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Illegal Alien Crisis Compels ICE Raids

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A meatpacking plant in Omaha, Nebraska, was employing nearly 80 illegal aliens, as uncovered by a much-publicized raid on June 10 by Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE). Americans have since flooded the company with applications for these jobs, according to Breitbart.

Included among these illegal aliens is a man who had a final order of removal issued against him in 2019, yet he remained in our country. Another had been previously deported four times, and a third had three DUI arrests plus an illegal reentry conviction.

Omitted from most stories is that an illegal alien from Honduras carrying a weapon assaulted officers and agents while they were doing their job to enforce the law and protect Americans. Additional crimes by these illegal aliens include fraud and misuse of visas and permits, resisting arrest, illegal reentry, and misuse of Social Security numbers.

Raids have become necessary because state and local authorities, particularly in California but also in other states, are refusing to allow ICE access to arrested criminals for deportation purposes. Earlier this year the California legislature rejected a bill introduced by a Republican to overturn the California sanctuary law, signed by liberal Gov. Jerry Brown (D-CA), which prevents such cooperation.

ICE released a statement about its June 10th raid in Omaha that it "executed a federal search warrant at Glenn Valley Foods based on an ongoing criminal investigation into the large-scale employment of aliens without authorization to work in the United States." Their only punishment will be deportation back to their home countries, and three of them have already agreed to return to Mexico voluntarily.

Omaha is located in a conservative Midwestern state but is represented by the anti-Trump Republican Rep. Don Bacon. Omaha's public school board invites illegal aliens by announcing that it will not inquire or share the illegal status of students who are enrolled in its schools.

The Omaha Public School Board issued this statement in response to the raid: “Omaha Public Schools serves students and families regardless of immigration status. We do not ask about or share a student or family’s immigration status.”

Most illegal aliens do not speak English at home, and thus their children are not learning the official language of the United States or assimilating into our culture. Our public schools should not be allocating scarce educational resources towards non-English-speakers, while American children are not acquiring basic reading and math skills.

President Trump confirmed his deportation program on Sunday night on Truth Social. He observed that “the Brave Men and Women of ICE are subjected to violence, harassment, and even threats from Radical Democrat Politicians,” but Trump vowed that “nothing will stop us from executing our mission, and fulfilling our Mandate to the American People.”

Trump resolved a pitched battle among his advisers as to whether these raids would continue at farms, food processing facilities, and the hospitality industry of hotels and restaurants. Trump’s Agriculture Secretary had briefly persuaded Trump to exempt these employers of illegal aliens, but Stephen Miller and a backlash by MAGA led to the reversal of these exemptions.

Jobs in the hospitality industry will soon become more attractive with the promised elimination of the taxation of tips, about which Trump campaigned and Senate Democrats have already approved. These benefits should flow to hardworking American workers rather than to illegal aliens.

The meatpacking industry, which was the focus of the raid in Omaha, pays more than the minimum wage in most places. But employers can pay illegal aliens less than Americans, which is why some businessmen look the other way as illegal aliens fill jobs in their companies.

Trump vows to “expand efforts to detain and deport Illegal Aliens in America’s largest Cities, such as Los Angeles, Chicago, and New York, where Millions upon Millions of Illegal Aliens reside. These, and other such Cities, are the core of the Democrat Power Center, where they use Illegal Aliens to expand their Voter Base, cheat in Elections, and grow the Welfare State, robbing good paying Jobs and Benefits from Hardworking American Citizens.”

Trump linked this to the transgender travesty by criticizing those who “believe in Open Borders, Transgender for Everybody, and Men playing in Women’s Sports — And that is why I

want ICE, Border Patrol, and our Great and Patriotic Law Enforcement Officers, to FOCUS on our crime ridden and deadly Inner Cities, and those places where Sanctuary Cities play such a big role."

In words that describe Omaha and similar towns, Trump said he has "directed my entire Administration to put every resource possible behind this effort, and reverse the tide of Mass Destruction Migration that has turned once Idyllic Towns into scenes of Third World Dystopia." Rather than calling this deportation, Trump correctly calls this a "REMIGRATION of Aliens to the places from where they came."

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