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# Orchestrated High-Stakes Human Hide and Seek

Biden/Harris underground railroad has gained altitude as their new frequent flyer program covertly flies over 400,000 illegal immigrants from foreign airports to US Airports-which are now the new Ellis Island

### Courtesy of the **Committee** on Homeland Security Republicans(CHSR):

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The Center for Immigration Studies (CIS) filed Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) litigation to uncover more about the program which is perhaps the most enigmatic and least-known of the Biden administration's uses of U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) One cell phone scheduling app, which is responsible for almost invisibly importing by air 400,000 aliens with no legal right to enter the United States since it got underway in late 2022. The government characterizes these programs as "family reunification programs".

According to the Federation for American Immigration Reform (FAIR), very few of these illegal aliens paroled into the U.S. as "asylum-seekers" actually show up for their asylum hearings (if they even actually file formal applications), and even fewer are removed if their cases, like most, are rejected.

Parole thus creates a system where anyone claiming fear of persecution can simply cross, declare fear, and disappear into American communities without effective monitoring or being required to file for asylum.

CBP has approved secretive flights that last year alone ferried the approximately 400,000 inadmissible aliens from foreign airports into some 43 American ones over the past year, all pre-approved on a cell phone app. This program explains the drop in alien encounters at the US/Mexico border.

### Immigration Term-Inadmissible

The status of an alien at a United States port of entry who does not meet the legal criteria for admission.

Most Americans wonder how the border can be bypassed and allow inadmissible aliens to fly directly into airports in interior cities. What most people do not understand is all international airports are included as United States borders. So technically, all those "interior" airports are legal borders and those on the inbound flights go through U.S. Customs once they disembark their flights.

The Biden administration's legally dubious program to fly inadmissible aliens over the border and directly to U.S. airports has allegedly created

## *law enforcement vulnerabilities too grave to release publicly.*

The people showing up in cities across America are technically not illegals. The Biden/Harris Administration has been flying them into those cities and granting them parole status, which means they have "**legally**" been allowed to enter the United States and have permission to work. Despite what Trump or anyone else tells you, these people can no longer be routinely deported as a true "illegal" could be.

For most of the past year, bigcity mayors and state governors have loudly complained about the hundreds of thousands of presumably illegals showing up in need of housing, food, medical treatment, clothing, and education, placing extraordinary unfunded financial burdens on local populations. Routinely, politicians and major media outlets have laid blame for the influx on both Gov. Ron DeSantis of Florida for flying inadmissible aliens to other places like Martha's Vineyard, and Texas Gov. Greg Abbott's busing program.

Tom Bensman of CIS wrote: "It remains part of the administration's "lawful pathways" strategy, with its stated purpose



Overall, **95.8 percent** of all inadmissible aliens who scheduled appointments through the app during this time were ultimately issued a "Notice to Appear" (NTA) and released into the United States on parole.

The documents show **278,431** appointments scheduled, with **266,846** of these individuals released into the interior.

Individuals from a number of countries of concern made appointments through the app and were overwhelmingly released into the country.

- Out of **57,381 appointments made by Venezuelan nationals, 55,690 were released** on parole, a rate of **97 percent**.
- Out of **20,948 appointments made by Russian nationals, 19,780 were released** on parole, a rate of **94 percent**.
- Out of **2,279 appointments made by Uzbek nationals, 1,866 were released** on parole, a rate of **82 percent**.
- Out of **801 appointments made by Belarusian nationals, 787 were released** on parole, a rate of **98 percent**.
- Out of **246 appointments made by Afghan nationals, 229 were released** on parole, a rate of 93 percent.
- Out of **36 appointments made by Chinese nationals, 32 were released** on parole, a rate of **88 percent**.
- Out of **18 appointments made by Iranian nationals, 16 were released** on parole, a rate of **88 percent**.

The app has consistently been used to release otherwise inadmissible aliens from Mexico and Northern Triangle countries.

- Out of 58,772 appointments made by Mexican nationals, 55,099 were released on parole, a rate of 93 percent.
- Out of **20,776 appointments made by Hondurans, 20,060 were released** on parole, a rate of **96 percent**.
- Out of **3,939 appointments made by Guatemalans, 3,717 were released** on parole, a rate of **94 percent**.

Other nations represented in the release statistics include Egypt, Iraq, Lebanon, Kyrgyzstan, Pakistan, and Yemen.

being to reduce the number of illegal border entries between ports of entry. The countries whose citizens are eligible are Cuba, Haiti, Venezuela, Nicaragua, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Colombia, and Ecuador. Under these legally dubious parole programs, aliens who cannot legally enter the country use the CBP One app to apply for travel authorization and temporary humanitarian release from those airports. The parole program allows for twoyear periods of legal status during which adults are eligible for work authorization."

