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11 Million Illegals? Reality: 40-60 Million “GOT AWAYS” Since ‘95, Says Ex-Border Patrol Agent

We’ve all heard the number: “There are 11 million illegal aliens in the United States.” Yet this figure isn’t just illusory, says an ex-U.S. Border Patrol agent — it’s laughable.

In fact, even the 22.1 million illegals a 2018 MIT [study](#) estimated were squatting in our country may be a low-end number, according to Mark A. Hewitt. After all, with approximately one million apprehensions and two million “GOT AWAYS” yearly, he calculates that there’ve been a whopping 40 to 60 million got aways alone since his time entering the USBP, in 1995.



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Writing recently at American Thinker, Hewitt [relates](#) that he joined the Border Patrol “back when there were only 5,000 people (Agents and support personnel) in all of the USBP” and that he was “the Director of the Aircraft Maintenance Facility in Del Rio, Texas in the Del Rio Border Patrol Sector.” He was also involved in collecting “daily Air Operations performance data.”

Hewitt explained to a degree how he and his colleagues collected data. “The pilots annotated (after flight) on their flight logs how many aerial-assisted apprehensions (APPs) they performed as well as the number of GOT AWAYS pilots counted from the air,” he writes. “Such as, Border Patrol Agents performing flying duties would detect and follow tracks in the desert, (called ‘cutting sign’) and when those tracks stopped or disappeared, such as at a paved road where a groups of illegal aliens were picked up, those tracks left in the desert were counted as GOT AWAYS.” The upshot?

“The annual report was fairly uniform across all of Border Patrol Air Ops,” Hewitt informs — “Border Patrol Pilots conducted about a million aerial-assisted apprehensions per year and counted, across all Sectors, about two million GOT AWAYS.” This held true even when the USBP became 20,000-agent strong.

Despite this, Hewitt says that when he moved to Washington, D.C., some time after leaving the USBP, he’d continually hear from media the estimate of a 10- to 11-million illegal-alien population. “It was an anecdotal data point that could not be researched,” he emphasizes.

(Remember this when “fact-checkers” such as NewsGuard list “trustworthy” and “untrustworthy” websites. They may ferret out every minor error by a conservative news source while ignoring “Big Lie” mainstream-media deceit such as the 11-million figure.)

Even considering that President Trump’s border-wall efforts *might* have reduced apprehensions and got aways, Hewitt calculates that the USBP has conducted 25 to 30 million apprehensions since 1995 and, again, that the got away figure is 40 to 60 million. He acknowledges, however, that the actual number of illegals squatting in the United States is not known.

Of course, this is criminality’s nature. Consider, for example, that we don’t actually know the precise



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amount of robbery that occurs because much theft goes unreported. (I grew up in the Bronx and off the top of my head remember three moderately expensive items that were stolen from my family but which we never reported, as we knew they wouldn't be recovered.)

Regardless, Hewitt writes that one thing is for sure: 10-11 million illegals appears "a farcical number." This places amnesty talk in perspective, too. Putting aside that criminal/bad behavior should *never* be rewarded, a simple question suggests itself:

How can we even consider amnesty when we've no idea how many people would receive this special dispensation?

Would we have 20 million new "citizens"? Thirty million? Fifty?

Hewitt points out that even without amnesty, many illegals can access weapons and form terrorist cells.

"Do not think illegal aliens are peaceful; that is Democrat and media propaganda," he writes, pointing out that the recent Laken Riley murder is no anomaly. Of course, though, we still hear that illegals are "good people." We're told that they're "just looking for a better life."

Yes — so are bank robbers and house squatters.

People generally commit crimes to improve their economic fortunes and forge what they consider a "better life." So what? This is no excuse for criminality — including politically correct criminality.

As for the "good people" bit, I've implicitly drawn an analogy between nation squatting and house squatting, the latter of which has recently made headlines. And question: If squatters broke into your home, changed the locks, and claimed it as their new residence, would you consider them "good people"?

This isn't to imply that every illegal is Al Capone. But the fact is that breaking into someone's home, *or* country, doesn't generally reflect good character. That's Profiling 101.

But the immigrationists care not a whit about this. Hewitt explains why, writing that

the Democrats are welcoming foreign invaders into the country in violation of established law for a simple reason; to change the dynamics of the next election. President Ulysses S. Grant would call their actions traitorous. (From the Grant quote: There are now two parties, traitors and patriots.)

What is happening in America reminds me of the political situation in 1917 and the Russian Revolution; there was a schism between the Bolsheviks (majority party) and Mensheviks (minority party) where the Bolsheviks eventually crushed and outlawed the Mensheviks. One party rule in Russia introduced the country to communism.

...The full treachery of the Democrat party is now on display as some idiot Democrat members of Congress are suggesting, "let them into the military, let them become police, let them vote." Democrats must believe they have enough illegal aliens in the country now to ensure they will always remain in power. Democrats have become the majority Bolshevik party; the neutralization of Republicans is nearly complete. They are one signature away from making it impossible for Republicans to compete in any election, and one-party communist rule will dominate.

This said, realize that this demographic political warfare has been waged for *decades* — largely through



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legal immigration. Eighty-five to 90 percent of the approximately one million legal immigrants we admit yearly come from the Third World, and 70 to 90 percent of them have, historically, voted Democrat upon naturalization. Illegal migration is the *second part* of this human-wave warfare.

So Democrats' demographic jihad is nothing new. Yet Trump's unexpected 2016 election was an impediment to their scheme, and they don't want a repeat performance. This is perhaps part of the reason they've opened the southern border and are swelling their foreign army. They can taste unassailable power — and they want it *now*.



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