen K. Bannon, a former top Trump adviser, once called ‘Trump before Trump.’” [New York Times, 8/4/22]

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Sanctuary Cities

October 2022: At A Rally In Nevada, Trump Railed Against Sanctuary Cities, Saying, “The Radical Democrats Want To Turn America Into One Giant Sanctuary For Dangerous Criminal Aliens. In The Republican Party, We Think Our Country Should Be A Sanctuary For Law-Abiding Citizens Who Love Our Nation.” Sacramento Bee reported, “Trump on Saturday held a rally near Lake Tahoe in Minden, Nevada, to stump for Republican Senate candidate Adam Laxalt, and gubernatorial contender Joe Lombardo. [...] Trump also attacked California’s sanctuary state policy, which prevents law enforcement from helping immigration authorities detain undocumented residents in law enforcement custody, unless they have already been convicted of violent crimes. ‘The radical Democrats want to turn America into one giant sanctuary for dangerous criminal aliens,’ he said. ‘In the Republican Party, we think our country should be a sanctuary for law-abiding citizens who love our nation. If we are going to make America great again, we have to make America safe again. It’s the only way.’” [Sacramento Bee, 10/8/22]

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Federal Workers

August 2022: Stuart Anderson, Executive Director Of The National Foundation For American Policy, Wrote That Trump's Top Allies Were Preparing To “Radically Reshape” The Federal Government If He Was Re-Elected, Purging Potentially Thousands Of Civil Servants And Filling Career Posts With Trump Loyalists.

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Border Wall

June 2021: Trump Applauded Texas Governor Greg Abbott's Plan To Construct A State-Funded Border Wall. The Texas Tribune reported, “Trump, who made immigration restrictions and border security a staple of his administration, applauded Gov. Greg Abbott's plan to construct a state-funded border wall, while pushing for a return to the hardline immigration policies, that he implemented during his presidency. Trump also reiterated his endorsement of Abbott for reelection while speaking with reporters. ‘We have an open, really dangerous border,’ Trump said during a news conference at the Department of Public Safety's Weslaco headquarters. ‘We better go back fast.’” [Texas Tribune, [6/30/21](#)]

Drug Cartels

March 2023: Trump Asked Policy Advisers For A Range Of Military Options Aimed At Mexican Drug Cartels, Including Strikes Not Sanctioned By The Mexican Government. The Rolling Stone reported, “As he campaigns for a second White House term, Trump has been asking policy advisers for a range of military options aimed at taking on Mexican drug cartels, including strikes that are not sanctioned by Mexico's government, according to two sources familiar with the situation. ‘Attacking Mexico,’ or whatever you'd like to call it, is something that President Trump has said he wants ‘battle plans’ drawn for,’ says one of the sources. ‘He's complained about missed opportunities of his first term, and there are a lot of people around him who want fewer missed opportunities in a second Trump presidency.’ [...] One such proposal that Trump has been briefed on this year is an October white paper from the Center for Renewing America, an increasingly influential think tank staffed largely by Trumpist wonks, MAGA loyalists, and veterans of his administration. The policy paper — titled ‘It's Time to Wage War on Transnational Drug Cartels’ — outlines possible justifications and procedures for the next Republican commander-in-chief to ‘formally’ declare ‘war against the cartels,’ in response to ‘the mounting bodies of dead Americans from fentanyl poisonings.’” [Rolling Stone, [3/29/23](#)]

