

Consolidated weekly report

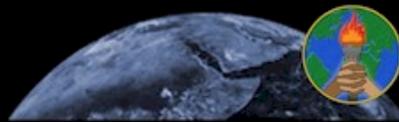
POLICY: Immigration

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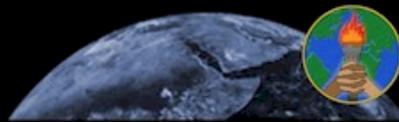
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Change Codes
↓ Deteriorated
• Steady
↑ Improved
↗ Alert

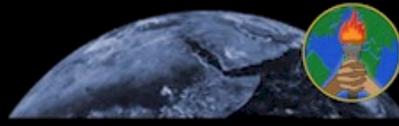
week-ended	See daily list of news items
2007 Jul 01	• Many are happy at the failure of a “ <i>bad bill</i> ”, but most still seek a perfect solution to an imperfect situation -- Mexico opinion makers see hypocrisy in defeat of U.S. immigration bill.
2007 Jun 24	• A checklist of the five most-trodden <i>people smuggling</i> routes -- The List: The World's Top Immigrant Smuggling Routes.
2007 Jun 17	• Inclusion of <i>non-criminal immigration warrants</i> in national <i>police databases</i> is patchy and highly controversial -- Database Is Tool in Deporting Fugitives. <i>"three National Guardsmen have been arrested and are charged with smuggling illegal immigrants over the border from Mexico into the United States"</i> -- National Guardsmen Assigned To Border Charged With Smuggling Immigrants. Ecuador, Chile, Venezuela, Costa Rica, Peru are planning tighter controls of <i>undocumented migrants</i> -- Latin America also faces immigration issues.
2007 Jun 10	• Increasingly it seems few will be happy with <i>proposed new immigration policies</i> , least of all the <i>Latin Americans</i> trapped by US double standards -- President's Push on Immigration Tests G.O.P. Base.
2007 Jun 03	• [nothing significant to summarize but see links to stories in this topical area]
2007 May 27	↑ [nothing significant to summarize but see links to stories in this topical area]
2007 May 20	↑ The Administration and Congress have reached an agreed position on immigration; <i>"The delicate compromise, 380 pages long and three months in the making ... could become the most significant revision of the nation's immigration system in 41 years"</i> -- Deal on Immigration Reached.
2007 May 13	• Texas has passed a law prohibiting landlords from renting to <i>illegal immigrants</i> -- <i>"it says especially to Congress that we're tired of the out-of-control illegal immigration problem. That if Congress doesn't do something about it, cities will."</i>
2007 May 06	• [nothing significant to summarize but see links to stories in this topical area]
2007 Apr 29	• Immigration-related cases are swamping <i>courts</i> in border states -- <i>"each judge in New Mexico handled an average of 397 felony cases last year, compared with the national average of 84."</i> The Senate of Nevada , which has a 23% <i>Hispanic</i> population, has passed an “ English Only ” Bill; it would become the <u>30th state</u> with an official English policy. Human rights groups and observers in both countries are baffled by the plan for the US and Australia to “ <i>swap</i> ” <i>asylum seekers</i> .
2007 Apr 22	• 40% of UK voters now rate immigration as their top concern; <i>“Here are a set of changes which have made Britain richer but have deeply unsettled the country”</i> --



	<i>Immigration has 'deeply unsettled' Britain.</i>
2007 Apr 15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> President Bush is seeking again to “renew” the “<i>immigration debate</i>” but little renewal seems possible in what is more a contradiction and impasse --“<i>how to resolve the status of undocumented immigrants already living in America [around 11 million] is but one of several sticking points for lawmakers on Capitol Hill ...</i>”
2007 Apr 08	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Immigrants [legal and otherwise] marched in <i>Los Angeles</i> against the Bush plan on <i>finés</i> and <i>work permits</i>-- “<i>charging that much, Bush is going to be even more expensive than the coyotes</i>”. Eighty (80) <i>illegal immigrants</i> were found in a home near <i>Phoenix</i> -- this is the second bust in a week of a large group of illegal immigrants along with <i>coyotes</i>. So-called “<i>collateral arrests</i>” have netted many “innocent” illegal immigrants along with <i>fugitives</i> -- <i>Crackdown on Fugitives Nets Many Arrests.</i> Britain can’t find 200,000 <i>asylum-seekers</i> -- “<i>some of the cases date back as far as 15 years, and as many as 200,000 of the 450,000 people in the country are untraceable.</i>”
2007 Apr 01	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Former Speaker Newt Gingrich opens his mind to the world on the topic of <i>multi-lingualism</i> -- “<i>learn the language of prosperity, not the language of living in a ghetto</i>” Gingrich said to cheers from the crowd of more than 100.
2007 Mar 26	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reports continue to highlight the “human toll” of <i>immigration raids</i> but ICE defends itself against charges that it has been brutal or callous.
2007 Mar 19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mexican President Calderón deflects blame for the border / immigration issues to the US -- not enough border <i>checkpoints</i>, unrelenting demand for cheap <i>labor</i> (and expensive <i>drugs</i>). <i>US-Mexico border</i> arrests are down 30% --“the Border Patrol said the National Guard troops added more eyes to the crossing areas and freed up immigration agents.” In Guatemala, President Bush says the immigration issue [impossible to resolve before now] will be resolved by August -- “<i>deportation is a sore issue in Guatemala.</i>”
2007 Mar 12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> [nothing significant to summarize but see links to stories in this topical area]
2007 Mar 05	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> [nothing significant to summarize but see links to stories in this topical area]
2007 Feb 26	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Advocacy groups say the <i>Texas immigration detention facility</i> is inhumane and should be shut down. The new Mexican ambassador says he will lobby hard in the US for “immigration reform” -- “<i>there are few matters so important to the future of this country</i>”.
2007 Feb 19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> In <i>Mexico City</i>, Michael Chertoff says to expect <i>immigration</i> reforms which include an <i>amnesty</i> for <i>undocumented residents</i>.
2007 Feb 12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recent <i>Immigration (ICE)</i> raids have almost turned <i>Cactus, Texas</i> into a ghost town. Around <i>Miami</i> the <i>Immigration</i> raids have `people in a panic’ -- last month, 424 undocumented immigrants were deported from Miami; 131 had criminal convictions. <i>Nashville</i> makes <i>English</i> its <i>official language</i> -- a symbolic, perhaps unfriendly, act.
2007 Feb 05	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> More US Immigration officers are liaising with prisons to identify <i>criminal aliens</i> -- “<i>starting in 2008, ICE plans to assign 220 more employees to jails through its Criminal Alien Program.</i>” US agencies need \$3M to plug effectively <i>tunnels</i> under the <i>Mexican-US border</i> -- critics say the unfilled tunnels pose an unnecessary <i>national security</i> risk Dozens of tunnels have been discovered underneath the border.
2007 Jan 29	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The US has started construction of the <i>US-Mexico Barrier</i> -- in a modest way, with a 37-mile stretch including five miles to the west of the <i>Goldwater Range</i>. US Immigration continued swoops on <i>criminal aliens</i> -- “<i>It is one of the largest crackdowns on criminal aliens ever carried out in the United States.</i>”



