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"One of life's most painful moments comes when we must admit that we didn't do our homework, that we are not prepared." — Merlin Olsen

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The Soft Invasion

In recent months, you've probably seen photos and video clips of some of the millions of illegal aliens who have been crossing the U.S.-Mexico border with impunity. I thought images of the chaotic withdrawal of the U.S. military from Afghanistan were shocking until I saw this, which was at least ten times more alarming.

Who are these people? Where are they coming from, and why? Why the unprecedented surge since 2021? How are they getting in, despite the 458 miles of border wall that the Trump administration built? How do they get here, despite generally being poor and many of them traveling from distant continents? Why didn't they use the legal immigration process? Did they decide to come here on their own volition, or were they sent here by a foreign government or group?

What are their backgrounds? How many of them are criminals, gang members, drug dealers, human traffickers, terrorists, spies or saboteurs? What are their intentions and capabilities? What did they bring with them (disease, weapons, drugs, etc.)? How many want to work? How many are unemployable? How many are coming here just to get on the dole?



How many speak English? How many are literate? What kind of education do they have? How much do they know about the U.S. and its history, norms and culture? How many embrace standard American values? Are they willing to learn the language and assimilate into society, or will they remain separate and establish their own enclaves?

What effect will an enormous, sustained wave of humanity pouring into America have on the country? How will it affect crime, the economy, government finances, social cohesion and resource availability?

If they had corruption, gang violence, tribal or ethnic conflicts, or a civil war in their home country, will they bring those problems with them? How many of them support an incompatible legal system (e.g., Sharia law), religion (e.g., Islamic fundamentalism), ideology (e.g., communism) or sexual practices (e.g., rape, pedophilia, human trafficking, etc.)?

The flood of migrants began when Joe Biden took office and halted construction of the border wall. The U.S. Customs and Border Protection website <u>has an interactive graph</u> that allows one to see how the number and composition of migrants has changed over time. The number of Border Patrol encounters with illegal migrants mushroomed from less than 74,000 in December 2020 to over 173,000 in March 2021 and kept rising from there. In December 2023, there were over 302,000 encounters.

One might think that since the border is with Mexico, most of the migrants would be Mexican, but since 2021 (with few exceptions), that has not been the case. Mexican migrants have ranged from a low of 44,257 in February 2021 to a high of 88,132 in March 2022. Migration from Honduras, Guatemala and El Salvador was highest during 2021.

Shockingly, the number of migrants from countries other than those above rose from a trickle of 11,909 in February 2021 to a flood of 170,238 in December 2023. Many migrants appear to be from Africa.

The number of unaccompanied minors has been growing since last summer, reaching a high of 2,848 last December. Who is sending these kids, and why? Who will take care of them in the U.S.? How many of them will end up being trafficked?

60 Minutes did an interesting story about how the fastest growing segment of illegal migrants is from China, one of America's most formidable geopolitical rivals. I've written about how in December 1999, longtime Chinese Defense Minister General Chi Haotian gave a secret speech to the CCP in which he said the survival of the Chinese race required the "cleaning up" (such as with biological weapons) and colonization of America.

Are these Chinese migrants the advance guard of that project? Will some of them operate <u>Confucius Institutes</u>, secret bioweapons labs (<u>this article</u>, a Must Read, notes how both the CDC and the FBI refused to investigate one such lab), <u>secret police stations</u>, or <u>"consulates" that spy on and steal trade secrets and technology from the U.S.</u>?

The Chinese are patient, play the long game, and are well aware of Sun Tzu's observation that it is far more preferable to conquer your enemy without having to fire a shot. By the way, the U.S. military-industrial complex uses the exact opposite approach, since there is no money to be made if no shots are fired. Ironically, spending a fortune on military hardware that we can't afford (and is probably obsolete anyway due to drones) will hasten the demise of the U.S.

How many of the illegal migrants are military-aged men? Some are concerned that the U.S. military, which is falling about 25% below its recruiting requirements, will enlist many of these migrants to make up the shortfall, in exchange for U.S. citizenship. When I was an Army platoon leader in 1993, one of my soldiers was a non-U.S. citizen from (I believe) Nigeria. Apparently, he would become a U.S. citizen upon completion of his enlistment. I knew of another non-U.S. citizen (an Iranian) in our battalion, because he was such a troublemaker that when they chaptered him out of the Army, the battalion sergeant major personally drove him to the airport.