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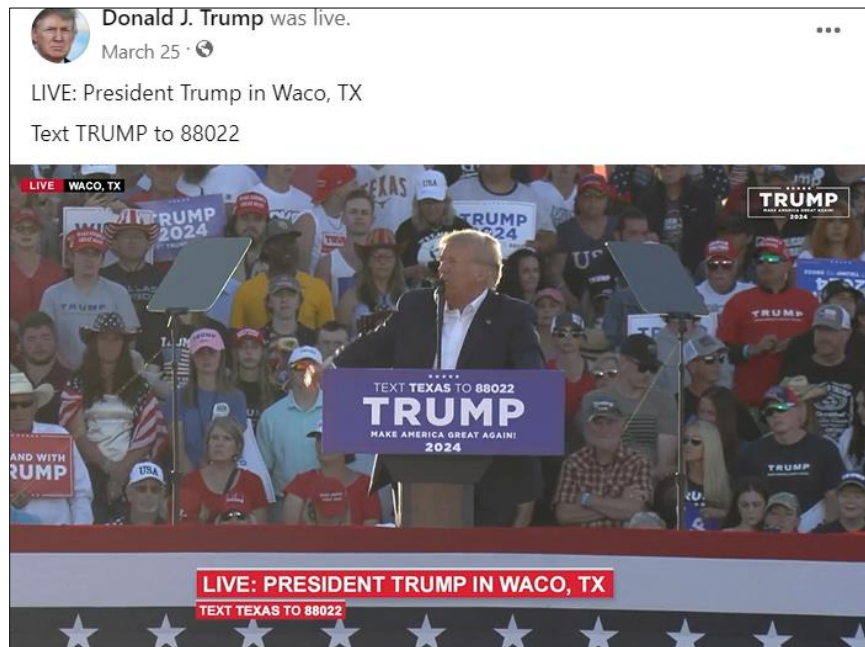
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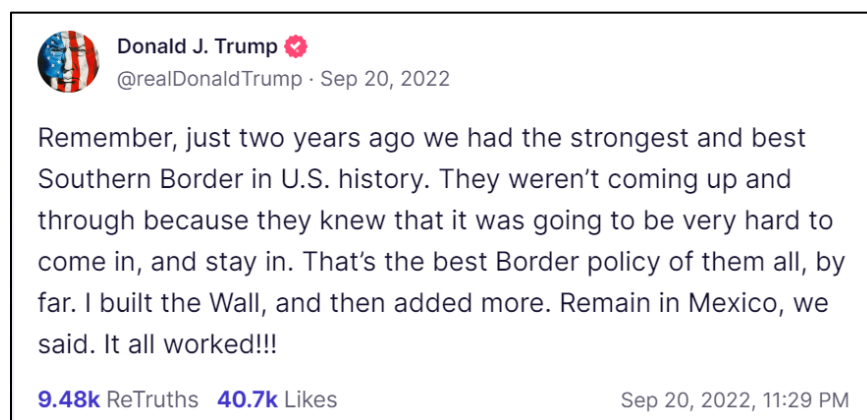
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