

Addenda #65 – October 2024

Re: Ch. 17, S.D.G. Enforcement by Global Organizations

Re: Addenda #46 – May 2024

SDG 10.7 – U.N. Migration Policies

SDG 17 – Strengthen the means of implementation and revitalize the global partnership for sustainable development

Definitions –

Alien: Terminology in Title 8 of U.S. Code to describe a person who is not a citizen or national of the United States.

Asylum: Form of protection provided to noncitizens physically present in the United States who meet the definition of refugee under Immigration and Nationality (INA) section 101(a)(42) and are not otherwise barred from applying for or receiving asylum.

Immigrant: Any person lawfully in the United States who is not a U.S. citizen, U.S. national, or person admitted under a nonimmigrant category as defined by the Immigration and Nationality Act

Migrant: A person who leaves his/her country of origin to seek temporary or permanent residence in another country. (ie. seasonal farm workers)

Noncitizen: Person not a citizen or national of the United States.

Refugee: Status granted to an individual, prior to departure for and arrival in the United States, who has been determined by competent authority to be fleeing persecution or have a well-founded fear of persecution in their own country because of race, religion, nationality, membership in a particular social group or political opinion.

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Note: In April 2021, the Biden administration ordered U.S. immigration enforcement agencies to change how they talk about immigrants. The terms "illegal alien" and "assimilation" are out — replaced by "undocumented noncitizen" and "integration."

Temporary Protected Status (TPS): Temporary Protected Status (TPS) allows certain eligible nationals of a foreign state to apply for temporary refuge in the United States after a finding that conditions in that country pose a danger to personal safety due to ongoing armed conflict or an environmental disaster.

In preparing this Addenda, I discovered that some of the terms I have been using for the last few years are incorrect when referring to immigrants and migrants. It was a good learning experience...

More than 13,000 immigrants convicted of homicide are living outside immigration detention in the U.S., ICE says

Two law enforcement officials said many of those migrants crossed into the U.S. under previous administrations, and that the total includes people serving U.S. prison sentences.

NBC News, September 28, 2024

More than 13,000 immigrants convicted of homicide — either in the United States or abroad — are living outside of Immigration and Customs Enforcement detention, according to data ICE provided to Congress earlier this week.

The immigrants are part of ICE’s “non-detained” docket, meaning the agency has some information on the immigrants and they have pending immigration cases in the U.S., but they are not currently in detention either because they are not prioritized for detention, they are serving time in a jail or prison for their crimes, or because ICE cannot find them, three law enforcement officials said.

Two of the officials said it is not known how many are incarcerated because ICE is not always privy to that data from state and local law enforcement agencies.

Conservative media and Congressional Republicans quickly point to the Biden-Harris administrations “open border” policies. Liberal media, Congressional Democrats and the Biden-Harris administration point out that “the data sent to Gonzales is being misinterpreted, and goes back four decades, long before the Biden administration.” As if this line of reasoning absolves presidential candidate Kamala Harris of any blame for the startling statistics. As of July 21, 2024:

- There are currently more than 7.5 million total illegal immigrants on ICE’s “non-detained” docket, meaning they have pending immigration cases but are not currently in detention. Most of them are free and living among us in the U.S.
- Of these 7.5 million, 662,566 illegal immigrants with criminal histories on the agency’s non-detained docket (NDD), meaning they are not detained while they await immigration proceedings. Most of them are free and living among us in the U.S.
- 435,719 illegal immigrants with criminal convictions have been released by the agency to cities around the United States.
- 226,847 of those with previous criminal convictions have additional pending criminal charges.
- 15,272 illegal immigrants with current or pending convictions on murder charges, 14,944 of which are free and living among us in the U.S.
- 37,339 illegal immigrants with current or pending convictions on sexual assault or sex offenses, 36,143 of which are free and living among us in the U.S.
- 72,059 illegal immigrants with current or pending convictions of dangerous drugs, 70,379 of which are free and living among us in the U.S.
- 108,992 illegal migrants with current or pending convictions on assault, 105,146 of which are free and living among us in the U.S.

The letter was sent to U.S. Rep. Tony Gonzales (R-TX) by the head of Immigration and Customs Enforcement, Deputy Director Patrick Lechleitner on September 25, 2024. Gonzales, a member of the GOP-led House Homeland Security Committee, had requested information from President Biden and Homeland Security Director Mayorkas on March 13 about illegal migrants in the U.S. with criminal backgrounds.

Why the six month delay in responding? Was the data deliberately being delayed with the election coming up in November? Was the data being “altered” or “sanitized”?

We are especially concerned by the willful failure of sanctuary cities to hold criminal noncitizens in custody after federal law enforcement has issued detainers for their arrest. This refusal has on various occasions led to the release of violent offenders into American communities, posing a direct threat to public safety. We are asking you to take aggressive action to end the abuse of our nation’s border laws and discourage sanctuary cities from providing safe harbor to violent criminals who have entered our country illegally.

House Homeland Security Committee Chairman Mark Green (R-TN) stated; “DHS law enforcement has been directed to mass-release illegal aliens whom they know have criminal convictions or are facing charges for serious crimes—and these dangerous, destructive individuals are making their way into every city and state in this country. How many more Americans need to die or be victimized before this administration is forced to abide by the laws they swore to uphold?”

ICE Director Lechleitner blames some of the releases on law enforcement in “sanctuary cities” not cooperating with ICE. “Some jurisdictions have reduced their cooperation with ICE, to include refusal to honor ICE detainer requests, even for noncitizens who have been convicted of serious felonies and pose an ongoing threat to public safety. In one eight-month period documented by ICE in 2014-15, of about 8,000 criminal aliens released by sanctuary jurisdictions, about 1,800 offenders were arrested again within the eight-month period for 7,500 new crimes.

