Latin American Refugee Status: Healthcare and Policy

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Refugee - "Someone who has been forced to flee his or her country because of persecution, war or violence."

Overview

- 300,000 Apprehended
 - o 3000 Unaccompanied Minors

Image 1

- "Asylum Shelters"
 - Detention Centers



International Framework

- UNHCR The 1951 Refugee Convention (1967 Protocol)
 - Non-refoulement
 - Access to courts, employment, and housing

 1984: The Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment

Legal Loopholes

- Withholding of removal to 'adhere' to the UN's non-refoulement policies
 - Refugee or asylum-seeker rights not granted

3rd Country Policy

Metering

Image 3



• Caps on immigration

- Central American Minors
 Protection Act of 2019
 - 15,000 minors per year.

"We want to save lives. We want children to be safe... We can't let them die on the way up."



- Trump, Jan. 4th, 2019

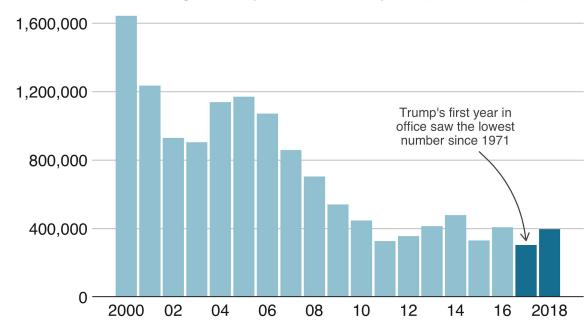
1986 - 1.69 Million

2000 - 1.67 Million

2017 - **310,531**

Apprehensions on US-Mexico border

Total number of migrants by US financial year (2000-2018)



Informative Video

BBC



Refugee Healthcare

 Denial of access to lifesaving medical treatment and medication





U.S. Customs and Border Protection

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Health Insurance

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	In Mexico			In the U.S.	P- values ²
	Predeparture phase (N=349) (Weighted N=103,894)	Return phase (N=190) (Weighted N=66,462)	Destination phase (N=651) (Weighted N=149,578)	Interception/deportation phase (N=351) (Weighted N=25,969)	
ealth insurance, %	83.8	49.1	49.2	23.3	<0.001

Federal Funds

• \$775 Per Refugee Every Day

- 'Reapportionment' of Funds
 - International Organizations
 - Peacekeeping Activities
 - Global Health

Economic Impacts of Imprisonment

- Geo Group \$500 Million
- Southwest Key Programs \$955 Million
- BCFS **\$179 Million**

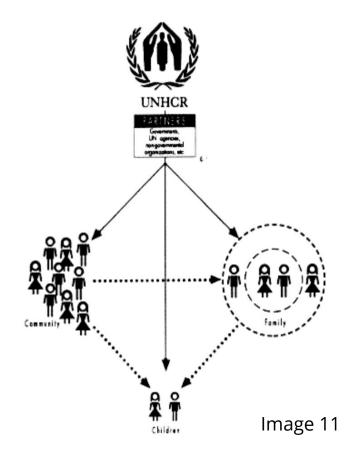
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Potential Solutions

- Reduce focus on immediate detention
- Build sense of community and family
- Safe Release Programme





A Falsified Reality

- Fabricated overpopulation "crisis"
- Gov: false pretense of concern to justify...
 - human rights violations
 - economic manipulation/corruption
- Actual crisis:
 - inadequate healthcare
 - familial separation



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