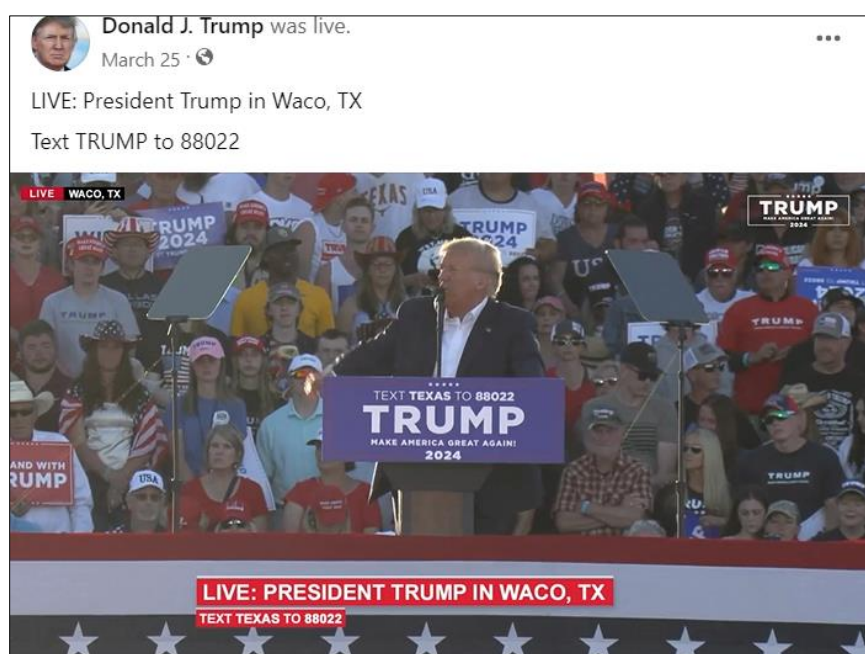
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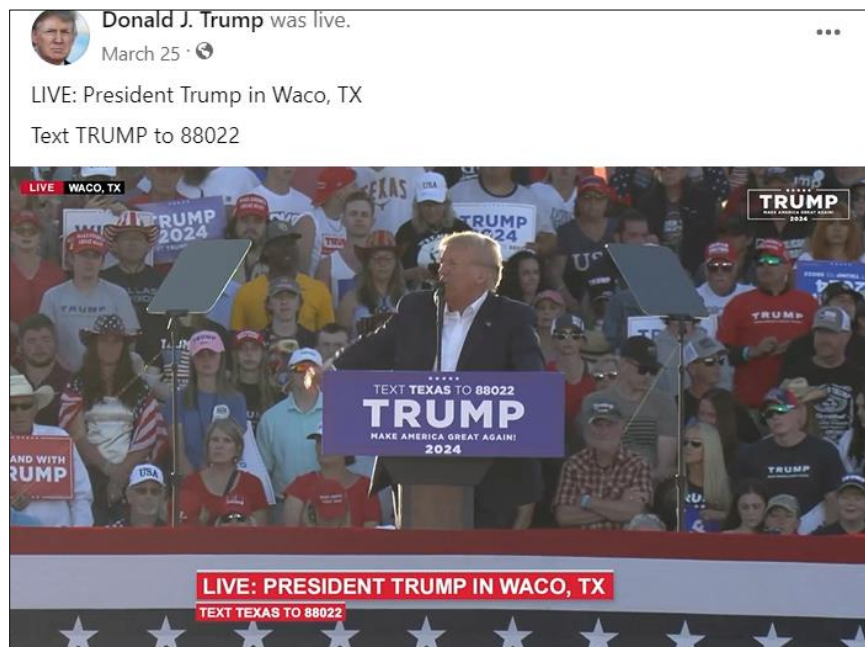
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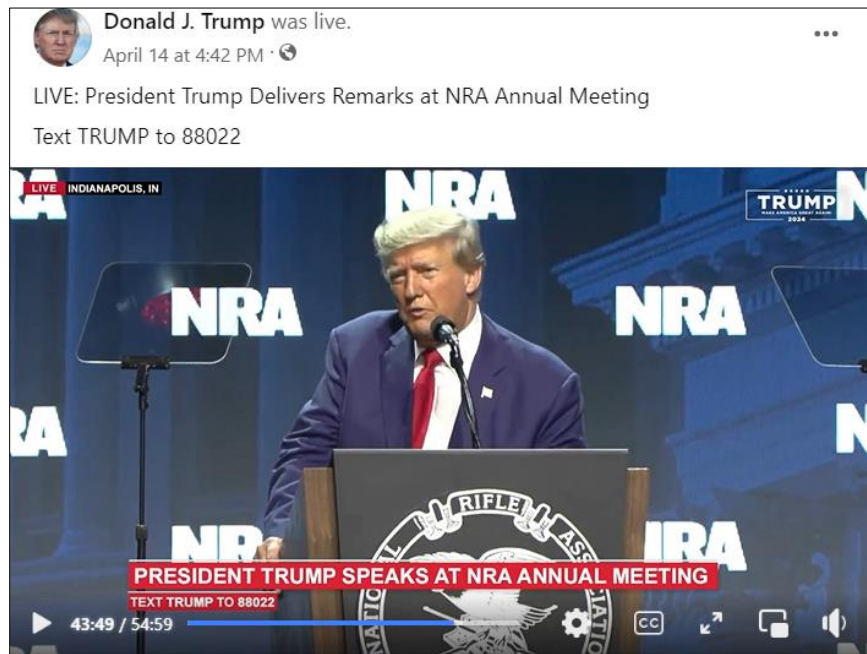
