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Biden-Harris Border Crisis Worsens

- While Democrats fail to protect the American people, border state Republican governors are stepping up to protect their constituents.
- Joe Biden and Kamala Harris refuse to stop the border crisis they created – and it's worse than ever.
- Harris has been border czar for 100 days and there has been little to no progress on securing our border and keeping our country safe.
- For months, Harris treated the crisis at the border like it is a joke:
 - Insisted visiting the border would only be a “[grand gesture](#).”
 - Rolled her eyes [when asked about the border](#).
 - Equated going to the border with “[play\[ing\] political games](#).”
 - Laughed when asked if she would visit the border, saying “[not today](#).”
 - Compared going to the border to [going to Europe](#).
 - Ignored [questions about why she wouldn't visit the border](#).
- Because of the Biden-Harris border crisis and open border policies our communities are less safe.
 - Residents of border towns are scared to leave their homes due to surging border crime.
- Numbers show the border crisis has only gotten worse.
 - In May, [180,034](#) illegal immigrants were apprehended trying to cross the border – the highest one-month total in 21 years.
 - The number of unaccompanied [migrant children encountered at the border per day is increasing](#).
 - CBP agents recently encountered 530 unaccompanied migrant children in one day, up from the average 300 daily encounters.
 - CBP Agents are arresting nearly 6,000 illegal immigrants a day – that's the highest number in two decades.
- Border apprehensions have increased every single month that Biden has been president.
 - [711,784](#) migrants have been caught attempting to illegally cross the border in Biden's first five months in office.
 - [88,998](#) migrants who illegally crossed the U.S.-Mexico border have been released into the United States since Biden took office



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- Just 18 people who were let go during President Trump's final full month in office.
- Human traffickers and drug smugglers are taking advantage of the Biden-Harris open border policies.
 - More deadly fentanyl has been seized so far in 2021 than throughout all of 2020.
 - Intelligence officials have warned [individuals with ties to terrorist groups](#) are taking advantage of the "porous border."