Sources:

<https://homeland.house.gov/wp-content/uploads/2024/09/24-01143-ICEs-Signed-Response-to-Representative-Tony-Gonzales.pdf>

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<https://www.borderreport.com/immigration/border-crime/ice-released-over-435000-migrants-with-criminal-convictions-data-shows/>

Is this issue politically motivated? Absolutely!

Is the information accurate and true? Absolutely!

Are a certain percentage of illegal migrants already in the U.S. *and* currently entering the U.S. a threat to American citizens? Absolutely!

The following are just a small sample of articles you can find online about this threat...

1. In April 2023, Francisco Oropesa, a Mexican national, shot and killed four adults and a 9-year-old boy in Cleveland Texas. Oropesa had entered the US illegally and been deported by immigration officials at least four times since 2009.
2. In August 2023, Haitian illegal immigrant Hermanio Joseph crossed the centerline on the two-lane road and struck a westbound school bus, injuring 26 school children and killing 11-year-old Aiden Clark on the first day of school in Lawrenceville Ohio. Note: Lawrenceville Ohio is just 7 miles northwest from Springfield, a city that has been the center of much controversy about a massive influx of Haitian noncitizens recently.
3. In October 2023, Kevin Castro-Garcia was charged in the murder of 37-year-old Elmer Nahum Miranda-Martinez whose body police said they found in the trunk of a car that had been set on fire in a “wooded area” in Nashville. Castro-Garcia had been deported twice in the past, flown by ICE back to Honduras. Castro-Garcia is a member of Sur 13, a transnational criminal gang organization,
4. In December 2023, Jose Guadalupe Menjivar-Alas, who was previously deported four times between 2009 and 2015, struck and killed Melissa Powell and her 16-year-old son, Riordan Powell. Menjivar-Alas was drunk and speeding at 100 mph in Denver when the accident happened. After each removal, Menjivar-Alas illegally reentered the country but was not apprehended by Border Patrol agents. He was arrested in Boulder County for alcohol-related driving offenses in 2007, 2016, and 2019. Four days before the accident in which the Powells were killed, Menjivar pled guilty to the three cases. The prosecutor argued that Menjivar should be sentenced immediately to serve one year in jail because he could be a danger to the community. Instead, a judge sentenced Menjivar to 365 days of work release and two years’ probation.
5. In February 2024, Jose Antonio Ibarra murdered Augusta University nursing student Laken Riley, who was on her regular morning jog around the campus. Ibarra struck Riley in the head with a rock several times, then strangled her in an attempted rape gone wrong. Ibarra illegally crossed into the U.S. from Venezuela in 2022 and was released by Customs and Border Patrol due to lack of detention space. ICE also said that Ibarra had been arrested by the New York Police Department in September, 2023 and was “charged with acting in a manner to injure a child less than 17 and a motor vehicle license violation”. New York officials then released him “before a detainer could be issued,” ICE said.
6. In February 2024, Nilson Trejo-Granados was arrested in Langley Park, Maryland for the shooting death of 2-year-old Jeremy Pooou Caceres. Police charged Nilson Trejo-Granados with first- and second-degree murder for shooting the Caceres, while his mother had taken him on a walk. Police said that the gunfire was intended for Jeremy and his mom. Trejo-Granados was previously charged in Maryland with theft, at which point U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement attempted to have local police hold him in custody until they could transfer him to federal custody. County corrections officials refused, setting Trejo-Granados free. He was arrested for theft again in Maryland in September and again ICE’s request was denied. Trejo-Granados is an illegal immigrant from Salvador.

7. On February 8, 2024, Ecuadorian native Raad Almansoori murdered Denisse Oleas-Arancibia inside the SoHo 54 Hotel in New York City. This death was caused by blunt force trauma to the head," said NYPD Chief of Detectives Joseph Kenny. "A broken iron was recovered at the scene, and recovered bits of plastic were found embedded in her skull."
On February 17, Almansoori committed a knifepoint carjacking in Glendale Arizona, stabbing his female victim.
On February 18, Almansoori attempted to rape a woman in the bathroom of a Surprise, Arizona McDonalds. When the woman screamed for help, Almansoori stabbed her. Almansoori was arrested shortly after the attack and held without bond. Authorities said Almansoori had previous arrests in Florida and Texas for kidnapping and sexual assault. Maricopa County D.A. Rachel Mitchel refused extradition to New York City.
8. In April 2024, Brandon Ortiz-Vite shot and killed 25-year-old Ruby Garcia, who he was in a romantic relationship with, in Michigan. Ortiz-Vite, who entered into the U.S. illegally from Mexico, has had several run-ins with police since 2017, including drunk driving and illegal entry into a residence. He was arrested in 2020 and was ordered by a judge to be removed from the United States, according to an ICE spokesperson. At an unknown date and location, Ortiz-Vite entered back into the United States without inspection by an immigration official, the spokesperson said.
9. In June 2024, Jocelyn Nungaray was murdered by two illegal Venezuelan migrants in Houston. The two men lured Nungaray under a bridge, stripped her naked to the waist then sexually assaulted the 12-year-old girl for two hours, before they strangled her and dumped her body in a drainage ditch.
Johan Jose Martinez-Rangel and Franklin Jose Peña Ramos recently entered the U.S. illegally. Ramos was caught by CBP and released into the U.S. in May with an ankle monitoring device, which he cut off after Nungaray's body was found. Martinez-Rangel was released into the U.S. pending an immigration hearing date.
10. In June 2024, Bernardo Raul Castro-Mata opened fire on two officers after they tried to stop him for riding a scooter in the wrong direction in Queens. The officers were treated and released from a hospital later the same day. Castro-Mata entered the US illegally from Venezuela last July, a spokesperson for ICE Enforcement and Removal Operations in New York confirmed to CNN. He was released and ordered to report to immigration court where an immigration judge dismissed removal proceedings against Castro-Mata on May 6.
11. In July 2024, Oved Bernardo Mendoza Argueta shot and killed two employees Patricia Portillo and Brayan Alexis Godoy at a Chick-fil-A in Irving Texas where his wife worked. Police called the shooting a "targeted shooting". Argueta crossed into the U.S. illegally from El Salvador at some point in the past year.
12. In August 2024, Julio Cesar Pimentel-Soriano fatally stabbed Fraime Ubaldo, 30, Marangely Moreno-Santiago, 26, Evangeline Ubaldo-Moreno, 4, and Sebastian Ubaldo-Moreno, 2, inside their Irondequoit home. Pimentel-Soriano illegally entered Puerto Rico, where he obtained a fraudulent New York identification.