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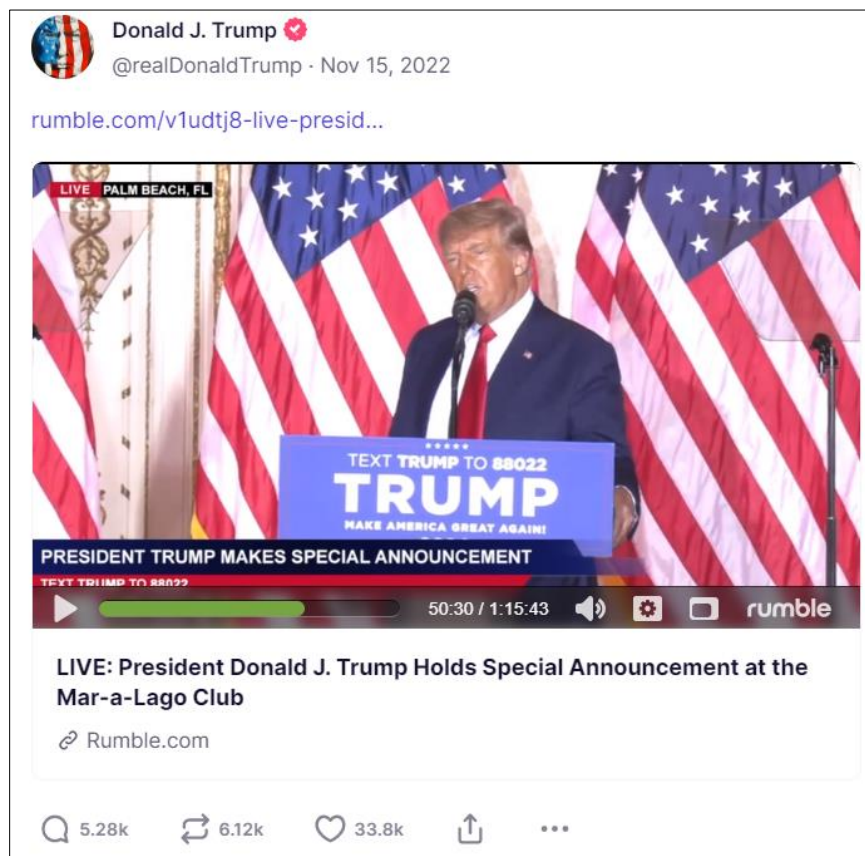
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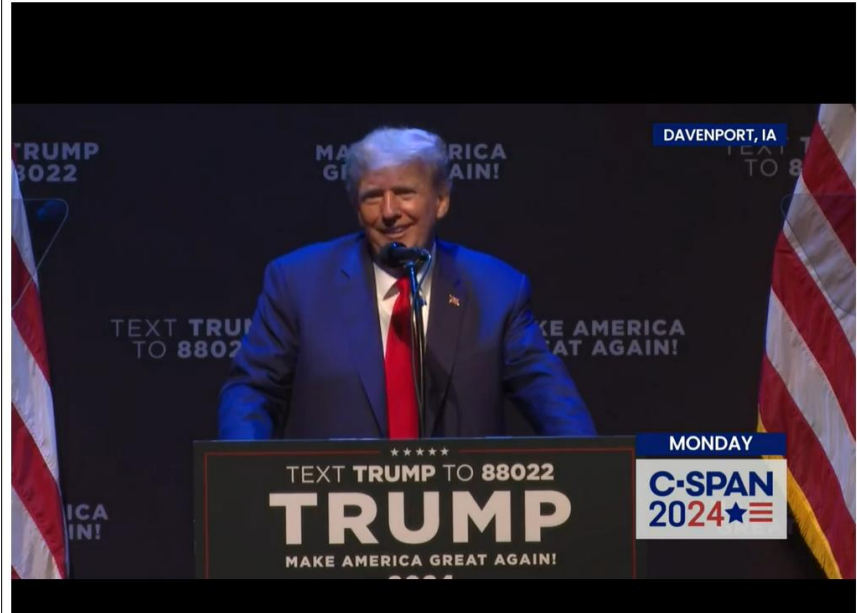
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Campaign 2024