2007 Jan 22	• [nothing significant to summarize but see links to stories in this topical area]
2007 Jan 15	• Although DHS Secretary Chertoff four months ago declared an end to the "catch and release", it seems that some <i>illegal immigrants</i> are still being released and re-arrested as much as six times. A US Border Patrol agent shot dead a Mexican migrant during arrest.
2007 Jan 08	• [nothing significant to summarize but see links to stories in this topical area]
2007 Jan 01	• [nothing significant to summarize but see links to stories in this topical area]
2006 Dec 25	• The US is said to be using some of its Afghan experience on the Mexican border -- "a mix of age-old hunting techniques and high-tech spy-in-the-sky <i>surveillance</i> ."
2006 Dec 18	• Federal official have detained many <i>illegal immigrants</i> in <i>workplace</i> raids and have noted that false and stolen identities [<i>identify theft</i>] is an increasing factor; skeptics say the largest-ever workplace crackdown on illegal immigration is just a smokescreen for systematic <i>inaction</i> . Massachusetts has signed a deal with US Immigration allowing State Police troopers to detain <i>illegal immigrants</i> , one day after federal agents arrested nearly 1,300 illegal immigrants in six states.
2006 Dec 11	• [nothing significant to summarize but see links to stories in this topical area]
2006 Dec 04	• US Senator Biden says "Unless the political dynamics change in Mexico and U.S. employers who hire <i>illegal immigrants</i> are punished, illegal immigration won't stop."
2006 Nov 27	↓ "Pear Crop Rots as Field Hands Kept from Crossing Border" -- the other half of the immigration debate - "If the <i>migrants</i> don't show up for the next <i>harvest</i> ... [we'll] ... have to destroy entire orchards that were planted more than a century ago."
2006 Nov 20	• [nothing significant to report]
2006 Nov 13	• [nothing significant to report]
2006 Nov 06	• [nothing significant to report]
2006 Oct 30	• [nothing significant to report]
2006 Oct 23	• [nothing significant to report]
2006 Oct 16	• [nothing significant to report]
2006 Oct 09	• The proposed US border fence was signed into law, but critics said it will just force illegal immigrants to cross somewhere else. In the UK , the leader of what Scotland Yard has called the biggest <i>people smuggling</i> network it has ever encountered was jailed.
2006 Oct 02	• [nothing significant to report]
2006 Sep 25	• <i>Boeing</i> has won a multibillion-dollar high-technology contract to about 6,000 miles of <i>border security</i> .
2006 Sep 18	• [nothing significant to report]
2006 Sep 11	• [nothing significant to report]
2006 Sep 04	• Perhaps a useful exemplar for the US ... in the face of a flood of workers from new EU countries the UK is proposing a skills-based <i>work permit</i> system.
2006 Aug 28	• Immigration officials are moving to end the derided 'catch and release' procedure for non-Mexicans — BorTac teams (Border Patrol "SWAT" teams) may be deployed against hardened intruders taking more remote routes.
2006 Aug 21	• Guard troops on the Mexico border are not armed and depend on the Border Patrol for protection.
2006 Aug 14	• [nothing significant to report]
2006 Aug 07	• Only half of the Guard troops planned were on border duty by the Presidential



	<p>August 1 deadline — 25 new Assistant US Attorneys were appointed in the five federal law enforcement districts on the border to alleviate one of the log-jams in processing illegal immigrants.</p>
2006 Jul 31	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A further 4,500 Hmong refugees in Thailand are demanding immigration to the US in recognition of services rendered during the Indo-China war.
2006 Jul 24	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • [nothing significant to report]
2006 Jul 17	<p>↓ National Guard personnel were still deploying with glacial haste to duties on the Mexico border; there were reports of systematic big-time bribery of US border officials; enforcement officials said that in recent years 30,000 illegal immigrants with criminal records were not deported due to lack of resources.</p>
2006 Jul 10	<p>↓ As Congress Republicans continue their enquiry, New York has warned it would be doomed without (illegal) immigrants.</p>
2006 Jul 03	<p>↓ The subtext of the “immigration debate” – code for Mexico border – is economic and religious, with border control and security coming a distant third.</p>

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