The progressive media has put a lot of effort into “debunking” the claims that the U.S. is experiencing a surge in crime caused by immigrants.

Immigrants are less likely to commit crimes than U.S.-born Americans, studies find
npr, March 8, 2024

Immigrants are significantly less likely to commit crimes than the U.S.-born
Northwestern University / Northwestern NOW, March 12, 2024

Debunking the Myth of the ‘Migrant Crime Wave’
Brennan Center for Justice, May 29, 2024

Undocumented Immigrant Offending Rate Lower Than U.S.-Born Citizen Rate
National Institute of Justice, September 12, 2024

While these headlines may be ‘factually correct’ they are of no comfort to the loved ones and families of the 15,272 murder victims noted in ICE Director Patrick Lechleitner’s letter.

While a majority of the 662,566 illegal migrants noted in the letter from ICE entered the U.S. during other administrations, ALL of the above cases happened under the Biden-Harris administrations open border policies. Just hours after his inauguration, President Biden signed executive orders reversing all of President Trumps border measures: an immediate stop to border wall construction, repealing the travel ban from Middle Eastern countries with ties to terrorism and ordering all deportations be paused. President Biden also ordered an end to the “remain in Mexico” policy President Trump had brokered with the Mexican government in 2018. The *Migrant Protection Protocols* policy required migrants seeking asylum to remain in Mexico until their US immigration court date.

According to the U.S. Customs and Border Patrol website, since January 2021, border agents recorded 10.457 million “encounters” with migrants attempting to cross into the U.S. illegally. These are just the *known* encounters. The true number of immigrants attempting to cross into the U.S. can only be guessed at.

What *is* known, is that in the first four months of Fiscal Year 2021, before Joe Biden took office, monthly encounters averaged less than 92,000. In February 2021, nationwide encounters spiked to more than 115,500 and continued to increase to a high of 341,392 in September 2023. Eighty percent of these encounters occurred at the southwest border.

A little more about the sanctuary policies that ICE Director Lechleitner noted in his letter to Congress...

The Center for Immigration Studies has identified nearly 300 states and localities with sanctuary policies that obstruct immigration enforcement and shield criminals from ICE. These policies include refusing ICE detainers, imposing unreasonable conditions on detainer acceptance, denying ICE access to interview incarcerated aliens, or prohibiting local officials from communicating with federal immigration officers. Some of these policies violate federal law, which prohibit state or local governments from restricting communication with federal immigration authorities about a person’s immigration status.

According to data obtained under a Freedom of Information request, the Center found that state and local sanctuary policies have caused the release of more than 8,000 criminal alien offenders sought by ICE for deportation in 276 jurisdictions around the country, over an eight-month period in 2015. Sixty-three percent of the individuals freed by local authorities had prior criminal histories or were labeled a public safety concern at the time of their release. Nearly 1,900 of the released offenders subsequently were arrested for another crime within that eight-month period. ICE arrested approximately 750 of the recidivists, but more than 1,000 (60 percent) remained at large and living among us.

There are (currently) eleven states that have enacted sanctuary legislation: California, Colorado, Connecticut, Illinois, Massachusetts, New Jersey, New York, Oregon, Rhode Island, Vermont, Washington and the District of Columbia. Many cities also have their own even more restrictive sanctuary policies.

In November 2014, New York City Mayor Bill de Blasio signed into law Introductions 486-A and 487-A, “dramatically limiting cooperation with federal immigration enforcement practices, except in instances where there are public safety concerns. The two bills also ended the presence of ICE at Rikers Island and all City facilities. The bills also ended all cooperation with federal ‘detainer requests’ for all residents, except those convicted of “violent or serious felonies”.

Given the number of cities and states that have sanctuary policy restrictions and Progressive judges, it is logical to assume a large percentage of those 662,566 illegal immigrants on ICEs non-detained docket are free and living among us.

Ok, maybe those articles debunking an “immigrant crime wave” are at least partially true. Maybe the data from ICE Deputy Director Patrick Lechleitner is being “misinterpreted”. Let’s look at actual data from the U.S. Customs and Border Protection website and see the results of the Biden-Harris administrations Open Border policies.

First, how many noncitizens actually make their way to the U.S. border?

How many of those are found to be “inadmissible” to enter the U.S., taken back to where they crossed and expelled? How many remain in the U.S.?

Note: The CBP defines encounters as, *Migrants who are either apprehended and expelled from the country or were apprehended but allowed to go through routine removal proceedings, which include seeking asylum while in the U.S.*

From February 2017 through January 2021 CBP reported a total of 2.437 million encounters at all U.S. borders. The Trump administration actively cracked down on illegal immigration and took steps to securing the border from illegal crossings. The Trump administration had undertaken more than 400 executive actions on immigration, according to the Migration Policy Institute. Those include tougher border and interior enforcement, restricting asylum, rolling back Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA), slashing refugee visas, streamlining immigration courts and creating Remain in Mexico.

