



2,000-Strong Migrant Caravan Makes Its Way to Texas Border With Mexico's Help

The invasion of the United States continues.

Another migrant caravan — this one composed of more than 2,000 foreign nationals — is making its way through southern Mexico with a final destination of the American border. The caravan calls itself the Migrant Way of the Cross, and is receiving the help of the Mexican government and nongovernmental organizations.

As <u>Breitbart News</u> notes, the caravan began its journey from the Mexican state of Chiapas on Monday. The group has caught the attention of journalists, thanks in part to their unique branding — the caravan displays a large white wooden cross at the forefront to bring attention to what they consider the hardship of the migrant journey.



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Rather than cracking down on the migrants, Mexican authorities have facilitated the caravan by escorting it along roads and controlling traffic. Additionally, in certain cities where migrants are anticipated to spend the night, officials from Mexico's National Migration Institute (INM) have collaborated with nongovernmental organizations to make necessary arrangements.

The caravan hopes to make it to the Texas border, though it is believed it may partly follow the strategy used by previous caravans — disbanding in Mexico City, from which members of the group board buses and other vehicles to complete the journey separately.

Chihuahua City is already dealing with an influx of migrants, who are setting up camp there as part of their journey to Juarez, from which they plan to cross the border into El Paso, Texas.

According to the website **Border Report**:

Several hundred foreign nationals have already set up camp behind a convenience store in Chihuahua City some 230 miles south of El Paso, Texas. And church leaders are expecting at least some of the 2,000 migrants who set off from Chiapas, Mexico, earlier this week to arrive in the El Paso-Juarez area in the coming days.

"We are in contact with people and personnel in migrant shelters in south Mexico. They say many people have come into the country recently and are being joined by others already there. And yes, they are coming to Juarez," said the Rev. Francisco Bueno Guillen, director of Casa del Migrante shelter in Juarez.

... Casa del Migrante has been filling up in recent days as families and single adults looking



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for an opportunity to seek asylum in the United States are again arriving in Juarez in large numbers. Bueno said the shelter went from being 20% full a couple of weeks ago to 75% capacity as of Monday.

Another caravan that likewise went by the name "Way of the Cross" arose in 2022, also around Holy Week. It was a smaller group of about 400 migrants from countries such as Nicaragua, Guatemala, El Salvador, Honduras, Peru, Colombia, the Dominican Republic, Venezuela, Cuba, and Syria.

Mexico has a history of providing basic necessities such as food, water, and shelter to migrants. It also works with international organizations such as the UN to offer some medical care and assistance. At times, the Mexican government has offered temporary work permits to some migrants, allowing them to work legally while they await asylum decisions or decide on their next move.

Moreover, as seen in the case of the current Way of the Cross caravan, Mexico allows migrants free passage through the country to get to the U.S. border.

Per the <u>Center for Immigration Studies</u>, the migrant population in the United States has reached a historic high of 51.4 million individuals, marking an increase of 6.4 million people since Joe Biden assumed office. According to CIS data, one in six people, or 15.5 percent of the U.S. population, arrived via the federal government's myriad official and unofficial migration paths. Furthermore, the CIS study found, nearly 20 percent of the workforce consists of individuals born outside the United States.

Under Biden, the average monthly increase in the foreign-born population stands at 172,000, four times higher than the pre-Covid-19 average monthly increase of 42,000 under Trump and double the 68,000 average under Obama.

In other words, the foreign-born population has grown by an amount larger than the individual populations of 33 states. CIS notes that "If current trends continue, the foreign-born population will reach nearly 60 million and 17.5 percent [one in six] of the U.S. population by the end of a second Biden term — both figures would be without any precedent in American history."

The center found that the surge in the foreign-born population is predominantly fueled by immigration from Latin America, which has increased by 4.2 million since January 2021, with South America and Central America contributing 1.7 million and 1.4 million, respectively. Additionally, immigration from the Indian subcontinent has risen by 819,000, and from the Middle East by 654,000.

Given the major role Mexico is playing in facilitating this invasion, Donald Trump's famous promise to make it pay for the costs illegal migration incurs on America sounds ever more reasonable.





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