Former President Trump Remarks in Davenport, Iowa

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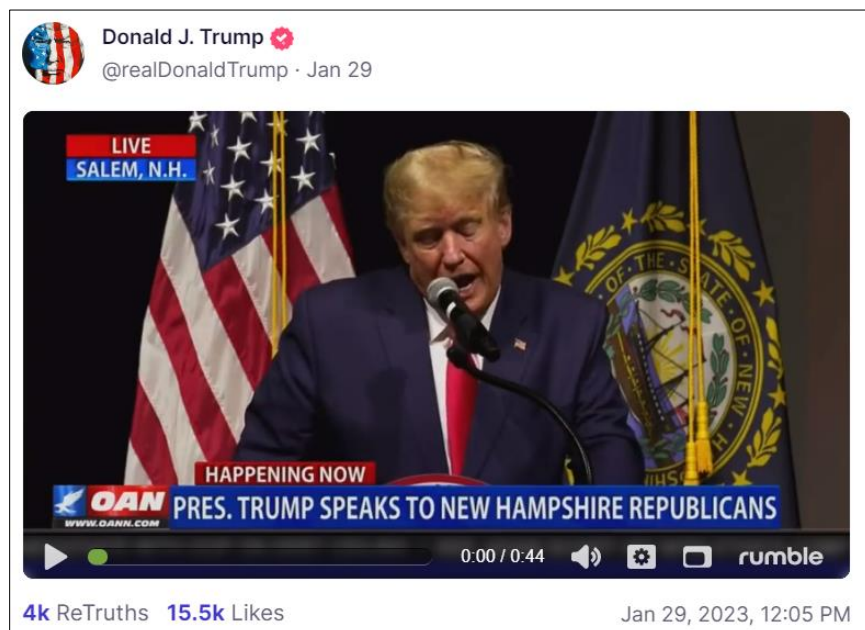
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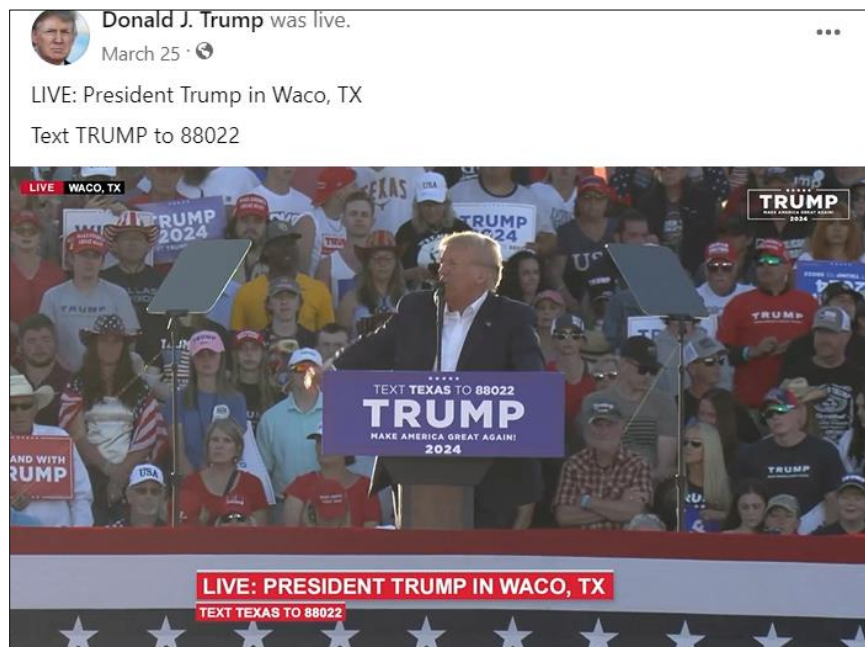
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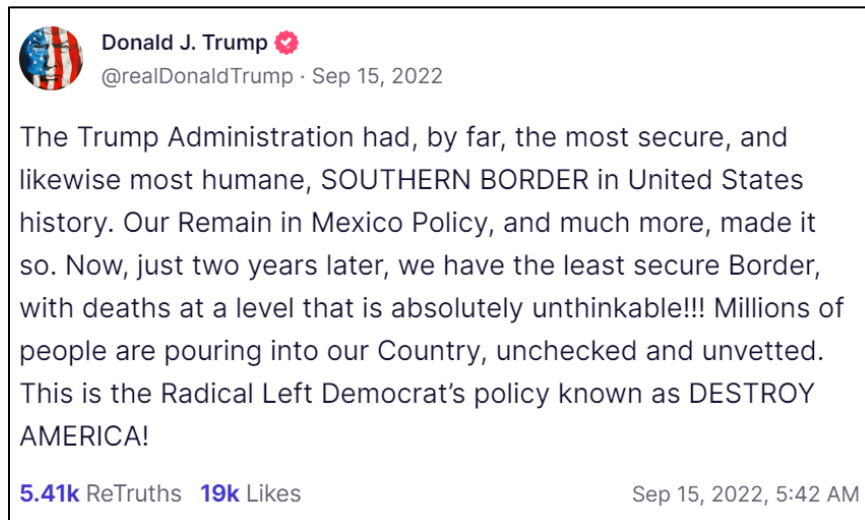
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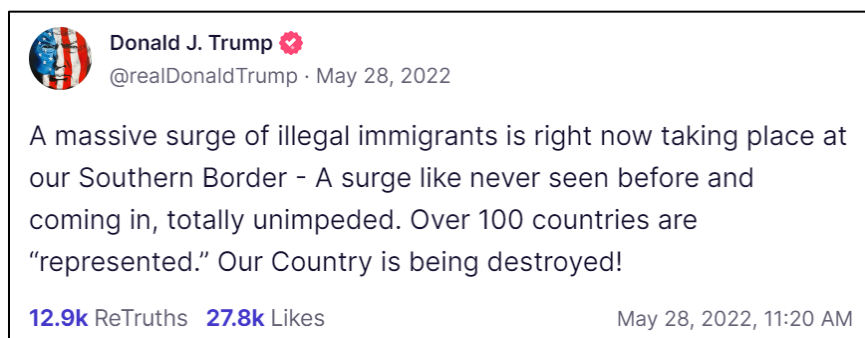
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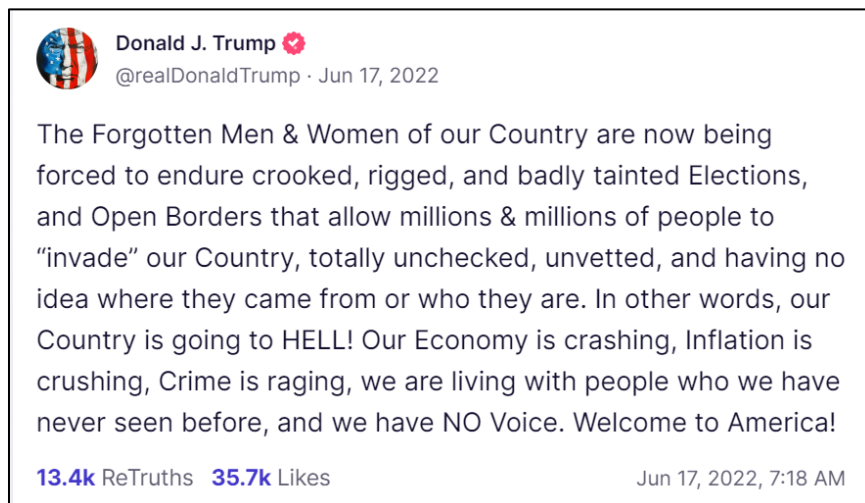
Border Crossings