Candidate Biden, however, made his position known during his 2019 campaign when he stated: “We could afford to take in a heartbeat another two million,” Then, in September 2020, Biden pledged to roll back all of the Trump administrations immigration and border policies.

The Biden immigration policy had immediate effects.



Caravan from Honduras heading to the U.S., 2020



Migrant Caravan heading to the U.S., 2019



Caravan from Honduras heading to the U.S., Jan. 2021



WHO provided all these t-shirts and signs?
Migrant Caravan at Baja California, Mar. 2021

Monthly encounters at all U.S. points of entry that averaged 50,789 through the Trump presidency, suddenly began to increase substantially. In the last four months before Biden took office, encounters averaged over 74,000 per month. In January 2021, that number jumped to 101,099 and continued increasing to a high of 269,735 in September 2023.

From February 2021 through September 2024, CBP reported a total of 10.457 million encounters at all U.S. borders, an increase of almost six million in just 44 months and a monthly average of 237,675 encounters at all U.S. borders. More than 7.1 million of the 10.457 million encounters were single adults, mostly males.

Total Encounters	FY2017	FY2018	FY2019	FY2020	FY2021	FY2022	FY2023	FY2024	TOTAL
Southwestern Border	415,517	521,090	977,509	458,088	1,734,686	2,378,944	2,475,669	2,135,005	11,096,508
All other points of entry	111,384	162,088	170,515	188,734	221,833	387,638	725,475	766,137	2,733,804
Nationwide	526,901	683,178	1,148,024	646,822	1,956,519	2,766,582	3,201,144	2,901,142	13,830,312
https://www.cbp.gov/newsroom/stats/cbp-enforcement-statistics									
Title 42 Expulsions (Ended, May 2023)				206,783	1,071,075	1,103,961	579,084	0	2,960,903
1 Title 8 refusals & Credible Fear inadmissibles; OFO & CBP				283,680	690,784	1,384,518	2,085,627	1,173,075	5,617,684
2 ICE Removals; illegals & criminals	226,119	256,085	267,258	185,884	59,011	72,177	142,580	65,983	1,275,097
3 Removals; Family Units & UACs	5,924	8,282	12,053	18,505	3,811	7,314	18,158		74,047
Total Expulsions / Returns	232,043	264,367	279,311	694,852	1,824,681	2,567,970	2,825,449	1,239,058	8,578,587
https://www.cbp.gov/newsroom/stats/cbp-enforcement-statistics/title-8-and-title-42-statistics-fy2020-fy2023									
U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement Fiscal Year Enforcement and Removal Operations Reports									
							1. data through September, 2024		
							2. data through February 2024		

Expulsions and refusals of inadmissible immigrants ramped up during the Trump administration and continued during the first 2-1/2 years under President Biden, until he ended Title 8 refusals and Title 42 expulsions.
The border was now “open for business.”

“The message is quite clear. Do not come the border is closed, the border is secure.”

Homeland Security Secretary Alejandro Mayorkas on abc News "This Week", March 21, 2021

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zu4CleyntV4> FY2021 - 1.9 million encounters, 131,838 released into US

On August 1, 2023 Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Secretary Alejandro Mayorkas claimed the U.S. border is “not open” during a July 26 House Judiciary Committee hearing. That was a lie.

FY2023 - 3.201 million encounters, 375,695 released into US

https://x.com/Julio_Rosas11/status/1684209113201270785

“Mr. President, on the border: Have you done everything you can do with executive authority?” a reporter asked President Biden on Tuesday as he walked out to Marine One on the South Lawn of the White House.

“I’ve done all I can do. Just give me the power. Give me the Border Patrol. Give me the people, the judges. Give me the people who can stop this and make it work right,”

Former Border Patrol Chief Rodney Scott said Biden’s statement is not true.

“Look at the evidence: Every administration prior to Biden took steps to deter illegal entries and improve border security. Biden destroyed that progress with the stroke of a pen. He can fix it with a stroke of a pen. Just turn the effective programs back on,”

The Daily Signal, February 1, 2024

Arrests of Individuals with Criminal Convictions or those Wanted by Law Enforcement

Law Enforcement	FY17	FY18	FY19	FY20	FY21	FY22	FY23	FY24	Total
Criminal Noncitizens Encountered	19,127	18,321	16,974	9,447	17,330	29,021	35,433	36,290	181,943
Criminal noncitizens with Outstanding Wants or Warrants	2,675	1,550	4,153	2,054	1,904	949	988	954	15,227
CBC criminal noncitizen arrests	8,531	6,698	4,269	2,438	10,763	12,028	15,267	17,048	77,042

Source: U.S. Customs and Border Protection - CBP Enforcement Statistics

Total Criminal Convictions by Type

Conviction Type	FY17	FY18	FY19	FY20	FY21	FY22	FY23	FY24	Total
Assault, Battery, Domestic Violence	692	524	299	208	1,178	1,142	1,254	1,084	6,381
Burglary, Larceny, Theft, Fraud	595	347	184	143	825	896	864	697	4,551
Driving Under the Influence	1,596	1,113	614	364	1,629	1,614	2,493	2,844	12,267
Homicide, Manslaughter	3	3	2	3	60	62	29	29	191
Illegal Drug Possession, Trafficking	1,249	871	449	386	2,138	2,239	2,055	1,566	10,953
Illegal Entry, Re-Entry	4,502	3,920	2,663	1,261	6,160	6,797	8,790	10,935	45,028
Illegal Weapons Possession, Transport, Trafficking	173	106	66	49	336	309	307	232	1,578
Sexual Offenses	137	80	58	156	488	365	284	221	1,789
Other	1,851	1,364	814	580	2,691	2,891	3,286	3,276	16,753
Totals	10,798	8,328	5,149	3,150	15,505	16,315	19,362	20,884	99,491

Source: U.S. Customs and Border Protection - Criminal Noncitizen Statistics

There is a marked difference in the numbers of arrests of noncitizens with criminal convictions from FY2017 through FY2020, to FY2021 through FY2024. What changed? The President and the policies!

