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## Phony Whip Narrative Helps Open-borders Lobby

The radical Left needed all of two minutes to create a national moral panic about the mounted Border Patrol agents who supposedly used whips two days ago to round up Haitian illegal aliens at the border with Mexico.

People interested in the truth need all of two minutes to prove the radical Left lied.

Border agents did not whip the illegals. What lying radical leftists said were whips were reins the agents use to handle their horses. Nor did they use the reins as whips, as some claimed and enhanced photos showed.



AP Images

No matter. The open-borders lobby had the images it needed to push the narrative: We must let the Haitians into the country. So says a petition at [change.org](#) just hours after the narrative began galloping through social media.

### The Photo

Typical of the claims was one from Sawyer Hackett, whom you've never heard of. He toils for leftist [Julian Castro](#), the failed presidential candidate and former secretary of Housing and Urban Development under President Barack Hussein Obama.

Castro is no relation to Fidel Castro, but his man Hackett used the photo like one of Fidel's expert propagandists.

"Border patrol is mounted on horseback rounding up Haitian refugees with whips," Hackett falsely tweeted:

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This is unfathomable cruelty towards people fleeing disaster and political ruin. The administration must stop this. [pic.twitter.com/BSjT91NSj0](#)

— Sawyer Hackett (@SawyerHackett) [September 20, 2021](#)

Of course, the photo does not show a "whip" or "unfathomable cruelty." It shows a border agent wrangling an illegal alien by his shirt. The reins are in front of the illegals' face.

"For all you Twitter warriors out there: these are NOT whips," the National Fraternal Order of Police wrote to hacks like Hackett over a four-photo spread:



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And no, Border Patrol agents are NOT “whipping” people.

They are REINS... Stay with us here, like a steering wheel is used to drive a car, the reins are used to “drive” the horse.

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— National Fraternal Order of Police (FOP) (@GLFOP) [September 21, 2021](#)

Other enhanced images clearly show no whips, and again, the agent holding the illegal by his shirt sleeve:

Wow talk about a false narrative. Do y’all not know what a rein for a horse is? Hell first picture the officer is grabbing the guy by his shirt. [pic.twitter.com/G9XS8EDxBD](https://pic.twitter.com/G9XS8EDxBD)

— The Georgian (@thegarebel) [September 22, 2021](#)

Another from behind the same agents shows it more clearly:

Here is the picture showing one hand on the runner, one on the reins and the rein hanging down. You’re all full of it [pic.twitter.com/AJSCeLmHX](https://pic.twitter.com/AJSCeLmHX)

— MidwestAdams (@AdamsMidwest) [September 20, 2021](#)

## Democrat Says No Whips

Nonetheless, Hackett and his anti-American regiment of Twitter followers pushed the narrative, as did CNN during an interview with Democrat Henry Cuellar of Texas.

What about those “whips?” [CNN talker Victor Blackwell asked.](#)

“Certainly, we got to make sure we treat all the immigrants with respect and dignity, but I will say this. Border Patrol has had those horse brigades for a while,” Cuellar said. “They’ve had them for a while, number one. Number two, they don’t carry whips, and they do not carry lassos.”

Texas Democrat [@RepCuellar](#) corrects CNN host who’s upset about border agents on horseback: “The picture you’re talking about, at least the one I have seen, is the rein, the rein of the horse ... What are they supposed to do, just stand there and let everybody come in?” [pic.twitter.com/csFE4gwkTm](https://pic.twitter.com/csFE4gwkTm)

— Tom Elliott (@tomselliott) [September 21, 2021](#)



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OK, Blackwell allowed, but “should those be used, even if it is a rein?”

Replied Cuellar:

If there was a problem, it should be investigated, and I think that’s it. But we cannot paint the Border Patrol with the same type of paint brush. What are they supposed to do, just stand there and let everybody come in? They’re supposed to be enforcing the law.

As one would expect, when a reporter asked White House spokeswoman Jen Psaki about whips, she quickly conceded the images were “horrific.” Forget waiting to get the truth.

“I have seen some of the footage,” [Psaki said](#):

I don’t have the full context. I can’t imagine what context would make that appropriate, but I don’t have additional details.... I don’t think anyone seeing that footage would think it was acceptable or appropriate.

WH Secretary Jen Psaki on footage appearing to show border patrol agents using whips against Haitian migrants coming into the United States from Mexico: "I have seen some of the footage. I don't have the full context. I can't imagine what context would make that appropriate." [pic.twitter.com/83O2bjZCyp](https://pic.twitter.com/83O2bjZCyp)

— CBS News (@CBSNews) [September 20, 2021](#)

If Psaki didn’t have the “full context,” perhaps she shouldn’t have judged the images “horrific.” Perhaps she should have said nothing.

But that wouldn’t do. The Democrats and their Open Borders auxiliary know exactly what they have in the illegal-alien horde camped outside Del Rio: Thousands of new future voters. Unsurprisingly, the petition to let the Haitians enter the country [surfaced on Change.org](#) a day after The Whipping at the River.

Petition to Let The Haitians Stay in America!<https://t.co/SjzjCiLVZj>

— Arcade Fire (@arcadefire) [September 21, 2021](#)

That’s why the Left started the whip narrative. Scenes of border agents on horseback “whipping” black “migrants” provided all the Left needed to resurrect images of 18th-century slave-catchers.

Yup [pic.twitter.com/SPXKXBjuzq](https://pic.twitter.com/SPXKXBjuzq)

— Anthony Alaniz (@Anthony\_Alانiz) [September 20, 2021](#)

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