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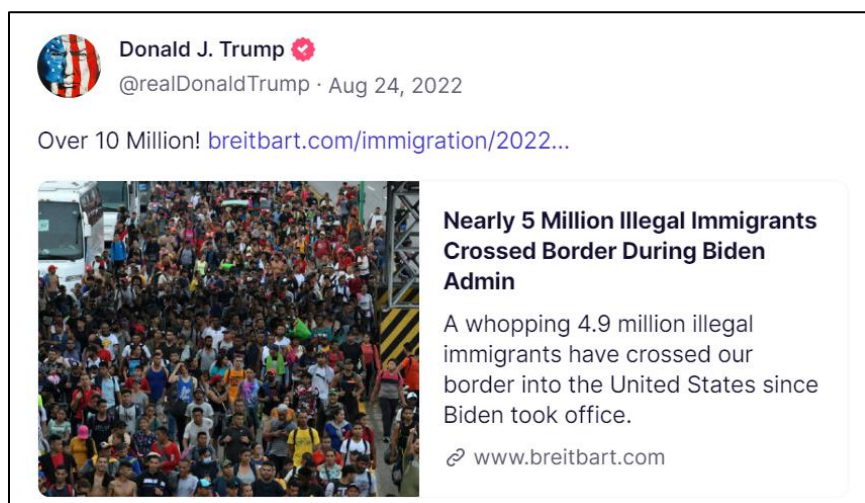
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August 2022: Trump Posted A Breitbart Article Titled “Nearly 5 Million Illegal Immigrants Crossed Border During Biden Admin,” And Added The Caption, “Over 10 Million!” According to Truth Social, Trump posted a Breitbart article titled “Nearly 5 Million Illegal Immigrants Crossed Border During Biden Admin,” and added the caption, “Over 10 Million!” [Truth Social, @realDonaldTrump, [8/24/22](#)]



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Press Releases

Researcher’s Note: To review Trump’s press releases since leaving office, we conducted the following Google search: [site:https://www.donaldjtrump.com/news/ "immigrant" OR "immigrants" OR "immigration" OR "refugee" OR "refugees" OR "border" OR "dreamer" OR "alien" OR "migrant" OR "migrants" OR "undocumented" OR "DACA" OR "Deferred Action"]

Drug Cartels

January 2023: Trump Released An Action Plan To “Destroy The Drug Cartels,” Which Included Restoring “All Trump Border Policies,” Fully Securing The Border And Deploying The Military To “Ensure They Cannot Use Our Region’s Waters” To Bring Drugs Into The U.S. According to a press release by Donald