However, the ongoing review of the initial production of documents revealed several shocking findings about DHS' abuse of the CBP One app:

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All inadmissible aliens can fly in if they can show they have a non-family financial sponsor (which can even be "a business, organization (NGO such as Catholic Charities, Jewish Family Services, Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service, and United Way Worldwide ) or other entity" and meet other requirements, such as owning a valid passport. Nongovernmental organizations relocate migrants using taxpayer dollars and are under scrutiny over misspent funds, no record-keeping...

Some of these NGOs see the majority of their budget coming from tax payer money. Church World Services, reported more than \$20.5 million in grant funds in its 2022 financial report, making more than 40% of its assets coming from taxpayers. Charles Marino, a former DHS advisor under former President Barack Obama, said, "Problem is, NGOs have taken over as official travel agency of DHS. So now they've turned it over to the NGOs, not just to coordinate the shelter and the food, but also the travel, ultimately, we're going to see billions of dollars of taxpayer money go to waste through fraud and abuse because there's no oversight through FEMA."

From the local to the state and federal level, Americans are paying a hefty price for the humanitarian crisis at the southern border, and in a way, the federal government is able to hide the true cost of the border crisis from the public through NGOs.

The majority of migrants arriving in cities like New York or smaller towns across America, do so with the help of nongovernmental organizations (NGOs) — organizations like charities or religiously affiliated nonprofits.

In the past two years, Border Patrol holding stations have constantly been at overcapacity in dealing with the massive influx of migrants crossing illegally into the U.S. When this happens, Border Patrol releases processed migrants to NGOs to shelter, feed and coordinate travel for migrants to their final destination.

"Once received, whether it be the adult population or the families, the sites will then work with them, and the general term that we use is The top 15 airport locations used for the Cuba, Haiti, Nicaragua, Venezuela (CHNV) program and the number of inadmissible aliens who flew into a port of entry between January-August 2023 were:

Miami, Florida: 91,821 Ft. Lauderdale, Florida: 60,461 New York City, New York: 14,827 Houston, Texas: 7,923 Orlando, Florida: 6,043 Los Angeles, California: 3,271 Tampa, Florida: 3,237 Dallas, Texas: 2,256 San Francisco, California: 2,052 Atlanta, Georgia: 1,796 Newark, New Jersey: 1,498 Washington, D.C.: 1,472 Chicago, Illinois: 496 Las Vegas, Nevada: 483 Austin, Texas: 171

we go through a 'processing." John Martin, the deputy director for the Opportunity Center for the Homeless, said. "That processing is to facilitate travel to the destination of their choice."

On September 3, 2024, Fox News reported that the Biden/Harris administration is providing another \$380 million to nonprofits and local governments to cover some of the costs associated with taking care of migrants once they've been released by the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) at the southern border. That's on top of the \$259 million previously allocated earlier in 2024. That's almost \$640 million in 2024 and the year isn't over yet.

The huge sum is being awarded by DHS via its Shelter and Services

Program (SSP), which aims to provide "critical support" for migrants by way of offering them food, shelter, clothing, acute medical care, and transportation while they await their immigration court proceedings.

DHS says the money helps prevent overcrowding at short-term Customs and Border Protection (CBP) holding facilities and enables non-federal entities (NGOs) to "off-set allowable costs incurred for services associated with noncitizen migrant arrivals in their communities."

NGOs are receiving billions of taxpayer funds through several federal departments like the Department of Homeland Security and Health and Human Services and even assistance from the USDA to purchase homes in rural areas (see *Biden/Harris Administration* 

### *Relocating Inadmissible Aliens to Rural Towns Across Montana on* page 4A.

Michael Mayhew, head of the Immigration Records and Identity Services division at U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services audited the program. On September 9, 2024, Newsmax reported the audit revealed the process for approving sponsors was filled with loopholes that made fraud easy to perpetrate and tough to spot. Newsmax reported that one fraudster filed an application using the passport number of former first lady Michelle Obama.

Auditor Mayhew, indicated there is little to no barrier to entry to file it led to a lot of fraudulent, exploitative, and duplicative filings. Just like with voter rolls, the audit said gang members and scammers were applying to be sponsors by using dead people's names. Additionally, lack of adequate staffing and protocols made it impossible to adequately detect this fraud. The end result was these scammers easily stole Americans' identities to perpetrate the fraud. After the audit findings were presented, the program was temporarily halted for about one month to allow time to implement some changes; however, it was restarted in the later part of August. Former senior agency leaders said the audit described a doomed program.

