“Immigration: Perception versus Reality”

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The Public Perception
June 2013 Survey

“Just your best guess—compared with ten years ago, do you think the number of immigrants entering the U.S. illegally today is higher, lower, or about the same?”

55% ----------- Higher
15% ----------- Lower
27% ----------- About the same
3% ----------- Unsure or refused to answer

Pew Research Center/USA Today survey, “‘Borders First’ a Dividing Line in Immigration Debate.”
Southwest Border
USBP Apprehensions FY2000 – FY2014

FY2000: 1,643,679
FY2001: 1,235,718
FY2002: 929,809
FY2003: 905,065
FY2004: 1,139,282
FY2005: 1,171,396
FY2006: 1,071,972
FY2007: 858,638
FY2008: 705,005
FY2009: 540,865
FY2010: 447,731
FY2011: 414,397
FY2012: 479,371
FY2013: 356,873
FY2014: 327,577
Growth in Unauthorized Immigration Has Leveled Off

In millions

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Fixing Our Immigration System

- Immigrant accountability
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Today’s Border Patrol

$3.5 billion budget/ 22,000 personnel/ 20,499 agents
Border Patrol Agents on the Southern Border

FY2000 - 8,619 agents
FY2015 - 17,796 agents
Total Fence on the Southern Border

FY2000 — 77 miles

Today — 700 miles

Primary Fence  Secondary Fence  Tertiary Fence
Underground Sensors

FY2000 – n/a

FY2015 – 11,863
Aircraft

FY2000 – 56 aircraft
FY2015 – 119 aircraft
Unmanned Aerial Systems

FY2000 – 0 systems
FY2015 – 6 systems
Mobile Surveillance System

FY2000 – 1 system
FY2015 – 39 systems
Mobile Video Surveillance System

FY2000 – n/a

FY2015 – 179 systems
Remote Video Surveillance Systems

FY2000 – 140 systems
FY2015 – 272 systems
The Response

- More security and law enforcement resources into South Texas
- More processing centers
- More Border Patrol agents into RGV
- Reduced time to repatriate adults
- More prosecutions of criminal smuggling organizations
- Public messaging campaign
- Engagement of Mexican and Central American leaders
- Established in-country refugee processing centers
- More detention space
CBP Rio Grande Valley (RGV) Sector Unaccompanied Children Apprehensions 2014
United States Border Patrol
Southwest Border Apprehensions
Total (FY12 - 15)

FY15 TD: 213,142 (-34.1%)
FY14 TD: 323,588 (T: 479,371)
FY13 TD: 281,132 (T: 414,397)
FY12 TD: 246,068 (T: 356,873)

*Fiscal year 2015 apprehensions are 34.1% lower than fiscal year 2014.
The Future

- Implementing a Risk Based Strategy
- Better Technology
- More Equipment
- Enhanced Detection Capability
- More Resources
- More Aid to Central America
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The Southern Border Campaign Plan

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Conclusion