How might a U.S. military heavily populated by foreigners behave towards American civilians if deployed within the U.S. (such as to quell protests against <u>an obviously stolen election</u>, administer mandatory vaccinations, etc.)? Before his retirement in 2003, <u>General Haotian was "very excited" about how willing young Chinese men were to follow genocidal orders</u>. Citing a survey commissioned by the CCP, Haotian said, "In answering the question, 'Will you shoot at women, children and prisoners of war,' more than 80% of the respondents answered in the affirmative, exceeding by far our expectations."

One curious provision of the U.S. Senate's so-called "border bill" (which would actually spend less than 20% of the appropriated funds on the U.S. border) is this line: "Aliens from noncontiguous countries shall not be included in the sum of aliens encountered." Who wrote that, and why? Are these droids not the ones we're looking for? Do they not

want the American people to know how many migrants from say China and Africa are entering the country illegally?

Some people believe that the flood of illegal aliens <u>is a deliberate policy</u> that is intended to destroy America, <u>establish permanent one-party rule</u> (also <u>this</u>), and <u>replace Caucasians</u> with "people of color." Is the Great Replacement Theory "racist lies" and "a deadly ideology," as *The Guardian* called it?

Let's take a look at what Joe Biden said in 2015 (with Mayorkas sitting next to him): "An unrelenting stream of immigration. Non-stop, non-stop. Folks like me who were Caucasian of European descent for the first time in 2017 will be an absolute minority in the United States of America. Absolute minority. Fewer than 50% of the people in America from then and on will be white European stock. That's not a bad thing. That's a source of our strength." I report, you decide.

But wait, it gets better. The huge caravans from Central America and the throngs of people crossing the Mexico-U.S. border is only *what is seen*. What is not seen are the many thousands of illegal migrants being flown into the U.S. (with backpacks, prepaid credit cards and clean shoes) or smuggled into the U.S. in <u>shipping containers</u>, vehicles at border crossings, or in tunnels under the border. Having to swim across the Rio Grande is so passé.

"The collapse of the U.S. southern border is the result of a carefully planned and deliberately executed industrial mass migration program." Dozens of NGOs—including Amnesty International, Catholic Charities, Doctors Without Borders, Human Rights Watch, the U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees and the American Red Cross—have been facilitating this migrant invasion for years. Some of these NGOs have contracts with the federal government for hundreds of millions of dollars per year.

The mayors of "sanctuary cities" such as New York and Chicago have complained in recent months that states such as Texas and Florida have been busing and flying illegal migrants to their cities and dropping them off. But the Biden administration was doing the same thing every night (that article is a Must Read) as early as 2021.

A leaked video shows a jet that landed at a small airport in the middle of the night with 142 migrants on board—most of them teenagers. "Also on board were 12 'chaperones'—employees of MVM Inc., a controversial private security firm that was a major contractor for the CIA and the NSA in Iraq, and which last year signed a \$136 million contract with the federal government to transport illegal migrants and unaccompanied children around the country." What happened to those kids?

The contractors tell an investigating police sergeant, "DHS wants everything on the down-low....You don't want to be in somewhere the spotlight is....You want to try and be as down-low as possible. A lot of this is just down-low stuff that we don't tell people because what we don't want to do is attract attention. We don't want the media. Like we don't even know where we're going when they tell us....technically, we're not supposed to show IDs or anything...everything is supposed to be hush-hush." Why the secrecy?

Even if Biden (or whoever the Democratic nominee is) is defeated in the November election (which I think is unlikely due to voting fraud and/or Trump's legal problems), the Biden administration and NGOs could open the floodgates for about two and a half months before he left office. It is more difficult and expensive to apprehend (especially when many Americans are willing to help hide and support them) and deport an illegal migrant than it is to smuggle them in.

And like the *60 Minutes* story above showed, a border wall that cost tens of billions of dollars and is hundreds of miles long can be easily defeated by just one weak point. It's like trying to build a wall of sand on the beach to keep out the incoming tide while a lot of kids knock holes in your wall.

Sometimes I hear leftist officials or pundits claim that many people are migrating due to climate change. Uh-huh, sure. I think a major reason why so many migrants want to come to the U.S. is the *apparently* strong economy. But like investors, they have been fooled by the Federal Reserve's unprecedented financial repression (i.e., keeping interest rates near zero for many years) and the government's bogus economic indicators into thinking that things are better than they actually are.

After the Great Financial Crisis, net migration from Mexico to the U.S. dropped below zero. Many of the Mexicans who had come to the U.S. during the boom years left when the jobs dried up. So maybe many of the recent migrants will want to leave if and when the U.S. finally has its day of reckoning. Hopefully a border wall won't hinder their departure for greener pastures. Or later prevent American citizens from fleeing a tyrannical government and collapsing economy and society. Yes, even a border wall built by Trump can have some unintended consequences.

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