

LACYR - Illegal Immigration

Legal immigration, with full assimilation, is good for American society. But illegal immigration is not. A recent [study](#) conducted by the Federation for American Immigration Reform (FAIR) found that illegal immigrants cost American taxpayers \$151 billion a year, a 30% increase from 2017. In California, that number is \$31 billion—the highest cost out of any state in the country. The cost of illegal immigration is particularly burdensome in schools and in healthcare.

Illegal immigration has also contributed to the crime and fentanyl waves experienced in various parts of the country. Most states—including California—do not keep track of how many crimes are committed by illegal immigrants. Texas is an exception, as in 2014 and 2015, the number of illegals arrested for murder crimes were 56% higher than the rest of the state population and in 2015 it was 35% higher, according to [City Journal](#). From 2012-17, illegals consisted of 10% of all apprehended murderers in Texas despite making up only 7.3% of the state's population. There are also reports of how lax border enforcement has made it easier for members of gangs like MS-13 to enter the country illegally—and [we know how much of a problem gang violence is in Los Angeles](#).

As for fentanyl, [the source of the problem](#) is from Mexican drug cartels smuggling it through the border and circumventing the Biden's administration lax border enforcement policies—and more Americans are dying from fentanyl overdoses.

To solve the problem, President Trump's border wall must be completed. The Biden administration [froze construction](#) shortly after he took office; the next Republican president must ensure that the wall is fully established. But a wall can only do so much if enforcement inside our border isn't enforced. Blaze Media's Daniel Horowitz has outlined some solutions, such as [barring catch-and-release](#), ceasing all federal benefits to illegals, and [holding sanctuary cities responsible for violent crimes committed by illegals under their jurisdiction](#). Common-sense solutions such as these will go a long way toward fixing this important issue in our country.