Note: Information from a recent “open records request” shows that on in every ten inmates in the Harris County jail in Texas, has an ICE “hold” or detainer request. Out of those 1,170 inmates, 43% have ICE holds from violent crimes, including 75 murder cases, including the two illegal migrants from Venezuela charged with capital murder of Jocelyn Nungaray. Another 174 holds are linked to sexual assault cases, more than half involving children under 14.

Nationwide Apprehensions by Gang Affiliation

Gang Affiliation	FY17	FY18	FY19	FY20	FY21	FY22	FY23	FY24	Total
MS-13	228	413	464	72	113	312	178	72	1,852
Paisas	53	62	90	93	79	146	133	148	804
Surenos (sur-13)	66	66	70	66	46	54	57	56	481
all others	189	267	352	132	110	239	271	247	1,807
Totals	536	808	976	363	348	751	639	523	4,944

Source: U.S. Customs and Border Protection - CBP Enforcement Statistics

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Tren de Aragua is Venezuela’s largest criminal organization. It is estimated that there are more than 1,000 TdA members in the U.S. and they already have the ability to operate trafficking rings in this country the same way it has done in South American countries. What some Venezuelan immigrants in Florida and other states have told the authorities is that they are already beginning to see in their communities the same type of criminal activity they fled from in Venezuela.

A recent memo from the Homeland Security Investigations office in Chicago said: “Credible human sources from Colorado provided information on TdA [Tren de Aragua] giving a ‘green light’ to fire on or attack law enforcement,”

MS-13, whose motto is “kill, rape, control”, is comprised of illegal immigrants from El Salvador. They have an estimated 8 - 10,000 members here in the U.S., with cliques in at least 42 states plus the District of Columbia.

From 2016 to 2020, about 500 MS-13 members have been convicted of crimes, with 37 serving life sentences. MS-13 has been linked to more than 60 deaths in New York City and Long Island over the past decade.

Terrorist Screening Data Set Encounters

Data Set Encounters	FY17	FY18	FY19	FY20	FY21	FY22	FY23	FY24	Total
Office of Field Operations TSDS Encounters at Land Border Ports of Entry of All Nationalities*									
Southwest Border	116	155	280	72	103	67	80	52	925
Northern Border	217	196	258	124	54	313	484	358	2,004
Total	333	351	538	196	157	380	564	410	2,929
U.S. Border Patrol TSDS Encounters Between Ports of Entry of Non-U.S. Citizens									
Southwest Border	2	6	0	3	15	98	169	103	396
Northern Border	0	0	3	0	1	0	3	3	10
Total	2	6	3	3	16	98	172	106	406
Combined, All Borders	335	357	541	199	173	478	736	516	3,335

Source: U.S. Customs and Border Protection - CBP Enforcement Statistics

It’s not only everyday criminals and gang members slipping into the U.S. The CBP website data also shows that field agents have encountered almost 3,700 individuals on the Terrorist watch list over the last eight years. And that’s just how many we know of, for sure.

The statistic that we also do not have is, how many other noncitizens have been released into the U.S. because border agents did not have corroborating information that could confirm an encounter as being on the list.

In January, a journalist was interviewing illegal immigrants at the southern border in Arizona. He approached a group of individuals that had just crossed illegally into the U.S. and asked one of the men what country they came from. The man’s response: *If you are smart enough, you will know who I am. But you really aren’t smart enough to know who I am. But soon, you’re gonna know who I am. Very soon.*

https://x.com/IRT_Media/status/1748867959546872271

In Addenda #46 – May 2024, I outlined the plan behind the United Nations Global Compact for Migration. This compact goes back to 2016, when Global Elites of the UN General Assembly began discussing the issue of migration and refugees. Ongoing conflicts in the Middle East created an outflow of migrants and refugees from Syria, Afghanistan, Iraq and other countries, crossing into European countries. In 2015 alone, more than 1.3 million crossed into Europe seeking asylum. Data from the UN's refugee agency (UNHCR) shows that between 2015 and 2023, 2.5 million refugees and migrants arrived in European countries.

in the Middle East that They embraced refugees coming into their countries. German Prime Minister Angela Merkel said, "We can do this!" and took selfies with newly arrived immigrants.

Between 2015 and 2016, more than 1 million refugees applied for asylum in Germany. But that mood shifted, and German citizens began rejecting the mass inflow of foreigners, who didn't speak their language, didn't assimilate into the culture and couldn't get or hold jobs.

Various studies have shown migrants are still much less likely to have a job than the average German and only around half the people who have come to Germany since 2013 have paid employment. The studies also show immigrants are disproportionately involved in violent crime including murder, manslaughter, assault and rape. But this is partly because many of the immigrants are young men who tend to be more frequently guilty of such offenses. (Remember that more than 7.1 million of the 10.457 million encounters at the U.S. borders in the past 43-months were single adults, mostly males!)

In the beginning,

Today, 40% of the German public do not believe their country can cope with the large numbers of refugees. And these attitudes are not limited to Germany.

The data coming out of European countries now shows the unintended effects from unrestricted immigration. The unemployment rate among persons aged 20–64 years living in the EU in 2023 was 5.4 % for nationals, 6.9 % for citizens of other EU countries and approximately twice as high for non-EU citizens (immigrants) (12.2 %).

The youth unemployment rate among persons aged 15–29 years living in the EU in 2023 was 10.9 % for nationals, 10.0 % for citizens of other EU countries and 15.1 % for non-EU citizens (immigrants).

