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## Border Crisis Stumps Trump, Data Depict Border Under Siege

Guatemala let them through.

Mexico let them through.

Will the United States let them through?

That's the question President Trump must answer about the "migrant caravan" surging through Mexico toward a rendezvous with the U.S. Border Patrol and National Guard.

The Trump administration is wringing its hands, flummoxed at the prospect of dealing with an invasion that, if successful, could mean the beginning of the end of national sovereignty and set a precedent that could lead to the destruction of the United States as we know it.



### Debate Within

The Trump administration, [the Associated Press reported today](#), "has not settled on a plan for what to do if a migrant caravan arrives at the southern border, despite threats by President Donald Trump to declare a national emergency or rescind aid from the countries whose people are journeying north."

Apparently, no one knows what to do, although Trump has, as [The New American reported](#), sent 2,100 National Guardsmen from four states to the border, 1000 of whom are unarmed.

Reported AP:

Top immigration officials and close Trump advisers are still evaluating the options in closed-door meetings that have gotten increasingly heated in the past week, including one that turned into a shouting match as the caravan of about 7,000 people pushes north, according to administration officials and others with knowledge of the issue. They spoke to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity because they weren't authorized to speak publicly on the topic....

But the president's inner circle on immigration is grappling with the same problems that have plagued them for months, absent any law change by Congress.

The debate within the administration is between those, such as Homeland Security Secretary Kirstjen Nielsen, who want a diplomatic solution, and hardliners who want to declare a state of emergency, as [Trump did](#) on Sunday, albeit unofficially in a tweet.

That "would give the administration broader authority over how to manage people at the border; rescinding aid; or giving parents who arrive to the U.S. a choice between being detained months or years with their children while pursuing asylum, or releasing their children to a government shelter while a relative or guardian seeks custody."

Apparently, [AP reported](#), the debate has been heated:



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Tensions boiled over last week, when Nielsen suggested going to the United Nations Committee on Human Rights in a meeting with White House chief of staff John Kelly. National security adviser John Bolton, a longtime critic of the U.N., exploded over the idea, the officials and people said. Nielsen responded that Bolton, not a frequent attendant of the immigration meetings, was no expert on the topic, they said.

## **Border Apprehensions**

However hot tempers were at 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, things will get a lot hotter at the border when 14,000 + people arrive, pushing against a much smaller force protecting America's frontier.

The caravan rolled into Guatemala without a problem, and as [TNA reported today](#), Mexican cops are escorting the relentless Camp-of-the-Saints horde through the country.

How hard are things at the border now, though?

[Border Patrol data paint](#) the picture of a border under siege, and that's not including the "caravan" moving north now. The agency collared 521,090 individuals on the Southwest border in fiscal 2018. Of those, 107,212 were family units, and 50,036 were unaccompanied minors.

The patrol also collared 124,511 who were "inadmissible." That figure included 53,901 family units and 8,624 unaccompanied minors.

And some of them, of course, will be criminals, [Breitbart reported yesterday](#).

"Border Patrol agents assigned to the Rio Grande Valley Sector arrested a Salvadoran migrant who illegally crossed the border with his minor son and a large group of families. Court records indicate the man is wanted for murder in South Carolina."

And "later that day, agents assigned to the Falfurrias Border Patrol Checkpoint in Brooks County, Texas, disrupted an attempt to smuggle an illegal immigrant through the checkpoint."

So what's Trump going to do about it, [having unofficially declared it](#), again, a "national emergency" in a tweet on Sunday? Mexican authorities surrendered their border, he wrote.

The last caravan deposited 300 illegal aliens at the border. [Authorities released them](#) into the country.

The border-busting, human battering ram that began on October 12 is 14,000 strong, [the latest reports estimate](#), and now another has begun in El Salvador, the nation that gave the United States the [murderous MS-13 gang](#).



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