"This administration is more interested in putting people through than it is in vetting for the correct individuals," Emilio Gonzalez, who ran United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) during the Bush administration, said after the Washington Times shared portions of the internal report.

"Their vocabulary never uses the word 'stop.' It's always 'process,' 'transport,' 'house,' 'educate,' 'bring them through.' They want to get as many people through the door

### as possible and then deal with the consequences once they're on this side of the border."

In September, the Washington Examiner reported that cartels are using virtual private networks (VPN) to skirt requirements that aliens signing up for appointments at ports of entry via CBP One be present in northern Mexico before making the appointment. Using these VPNs, the cartels can exploit vulnerabilities in the app and schedule appointments for individuals regardless of their location—all for a fee—and they advertise this "service" on social media.

In September of 2023, DHS processed approximately 43,000 inadmissible aliens into the country using the CBP One app, and announced nearly 278,000 "successfully scheduled appointments" between January-September 2023. The app was created for commercial use, but the Biden administration is now using it to incentivize otherwise inadmissible aliens to schedule an appointment and claim asylum directly at a port of entry, after which they will be released into the interior, regardless of the legitimacy of their claim.

Inadmissible aliens from many dozens of other countries also get this parole benefit at eight U.S.-Mexico land ports of entry. That separate parole program has brought in another 420,000 immigrants from nearly 100 nations from May 2021 through December 2023, according to the CIS lawsuit.

So while large immigrant-receiving cities and media lay blame for the influx on Republican governors busing or flight programs, CBP apparently would not disclose the names of the 43 U.S. airports that have received 400,000+ inadmissible aliens, nor the foreign airports from which they departed. The agency's lawyers have cited a general "law enforcement exception" without elaborating on how releasing airport locations would harm public safety beyond citing "the sensitivity of the information." Luckily, Congress is controlled by Republicans and the House Committee on Homeland Security was able to obtain that data (see infographic to the left).

ACCORDING TO THE COMMITTEE ON HOMELAND SERCURITY (CHS) DOCUMENTS – Hundreds of thousands of inadmissible aliens, including from hostile nations like Afghanistan and China, released into the interior

Following months of stonewalling, the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) finally responded to multiple requests by the House Committee on Homeland Security for information and documents regarding the expanded use of the CBP One app by DHS Secretary Alejandro Mayorkas' department to release hundreds of thousands of otherwise inadmissible aliens into the United States. DHS documents reveal that an additional 1.6 million foreign nationals were awaiting travel authorization to enter the United States.

Since parolees are not bound by numerical caps like legal immigrants – who often wait years or even decades to receive visas and permission to immigrate – all 1.6 million could eventually be granted an expedited entry, work authorization, and various welfare benefits at the expense of American taxpayers. Through the CHNV processes, up to 30,000 otherwise inadmissible aliens can be granted parole every month.

Under the Biden Administration, parole has been turned into a backdoor amnesty program for hundreds of thousands of illegal aliens to enter the United States, bypassing the normal requirements for immigration. Parolees are able to obtain work authorization almost immediately and are eligible to adjust their status to obtain green cards and then citizenship.

However, under law, the parole authority is only meant to be used in exceptional circumstances, on a caseby-case basis, only for a temporary period of time and for urgent humanitarian need or significant public benefit. Granting parole *en masse* is a violation of the law.

As detailed by FAIR, parole is now granted so broadly that it has reached the scale of our legal immigration system. In just the first nine months of Fiscal Year (FY) 2023, 876,577 paroles were granted by Secretary Mayorkas. In the first two quarters of 2023, the number of paroles granted (636,601) actually surpassed the number of green cards approved (545,419).

The unlawful expansion of parole becomes even more concerning when considering that parolees do not undergo the screening and vetting processes required for most other foreign nationals looking to obtain visas or visa waivers.

Parole applicants are not mandated to submit for in-person interviews before entering the United States. To obtain permission to travel to the U.S., parolees are only required to submit limited and often unverifiable biographical information and a photo through the CBP One app, and only need a passport if arriving by air.

The Biden/Harris administration's unlawful Cuban, Haitian, Nicaraguan, and Venezuelan (CHNV) mass-parole program admits to flying in over 400,000 illegals who are given parole status which means they are allowed to be in our country and are no longer considered "illegal" therefore, they cannot be deported.

The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) further admits

that none of these individuals have a legal basis to enter the country before being paroled through the program, stating, "All individuals paroled into the United States are, by definition, inadmissible, including those paroled under the CHNV Processes."

