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Inside Track

CBP Head Says New Border Barrier Cuts Illegal Migration 80 Percent



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As the online USAFeatures.news reported February 27, “Mark Morgan, acting commissioner of Customs and Border Protection, told a congressional committee [February 26] that a 20-mile section of new border wall near El Paso, Texas, has reduced illegal immigration by as much as 80 percent.”

“‘We’ve seen apprehensions and illegal entries and gotaways all being reduced by over 80% in that 20-mile stretch,’ he told the House Appropriations Committee,” the site also informed. Drug smuggling has been cut in the area as well.

Morgan mentioned that the new border barriers aren’t solely responsible for the reduced incursions. “He told lawmakers that walls along with roads and lighting, and in some cases multiple layers of fencing, are contributing to fewer illegal crossings as well,” USAFeatures.news further reports.

Consider, too, the testimonial of David Rubin, former mayor of Shiloh, Israel. “Rubin said that the amount of rapes and murders in southern Tel Aviv ‘skyrocketed’ between 2010 and 2012, when around 55,000 illegal immigrants [a large number for small Israel] entered the country,” reported *Fox News Insider*.

“In 2016, he continued, after the Israeli government built a steel wall between the border of Egypt and Israel, only 11 illegal immigrants entered the country.... And then they raised the height of the wall an additional several feet, and in 2017, there was not one illegal immigrant that made it through the southern border into Israel,’ he added.

Liberals believe in walls, too: When the online Daily Caller’s reporters traveled to Washington, D.C., last year to try to verify President Trump’s claim that Barack Obama had a 10-foot wall around his house there, they couldn’t get close enough to do so. They “were stopped by all of Obama’s other walls from even finding out,” the site wrote last January.

On our southern border, we not only can construct a stellar wall but can employ high technology, with



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patrol drones, surveillance cameras, and heat-and-motion-sensing and microphonic devices (just as examples) perhaps feeding information into a central computer for analysis and, when necessary, the summoning of authorities.

Robot Burger Chef Never Goes Home – and Makes \$3 an Hour



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A new Karl Marx can come along shouting “Workers of the world, unite!” but Flippy the burger chef will hear none of it. An employee even illegal aliens can’t compete with, he does his job dutifully, never goes home, doesn’t get sick or take bathroom breaks, and won’t unionize — and can be had for \$3 an hour. And if you have a beef with his undercutting you, he doesn’t care. Flippy, you see, is a robot.

As the *Los Angeles Times* wrote February 27: “In a test kitchen in a corner building in downtown Pasadena, Flippy the robot grabbed a fryer basket full of chicken fingers, plunged it into hot oil — its sensors told it exactly how hot — then lifted, drained and dumped maximally tender tenders into a waiting hopper. A few feet away, another Flippy eyed a beef patty sizzling on a griddle. With its camera eyes feeding pixels to a machine vision brain, it waited until the beef hit the right shade of brown, then smoothly slipped its spatula hand under the burger and plopped it onto a tray.”

Flippy has already gone beyond testing, too, with his early versions having “put in time on the line at Dodger Stadium and at locations of CaliBurger, a small quick-serve chain that [Miso chief executive Buck] Jordan says also functions as ‘a restaurant tech incubator masquerading as a burger joint,’” the *Times* further reported.

Jordan believes that Flippy could appear widely in fast-food kitchens as early as next year, a potentiality made possible by rapidly declining hardware costs. Robot arms, for example, have plummeted from \$100,000 to just \$10,000 during the last four years, and the cost is poised to drop even further.

Consequently, Miso can now lease Flippy to restaurants for \$2,000 a month; this equates to approximately \$3 an hour, though this will vary depending on an eatery’s particular needs. In contrast, the *Times* informed, a human fast-food employee can cost \$4,000 to \$10,000 a month or more.



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Trump Moves Forward New Rule: No Green Cards for Welfare Users



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The Trump administration moved forward with implementation of its “public charge” rule, which restricts issuance of green cards for immigrants who would be dependent on government welfare upon receiving permanent resident status.