While the data on crimes committed by immigrants is not reliable due to politicians covering up the reality of the situation, an analysis of EU and United Nations crime data by investigative media group *RealClearInvestigations* shows that the crime wave throughout the EU is strongly correlated with immigration. Their 2022 study showed that over the 10 years from 2012 to 2021, about 41 million people immigrated to the European Union, and of those about 3.8 million are estimated to have done so illegally.

As homicides have risen during the last decade across the European Union, from Hungary and Germany to Denmark and Finland, an analysis of EU and United Nations crime data shows that, as in Sweden, the broader crime wave is strongly correlated with immigration.

“These results are consistent with other studies in various European countries showing that immigrants – as a group – commit crime at higher rates than the native-born population,” said Tino Sanandaji of the Institute for Economic and Business History Research in Sweden.

Criminal justice experts say that the precision offered by European data may provide guideposts to the United States as it grapples with a host of pathologies ranging from rising violent crime and mass shootings to social disruptions.

In other words, as the U.S. has lagged behind the EU in the implementation of and the effects from renewable Green Energy, we will also lag behind the EU by a few years with the effects from unchecked massive immigration.

Fed's Powell says immigration surge boosted unemployment rate

“... if you're having millions of people come into the labor force, and you're creating 100,000 jobs, you're going to see unemployment go up. So it really depends on what's the trend underlying the volatility of people coming into the country.”

Fox Business, September 19, 2024

Powell was referring to the September 2024 Department of Labor Employment Situation report, which showed a continuation of slower hiring as the economy is “cooling”.

The Employment report showed that the labor force, the number of people available to work, *increased* by 709,000 workers over the past year. But the number of workers actually employed has *decreased* by 66,000.

The resulting 775,000 increase in unemployed workers from last August shows there are too many available workers for the number of jobs in the market. This situation will worsen when the country eventually goes into a recessionary period.

The Employment Situation also breaks down data by race, sex, age groups and other select categories. The number of unemployed White workers increased by 503,000 from a year ago, an increase of 11.4%. Black unemployment increased by 189,000, an increase of 16.3%. Asian unemployment increased by 124,000, an increase of 34.2%. Unemployment for Hispanic or Latino workers increased by 264,000, an increase of 16.9% from a year ago.

All of this data is provided by the Federal government; it is factual. So what I state next is not “misinformation” or xenophobia.

When refusals, expulsions and deportations are factored into the number of noncitizen border encounters, an estimated 1.3 million adult Hispanics or Latinos have been released into the U.S. over the past four years. Immigrants made up 17.4% of the total labor force in 2019. As of June 2024, that number had risen to 19.4%, an increase of 2% or 3.218 million workers in just under five years.

There are today, more workers than jobs available, and American born or naturalized workers cannot find employment due to the increased numbers of immigrant workers. This proves what Powell was saying.

The annual population growth in the U.S. declined steadily between 1992 (1.44%) and 2021 (0.31%). Suddenly the trend reversed itself. In 2022 the population grew 0.38%, in 2023 it grew 0.50%, and year-to-date in 2024, it has grown 0.53%.

At the same time, the birth rate in the U.S. also steadily declined from 15.49 per 1,000 people in 1992 to 12.00 in 2021, and since 2021, the birth rate in the U.S. has remained statistically the same.

So, the question that must be asked is, if the increase in birth rate is statistically flat, what can explain the 71% increase in annual population growth over the same period?

Increased immigration.

The number of illegal immigrants in the United States at the end of 2019 has been estimated at 11.047 million. After accounting for Title 8 U.S. Customs refusals, ICE removals and Title 42 expulsions, an additional 1.819 million non-citizen immigrants have been released into the United States, either on temporary protection status, asylum claims or releases pending immigration hearings in the past five years. They are not legal citizens. They have not gone through naturalization process, learning the laws, customs and responsibilities of living in the U.S. They are living among us, still identifying with their own culture of origin: they have not assimilated into our society. We are only beginning to experience the same problems now, that European Union countries have been going through for several years.

That covers the employment/unemployment part of the unintended effects, now let's move on to the criminal aspect of increased migration.

Note: On June 12, 2016, Omar Mateen, 29, entered the Pulse dance club in Orlando with a semiautomatic assault rifle and pistol. Mateen killed 49 people and wounded 53 more before police fatally shot him. Mateen, a U.S. citizen, born to Afghan parents, had been radicalized by al-Queda jihadist videos. His name had appeared in the FBI's Terrorist Screening Database (the so-called "terrorist watch list") and he was the subject of active investigations. His name was removed from the list once the case was closed.

Note: On September 7, 2024, investigators from the FBI and Royal Canadian Mounted Police arrested Muhammad Shahzeb Khan, 20, a man who they accuse of attempting to illegally enter the US to commit a terrorist attack against Jewish communities in New York City on behalf of the Islamic State group. They say the suspect, a Pakistani national living near Toronto, was planning a rifle assault timed for the anniversary of the 7 October Hamas attack against Israel, or the Jewish holiday of Yom Kippur.

Note: On October 8, 2024, abc News reported on the FBI arrest of an Afghan national who Justice Department say was inspired by the Islamic State militant organization and was plotting an Election Day attack targeting large crowds in the U.S.

Nasir Ahmad Tawhedi, 27, of Oklahoma City told investigators after his arrest Monday that he had planned his attack to coincide with Election Day next month and that he and a co-conspirator expected to die as martyrs. Tawhedi arrived in the U.S. in September 2021 on a special immigrant visa for those who helped Americans during the war and has been on parole status pending the conclusion of his immigration proceedings.

Note: The FBI has warned multiple times of “increased terrorist threat” in the U.S. from individuals inspired by foreign terrorist organizations over the past several years. Customs and Border Protection Nationwide Encounters can be filtered by country of origin. From February 2021 through August 2024, CBP reported encounters of 168,851 Chinese nationals at U.S. borders nationwide. 156,265 of those encounters (92.5%) were single adults, mostly male.