Trump, “As Joe Biden prepares to make his first-ever trip to the southern border that he deliberately erased, President Trump announced that when he is president again, it will be the official policy of the United States to take down the drug cartels just as we took down ISIS. ‘The drug cartels are waging war on America—and it’s now time for America to wage war on the cartels,’ President Trump said. ‘...When I am back in the White House, the drug kingpins and vicious traffickers will never sleep soundly again.’ TRUMP ACTION PLAN TO DESTROY THE DRUG CARTELS: Restore all Trump border policies and fully secure border. Deploy all necessary military assets, including the U.S. Navy, to impose a full naval embargo on the cartels, to ensure they cannot use our region’s waters to traffic illicit drugs to the U.S. [...] Get full cooperation of neighboring governments to dismantle the cartels, or else fully expose the bribes and corruption that protect these criminal networks. Ask Congress to ensure drug smugglers and traffickers can receive the Death Penalty.” [Donald Trump, Press Release, [1/5/23](#)]

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January 2023 – Trump: “Biden Has Allowed The Cartels To Destroy The Border, And I’ll Destroy The Cartels!” According to a press release by Donald Trump, “So interesting to see that people are talking about the Border. When I was running in 2016, I was the only one talking about it, and then in 2020, there was nothing to talk about, because the Border was the best it has ever been, drugs were at the lowest point in the last 40 years, our Border was secure with hundreds of miles of Wall built, and Mexican Soldiers were guarding our Border for free. So, before the Election took place, I couldn’t talk about the Border, because the Border wasn’t a problem. I fixed it. It’s amazing what has happened in two years, because now the Border is probably our biggest bone of contention, along with everyone being killed in Ukraine, the Afghanistan Withdrawal which was perhaps our worst Military Withdrawal in History, our Economy that is crashing, and Inflation eating us alive. Biden has allowed the cartels to destroy the Border, and I’ll destroy the cartels!” [Donald Trump via the Internet Archive, Press Release, 1/10/23, view from [4/21/23](#)]

Border Security

January 2023: Touting His Past Accomplishments Of Building A Border Wall, Ending Catch And Release And Deploying Troops To The Border, Trump Announced He Would “Create The Strongest Border In History” And “Rebuild The Secure Border” That Biden Had “Dismantled.” According to a press release by Donald Trump, “President Trump will wage war on the cartels and create the strongest border in history, just like we had two years ago. President Trump built 450 miles of new border wall system, ended catch and release, rooted out asylum fraud, combated human smuggling, forged historic asylum agreements with Northern Triangle countries, and deployed nearly 5,000 troops to the Southern Border. After President Trump implemented his historic reforms, illegal crossings fell by nearly 90%. President Trump also stripped funding from deadly sanctuary cities and deported over 20,000 gang members, including 4,500 members of the brutal MS-13 gang. President Trump worked with Mexico and other countries to dismantle the human smuggling networks in our hemisphere that fuel the border crisis by exploiting vulnerable groups. Under President Trump, the Department of Justice prosecuted a record number of immigration-related crimes. [...] President Trump has pledged to fully rebuild the secure border that Joe Biden has dismantled.” [Donald Trump via the Internet Archive, Press Release, 1/10/23, view from [4/21/23](#)]

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February 2023 – Trump: “Over The Past Two Years Under Biden, Millions And Millions Of Illegal Aliens From 160 Different Countries Have Stormed Across Our Southern Border. [...] But The Good News Is We Are Going To Reverse Every Single Crisis, Calamity And Disaster That Joe Biden Has Created.” According to a press release by Donald Trump, “Here’s the real State of the Union. Over the past two years under Biden, millions and millions of illegal aliens from 160 different countries have stormed across our Southern border. Drug cartels are now raking in billions of dollars from smuggling poison to kill our people and to kill our children. Savage killers, rapists and violent criminals are being released from jail to continue their crime wave and under Biden the murder rate has reached the highest in the history of our country. [...] But the good news is we are going to reverse every single crisis, calamity and disaster that Joe Biden has created. I am running for President to end the destruction of our country and to complete the unfinished business of Making America Great Again. We will make our country better than ever before, and we will always put America First.” [Donald Trump via the Internet Archive, Press Release, 2/7/23, view from [4/21/23](#)]

