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Trump's border record: A brief, incomplete history w. links and numbers. Thread -->

1) Border wall construction. CBP recently touted over 400 miles of construction. Only 80 miles is actually new wall, but the construction has nonetheless caused great harm to native lands and cultural sites, to the environment, to people whose homes are nearby.

Links:

https://t.co/iEpykHtkcW

https://t.co/HjGJKRRybN

https://t.co/HZDm3KfiNv

https://t.co/zYgeySWdYL

2) The border has been the site of family separations. Over 5,000 children were separated from their families at the border. The rollout was chaotic, and the trauma, immeasurable.

https://t.co/gUEvWKv9Mi

https://t.co/41Q6VCE2eh

https://t.co/zuYIdn9ULI

The administration forced families seeking asylum to wait in Mexico while their cases wound through imm courts. Then the court hearings were suspended. ~60,000 people were placed in this program, in shelters and makeshift camps in Mexico, waiting indefinitely.

In some cases, family members were separated, with one allowed to pursue claims in the U.S. and the other sent to Mx.

https://t.co/4FdmAU1yZH

https://t.co/cghhstGOYe

https://t.co/iDysgY3n1B

Many faced violence and deaths in Mx. @humanrights1st has documented ~1300 cases of murder, rape, kidnapping, torture, and assault.

https://t.co/dHLq5N0Klb

In Oct, a govt watchdog report found that CBP purposely drew down processing capacity at the borders so as to not let people who wanted to request asylum into the country, they also turned people away after they had already entered, in violation of law.

https://t.co/YZaKCwXJ6i

As of December, 15,000 people were still on waitlist per the Strauss Center. After months of being told to stay in queue indefinitely, many left, or crossed unauthorized, just like experts said they would.

https://t.co/cSA7Pg8OjW

> Our latest metering report found that 8 months into the pandemic, there are still 15,000+ asylum seekers on seven waitlists across the border. However, many individuals have returned home, left for other Mexican cities, or crossed into the US. @Sleuterthttps://t.co/106w2Y0WGs
>
> — Savitri Arvey (@SavitriArvey) December 1, 2020

The Trump administration also rolled out secretive pilot policies at the border that rushed the process typically by which people request asylum.

https://t.co/AWF3PGStNE

In Feb, 2020, CBP gave these numbers for people in the above programs and those turned away through other policies.

https://t.co/zjlZh2SKZ5

> omg, here's the latest numbers by Morgan:
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> MPP: 59000
> ENV: 17000
> PACR: 2500
> ACA: 1,000
> HARP: 1200
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> — tanvi (@Tanvim) February 27, 2020

In Sept, 2020 in a hearing, Sen. Sinema had updated numbers for one category:

https://t.co/LTwzyNPTMq

> !! Senator Sinema provides brand new statistics showing the extreme lack of representation in the PACR & HARP programs, which rush migrants through asylum screenings:
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> "Only 13 of over 2,000 HARP cases and only 18 of over 2,700 PACR cases have had a legal representative."
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> — Aaron Reichlin-Melnick (@ReichlinMelnick) September 23, 2020

In March, 2020, the admin put out a public health order to summarily turn back ALL migrants coming to the border -- including unaccompanied children -- without allowing them to request protection. Altogether, in FY 2020, they "expelled" ~200,000 people. In FY 2021, ~190,000.

LINKS: CBP stats, add up "title 42" expulsions.

https://t.co/IQJQjKtK0f

https://t.co/wCcExdI8tI

https://t.co/PlTJA1WQ3S

Morgan told members of congress that the children were being screened for all types of persecution according to trafficking laws, but later told reporters that they were only being screened for torture.

See: 1) https://t.co/RGIhq17laP

2) https://t.co/3SYScJ30nO

> Morgan just said all unaccompanied children are being screened per TVPRA (trafficking protection) requirements- even under Title 42.....in response to @SenJackyRosen
> 's question.
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> — tanvi (@Tanvim) June 25, 2020

Morgan has also insisted in many a briefing that the public health order is not an immigration enforcement tool, but a public health tool. See: https://t.co/YFekg3xQ3t

But there's plenty of reporting to suggest otherwise. See: this by @itscaitlinhd

https://t.co/XRxvhJNa98

> Morgan keeps saying that Title 42 is not an immigration enforcement tool, but there's s lot of reporting that Miller had been wanting to shut down the border way before the pandemic

— tanvi (@Tanvim) August 6, 2020

There's a lot more, such as keeping asylum seekers and their children in detention in overcrowded facilities and mismanaging humanitarian funding, but I'll leave it at this for now.

https://t.co/b1eIPo3ZCl

https://t.co/Oc9OrbNdAD