Source: U.S. Customs and Border Protection, Nationwide Encounters, China, Peoples Republic of

How many of these men have ties to the Chinese Communist Party, we don’t know. We do know that China is a threat to the U.S., especially to our infrastructure, through cyber terrorism. Single military-aged men crossing the border usually means soldiers on a mission; men fleeing with wives and children means refugees. FBI Director Christopher Wray warned national security and intelligence experts in April, that the government of China poses “a broad and unrelenting threat” to U.S. critical infrastructure. “Chinese government-linked hackers have burrowed into U.S. critical infrastructure and are waiting “for just the right moment to deal a devastating blow.”

So now, we can add Chinese cyber terrorists to the ever expanding threat the U.S. faces from the current administrations open borders policies.

Upon taking office, the President takes an oath to “... preserve, protect and defend the Constitution of the United States.” Members of Congress take a similar oath, which also includes “I will support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic...” Why then, are these oaths of office being ignored by our elected representatives when it comes to the protection of our country and securing its borders?

In 2018 the UN General Assembly ratified the *Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Immigration*. The goal of the compact, was to facilitate the migration of millions of migrants from undeveloped countries, to developed countries, under the guise of humanitarian assistance to “people at risk”.

By implementing the Global Compact, we ensure effective respect for and protection and fulfilment of the human rights of all migrants, regardless of their migration status, across all stages of the migration cycle.

United Nations Human Rights Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration web page

As I stated in Addenda #46, my belief and the belief of many other people, is that the U.N. in its efforts to implement the Sustainable Development Goals of *Agenda 2030*, needed to overcome the resistance of uncooperative nations or individuals standing in the way of that implementation. President Trump enacted stricter immigration policies, which included securing our southern border. U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations Nikki Haley voted against the compact in December 2018 along with four other countries, while 36 other countries either abstained or refused to vote in protest of the proposal. That’s essentially one fifth of all U.N. Member States that *did not want* the Compact adopted.

There was a lot of resistance to overcome, in particular, from the United States.

The UN International Organization for Migration set annual goals for migration into the United States beginning in 2019. For the first year, the *Regional Refugee and Migrant and Response Plan* (RMRP) included just refugees and migrants from Venezuela. The political and economic situation in this country continued to deteriorate as the 2018 presidential election was disputed as being “rigged” for the current Socialist leader Nicolás Maduro. Mass protests followed, which resulted in military crackdowns on civilians. RMRP 2019 “targeted” 2.2 million refugees and migrants from Venezuela for migration and resettlement in new “host countries”, mostly other South American and Latin American countries plus Mexico. The budget the UN needed to accomplish this plan was \$738 million. The United States was included in the UN migration plan as a potential host nation.

RMRP 2020 targeted 2.47 million Venezuelans for migration assistance at a cost of \$1.35 billion, to be provide by the UN and other Non-Governmental Organizations, or NGOs.

RMRP 2024 targeted 2.20 million Venezuelans for migration assistance at a cost of \$1.59 billion, which included “humanitarian transportation” and expenses for migrant relocation, and for the host countries taking the migrants in.

2024 Planning Assumptions noted the following: *Overall, movement patterns of refugees and migrants from Venezuela are expected to maintain similar levels in 2024 as in 2023, affected by a number of variables, including continued and/or heightened movement restrictions and visa controls by host governments, a poor regional economic outlook, rising levels of xenophobia, and a reduced ability for refugees and migrants to integrate into host communities.*

Other relevant aspects include newly established policies and opportunities for regular pathways for refugees and migrants to move to the United States of America and possibly other countries.

The United Nations is now “calling out” the United States efforts to stem the high flow of illegal immigration, including individuals with criminal convictions, murderous gang members and known terrorists, restrictive and xenophobic.

The push was on to flood the U.S. border with migrants and refugees, in one last push before the 2024 Presidential elections, just in case Donald Trump was reelected to office. Global Elites knew he would make every attempt to halt this mass migration and interfere with their plans to *undermine national homogeneity*, change our society and thereby gain total control of our country, the biggest threat to achieving Agenda 2030.

We watched 20 Trump rallies. His racist, anti-immigrant messaging is getting darker.
Politico; October 12, 2024

Trump’s Racist Rants against Immigrants Hide under the Language of Eugenics
Scientific America; October 14, 2024

On the Trail, Trump and Vance Sharpen a Nativist, Anti-Immigrant Tone
The New York Times; September 22, 2024

The Progressive Marxist media is totally on board with the U.N. Global Compact for Migration. They will do anything they can to further the attempt to destroy our nationalism, to destroy our sovereignty, to change our culture and our society. They will lie and spread disinformation to hide the true intentions and extent of this plot to change America. A perfect example of this is the situation in Aurora Colorado described previously. News about an apartment building being taken over by Tren de Aragua, a criminal gang organization from Venezuela, that has been expanding throughout the United States due to the Venezuelan refugee crisis.

CBZ Management, is a property management company that manages rental apartments in Colorado and New York. In 2023, stories began to emerge about the presence of Tren de Aragua gang members in three apartment buildings managed by CBZ in Aurora. A Denver law firm, Perkins Coie, was hired by CBZ Management, to investigate the extent of the problem. In August 2024, a nine page report labeled “CONFIDENTIAL TREATMENT REQUESTED”, was delivered to Aurora Mayor Mike Coffman, Aurora City Manager Jason Batchelor, and interim police chief Heather Morris. The report stated that Tren de Aragua had begun the takeover of three of the Whispering Pines Apartments in late 2023. “The evidence we have reviewed indicates that gang members are engaging in flagrant trespass violations, assaults and battery, human trafficking and sexual abuse of minors, unlawful firearms possession, extortion, and other criminal activities, often targeting vulnerable Venezuelan and other immigrant populations”

The law firm interviewed witnesses that lived in the apartment buildings and reviewed security camera footage in the process of their investigation. "Tren de Aragua has threatened to kill (and, in certain instances, has apparently actively attempted to kill) members of Whispering Pines management..." the report stated.