"Department of Homeland Security (DHS) data is revealing the more than 45 cities in the U.S. that hundreds of thousands of migrants have flown into via a controversial parole program— with the vast majority entering the U.S. via airports in Florida.

The Biden administration created the CHNV parole program to grant travel authorizations for qualifying inadmissible aliens to fly into the country and be released under a two-year work authorization. In addition, DHS expanded the use of U.S. Customs and Border Protection's CBP One app from its intended commercial use to allow illegal immigrants who participate in the CHNV parole program to schedule appointments through the app. In March 2024, a Haitian national who entered the country through the CHNV program, was arrested for aggravated rape of a 15-year-old girl in Rockland, Massachusetts.

Chairman Mark E. Green, MD (R-TN) said, "These documents expose the egregious lengths Secretary Mayorkas will go to ensure inadmissible aliens reach every corner of the country, from Orlando and Atlanta to Las *Vegas and San Francisco. Secretary* Mayorkas' CHNV parole program is an unlawful sleight of hand used to hide the worsening border crisis from the American people. Implementing a program that allows otherwise inadmissible aliens to fly directly into the U.S.--not for significant public benefit or urgent humanitarian reasons as the Immigration and Nationality Act mandates--has been proven an impeachable offense. Following our subpoena and the House's

impeachment vote—especially in light of the Senate's complete failure to fulfill its duty to hold a trial—the Committee will not rest until this administration is finally held accountable for its openborders agenda and its devastating impact on our homeland security."

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In February 2024, Secretary Mayorkas was impeached for high crimes and misdemeanors, due to his refusal to comply with the laws passed by Congress and his breach of the public trust. Secretary Mayorkas defied the Immigration and Nationality Act (INA), abusing the INA's permissibility for parole, which may be granted only on a case-by-case and temporary basis, for significant public benefit or urgent humanitarian need. The use of the CHNV program to release inadmissible aliens into the interior violates the law's clear direction.

However, the Seante, including Montana's own Sen. Tester, voted to dismiss the impeachment by a 51-48 vote (Alaska Sen. Lisa Murkowski voted present).

According to FAIR, parolees compete with the most vulnerable of Americans for jobs while presenting an additional cost for American taxpayers who already pay a net

### \$150.7 billion annually to shoulder the growing fiscal burden of both 16.8 million illegal aliens and their U.S.-born children.

While the defenders of parole abuse portray their agenda as compassionate and humane, openborders organizations are, in fact, openly supporting the increased importation of a low-wage, low-skill, and low-English-skills population that is vulnerable to exploitation.

This says nothing of the 85,000+ children that have crossed the border and are now lost due to the federal government's failure to vet sponsors who take in unaccompanied minors (UACs).

The report, entitled "Gaps in Sponsor Screening and Follow-up Raise Safety Concerns for Unaccompanied Children," focuses on the operations of the Office of Refugee Resettlement (ORR) – the department within HHS responsible for the custody and welfare of UACs – between March and April of 2021.

According to FAIR, during its audit of ORR, the Inspector General found that the agency does not always conduct the proper background checks for sponsors. Under current guidelines, potential sponsors are subject to background checks that examine criminal records, the sex offender registry and address information.

However, the OIG found that in 16 percent of the cases it examined, ORR could not demonstrate that all of the required checks were conducted. Not conducting these checks can result in missed information that can lead to UACs being placed in vulnerable situations.

In addition, the OIG raised safety concerns regarding cases where sponsors have pending background checks. Incredibly, as the report notes, ORR policy allows the agency to release UACs to sponsors while the results of FBI fingerprint or child abuse and neglect registry checks are still pending. The OIG found that for 19 percent of children released to sponsors with pending background checks, case files were never updated with the results. As the Inspector General explained, this is because ORR policy does not require that the results be added to case files.

However, without those results case managers are unable to determine whether they are sending UACs to individuals with a history of child abuse and neglect – or, if the file is never updated, whether a child has already been sent to such an individual.

During a 10-month period in 2021, a Florida Grand Jury report showed that ORR discouraged staff from closely checking addresses of sponsors before placement, leading to the use of strip clubs, parking lots, and empty fields as addresses. The Grand Jury went on to reveal that reports of trafficking to the HHS hotline have increased by 1,300% over the past five years and that many of those children are then forced into dangerous employment. The New York Times also reported in 2023 that the agency lost contact with 85,000 UACs from 2021 to 2022. Despite repeated calls for accountability from members of Congress, HHS has instead stonewalled at every turn.

The Biden Administration's abuse of parole authority is yet another example of its complete disregard for our immigration laws. Without real policy changes, the American people will continue to reel from the impacts of an open-borders agenda.