April 2023 – Trump: “Under My Leadership, We Had The Most Secure Border In U.S. History, By Far. Never Had A Border Like This. [...] With Your Support In The Election, We Will Defeat Joe Biden In 2024. [...] We Will Stop The Invasion On Our Southern Border.” According to a press release by Donald Trump, “Under my leadership, we had the most secure border in U.S. history, by far. Never had a border like this. Under Biden, the Southern Border has been abolished—and millions of illegal aliens have been released into our communities. What’s happening now is beyond belief. They’re coming in from mental institutions and prisons. They are all being emptied. They are being dumped into the United States of America. Many of these people are very dangerous, they are being dumped. We are like a dumping ground.” [...] With your support in the election, we will defeat Joe Biden in 2024. We will rescue our economy. We will crush inflation. We will stop the invasion on our southern border.” [Donald Trump, Press Release, [4/24/23](#)]

Catch And Release

February 2023: Trump Called On Republicans In Congress To Cut “Reckless Spending From Unnecessary Programs” Like The “Mass Releases Of Illegal Aliens That Deplete Our Social Safety Net.” According to a press release by Donald Trump, “President Donald J. Trump released a policy video weeks ago and said, ‘Under no circumstances should Republicans vote to cut a single penny from Medicare or Social Security to help pay for Joe Biden’s reckless spending spree.’ [...] President Trump called on Republicans in Congress to cut reckless spending from unnecessary programs like: Billions in taxpayer dollars going to corrupt foreign countries. Mass releases of illegal aliens that deplete our social safety net.” [Donald Trump, Press Release, [1/9/23](#)]

ICE & Deportations

February 2023: Trump Released A Plan To Stop Crime “And Keep All Americans Safe,” Which Included Requiring Local Law Enforcement Agencies Receiving Justice Department Grants To Cooperate With ICE To Deport “Criminal Aliens.” According to a press release by Donald Trump, “President Donald J. Trump unveiled his new plan to stop out-of-control crime and keep all Americans safe. [...] ‘First, because police forces have been gutted by Democrats’ war on police, I will sign a record investment in hiring, retention and training for police officers nationwide. [...] Second, to qualify for this new funding and all other Justice Department grants, I will insist that local jurisdictions return to proven common sense policing measures, such as stop and frisk— very simple—you stop them and you frisk them, strictly enforcing existing gun laws against convicted felons, cracking down on the open use of illegal drugs, and cooperating with ICE to get criminal aliens off our streets and get them out of our country.’” [Donald Trump, Press Release, [2/20/23](#)]

March 2023 – Trump: “When I Am Back In The White House, The Very First Reconciliation Bill I Sign Will Be For A Massive Increase In Border Patrol, And A Colossal Increase In The Number Of ICE Deportation Officers.” According to a press release by Donald Trump, “Three years ago, we had the safest border in the history

of our country—and I will quickly do that again. When I am back in the White House, the very first reconciliation bill I sign will be for a massive increase in border patrol, and a colossal increase in the number of ICE deportation officers. Under my leadership, we will use all necessary state, local, federal, and military resources to carry out the largest domestic deportation operation in American History. I will ask every state and federal agency to identify every known or suspected gang member in America, and every one of them that is here illegally, we will pick them up, and we will throw them out of our country, and there will be no questions asked.” [Donald Trump via the Internet Archive, Press Release, 3/4/23, view from [3/5/23](#)]

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Campaign Website

Researcher’s Note: We reviewed Trump’s [campaign website](#) for immigration-related flags.

DonaldJTrump.Com: “President Donald J. Trump Created The Most Secure Border In U.S. History. He Ended Catch-And-Release, Took Down Human Traffickers, Deported Record Numbers Of Illegal Alien Gang Members, And Built 450 Miles Of Powerful New Wall.” According to DonaldJTrump.com, “President Donald J. Trump created the most secure border in U.S. history. He ended catch-and-release, took down human traffickers, deported record numbers of illegal alien gang members, and built 450 miles of powerful new wall. Joe Biden turned our country into one giant sanctuary for dangerous criminal aliens when he suspended all immigration enforcement in the middle of a global pandemic and reversed landmark agreements that safely returned asylum-seekers to Mexico, Guatemala, Honduras, and El Salvador. The onslaught of illegal aliens invading our wide-open borders threatens public safety, drains the treasury, undermines U.S. workers, and burdens schools and hospitals. President Trump will shut down Biden’s border disaster. He will again end catch-and-release, restore Remain in Mexico, and eliminate asylum fraud. In cooperative states, President Trump will deputize the National Guard and local law enforcement to assist with rapidly removing illegal alien gang members and criminals. He will also deliver a merit-based immigration system that protects American labor and promotes American values.” [DonaldJTrump.com, accessed [4/28/23](#)]

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