Democrats have opposed the rule, but officials maintain it is a necessary step to protect American taxpayers.

“It’s consistent with our law for over 140 years, it’s a core American value of self-sufficiency, and it’s just plain old logic — what country wants to bring welfare problems into its society? We don’t want to do that,” said acting Department of Homeland Security Secretary Ken Cuccinelli. “We’re happy to open our doors to people from all over the world but we expect them to stand on their own two feet.”

The rule was initially slated to take effect in October of last year after being published in August, but was halted by various court challenges. In January, however, the U.S. Supreme Court lifted preliminary injunctions in a 5-4 vote. And on February 21, the court ruled the same way on a separate injunction for Illinois — allowing the rule to go into effect throughout the country as of February 24.

“This final rule will protect hardworking American taxpayers, safeguard welfare programs for truly needy Americans, reduce the Federal deficit, and re-establish the fundamental legal principle that newcomers to our society should be financially self-reliant and not dependent on the largess of United States taxpayers,” White House press secretary Stephanie Grisham said in a statement.

Cuccinelli said that many Americans are surprised such a rule is even needed: “The reaction by most ordinary Americans that talk to me about this is ‘I can’t believe we needed to do this, I can’t believe that welfare is available for people who aren’t American citizens or who aren’t already here on a permanent basis.’ They are stunned by that for starters and the idea that we would encourage that is not something I have seen much in the way of favorable response.”



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If Trump Loses in November, Blame Google and Facebook?



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Professor Robert Epstein warned in the *Epoch Times* on February 24 that Google and Facebook have perfected algorithms that could limit the Trump presidency to a single term come November.

Epstein, a senior research psychologist at the American Institute for Behavioral Research and Technology, knows whereof he speaks and writes. He is the former editor of *Psychology Today* and has authored over a dozen books and more than 300 articles on the influence of the Internet on people's thinking. He wrote, "Google-and-the-Gang are now controlling a wide variety of subliminal methods of persuasion that can, in minutes, shift the voting preferences of 20 percent or more of undecided voters without anyone having the slightest idea they've been manipulated."

In July 2019, Epstein presented his findings to the Senate Judiciary Committee. He claimed that Google had the power through its algorithms to manipulate "upwards of 15 million votes" in November's presidential election. When pressed by Senator Ted Cruz (R-Texas), Epstein said that Google might have swung at least 2.6 million votes in Hillary Clinton's direction in 2016.

In August, President Trump tweeted Epstein's findings: "Wow, Report Just Out! Google manipulated from 2.6 to 16 million votes for Hillary Clinton in 2016! This was put out by a Clinton supporter, not a Trump supporter! Google should be sued. My victory was even bigger than thought!"

The undercover investigative group Project Veritas confirmed the bias of Google in 2019. It obtained lengthy testimony from one of the company's executives, Jen Gennai, in which she declared that her company wouldn't allow Trump to be reelected: "We all got screwed over in 2016. Again, it wasn't just us. It was the people got screwed over, the new media got screwed over ... everybody got screwed over. So we're rapidly [trying to find out] what happened there and how do we prevent it from happening again."



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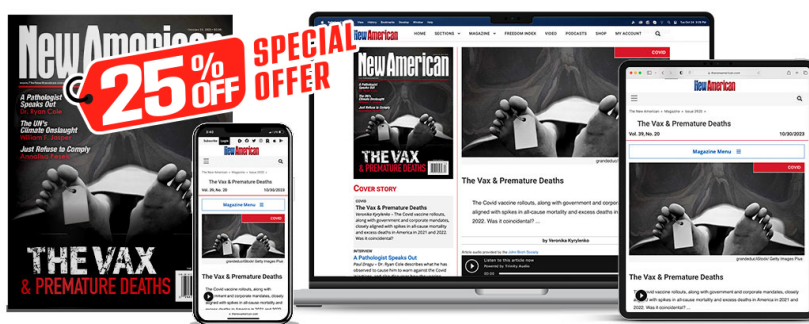
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