

Was the Marine Base Incursion the Start of Terror Attacks from our Exposed Border?

Right now, it is simply impossible to believe the federal government is upholding these basic national-



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security requirements. In fact, government officials charged with defending the homeland from terror threats have admitted on repeated occasions that they have been unable to locate potential terrorists who have crossed the border illegally.

During a House Homeland Security [hearing](#) late last year, Department of Homeland Security Secretary Alejandro Mayorkas would not confirm that Customs and Border Protection has been able to apprehend all suspected terrorists who have entered the country illegally, while FBI Director Christopher Wray admitted that his agency was still attempting to locate illegal-alien suspected terrorists. Just two months ago, Wray testified before Congress that the terror threat facing the United States [was the highest](#) it has been in a “long, long time.”

The testimony from top national-security officials supplements the data that demonstrates just how out of control the crisis at the southern border has spiraled. Given the millions of illegal aliens who have entered the U.S. over the past three years, it is highly unlikely that the government has sufficiently vetted all of these people before processing them into the U.S. The number of individuals on the terror watch list [who have](#) crossed the border illegally is up 2,500 percent since 2020, and those are just the ones we know about. These numbers don’t account for the 1.7 million “gotaways” that [have been recorded](#) over the past three years, which are more than the entire previous decade combined, but the national security threats emanating from the nation’s open border does not just stem from terror states, but economic and military competitors as well.

The fastest-growing group of illegal aliens are from China, perhaps the top geopolitical adversary to the U.S. Thirty-thousand Chinese illegal aliens [have been apprehended](#) at the border in the past seven months. It defies belief that this type of movement from China to the United States is possible without the knowledge and consent of the Chinese Communist Party. Regardless of the motives, mass migration of citizens from foreign adversaries is always something that should be heavily policed. At the moment, all our leaders can muster is a collective shrug.

The attempted infiltration of two different military bases indicates that years of anti-border policies are taking its toll on U.S. national security. The overall data suggests that the threats to the homeland will keep coming and keep growing until something significant changes.

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