The property manager went on to say that "gang members allegedly stabbed a Whispering Pines resident for refusing to pay "rent" to the gang. Since then, the property has recorded footage of gang members knocking on doors and, without authorization or any other justification, attempting to collect rent from the tenants of Whispering Pines..."

Pushback from Aurora officials was immediate. The office of Colorado governor Jared Polis (Dem), claimed "... according to police intelligence this purported invasion is largely a feature of Danielle Jurinsky's imagination," (Jurinsky is a Republican Aurora City Council member) "We know violent crime in Aurora went down between 2022-2023, fully expect the data will show further declines for 2024, and the recent misinformation campaign threatens actual criminal investigations and could hurt the climate for small businesses in Aurora," the spokesperson for the governor's office concluded.

An internal email obtained by Jurinsky, showed Gang Intervention Unit Officer Matthew Walters notifying Aurora officials about the gangs' presence in Aurora after a conversation with an ICE agent. The agent stated, "TdA has decided to make Denver their headquarters due to *sanctuary policies* and location... I would highly recommend you guys to take 2-3 friends [police officers] with you when responding to any calls there,"

Aurora mayor Mike Coffman (Rep) claimed that incidents involving the Tren de Aragua, a Venezuelan gang, have been "grossly exaggerated."

Interim Aurora Police Chief Heather Morris said in a video shared on Aug. 30 that The Edge at Lowry Apartments is not being "taken over" by the Tren de Aragua. "We've been talking to the residents here and learning from them to find out what exactly is going on, and there's definitely a different picture..."

Officials in Aurora only began to acknowledge the severity of the problem *after* the release of surveillance video by one of the apartments tenants. "I feel like it's a slap in the face," Cindy Romero told Fox News Digital. "How many gangs is okay to have in Aurora? How many properties is okay to take over? How many people, who are citizens paying their bills, is it okay to displace?" Councilwoman Jurinsky fired back at Polis, asking "My question back to the governor is, is this also a figment of the Romeros' imagination?" after the videos were released.

Donald Trump and J.D. Vance have made the Aurora situation a focal point at recent rallies, to which the Progressive media also pushed back. Reporter Martha Raddatz attempted to argue the point and "fact check" Vance during a recent interview on ABC's "This Week." "I'm going to stop you because I know exactly what happened... I'm going to stop you. 'The incidents were limited to a handful of apartment complexes' and the mayor said our dedicated police officers have acted on those concerns."

Vance responded, "Martha, do you hear yourself? Only a handful of apartment complexes in America were taken over by Venezuelan gangs, and Donald Trump is the problem and not Kamala Harris' open border?... you seem to be more focused [on] nitpicking everything that Donald Trump has said rather than acknowledging that apartment complexes in the United States of America are being taken over by violent gangs."

Raddatz later tried again, saying TdA "did not invade or take over the city, as Donald Trump said." "A few apartment complexes, so no big deal," Vance quickly fired back. <https://www.msn.com/en-us/news/crime/jd-vance-rips-abc-s-martha-raddatz-as-she-tries-to-downplay-venezuelan-gang-takeover-in-colorado-do-you-hear-yourself/ar-AA1sfsKv>

Along with Aurora officials, Raddatz and the rest of the Progressive media are willing accomplices in the U.N. Global Migration policy and the Biden-Harris administrations open borders policy which supports it. They first attempt to deflect and downplay the severity of the problem. Then they lie and push disinformation to confuse the public and disguise the problem. Finally, they impugn the reputation of anyone who dares to speak out against the narrative.

Frankly, I don't know which is worse: the deliberate deception by those who seek to destroy our country, or the "useful idiots" that blindly accept everything they are told.

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Addenda #66 – October 2024

Re: Ch. 8, Net-Zero emissions; Impossible!!

SDG 7 - Ensure access to affordable, reliable, sustainable and modern energy for all

Hawai'i's electricity problems expose a failed energy transition strategy

Hawai'i, like several other states, is taking fossil fuel generation out of the system faster than it is bringing on alternative generation.

UtilityDive; October 8, 2024

<https://www.utilitydive.com/news/hawaii-electricity-problems-failed-energy-transition-strategy/729180/>

In November 2014 the United Nations Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) released its *Fifth Assessment Report* (AR5) on the state of climate change. The summary for “policymakers” at the beginning of the report stated that

1. Human influence on the climate system “is clear”
2. Warming of the climate system is “unequivocal *and* changes are unprecedented”
3. Greenhouse gas emissions are now higher than ever
4. Greenhouse gas emissions are “extremely likely to have been the dominant cause of the observed warming since the mid-20th century”
5. “Extreme weather and climate events” have been linked to human behavior (ie. greenhouse gas emissions)

The final determination of AR5 was that “*Continued emission of greenhouse gases will cause further warming and long-lasting changes in all components of the climate system, increasing the likelihood of severe, pervasive and irreversible impacts for people and ecosystems. Limiting climate change would require substantial and sustained reductions in greenhouse gas emissions which, together with adaptation, can limit climate change risks*” AR5 went on to predict apocalyptic type conditions, including more frequent and intense heat waves, extreme “precipitation events”, warming ocean temperatures and sea level rise.

AR5 covered all the bases, *any* “extreme weather event would now be linked to greenhouse gas emissions and climate “change”.

Note: Geochemist Wallace Smith Broecker first used the phrase, “global warming” in a 1975 paper on changes in global climate, specifically reduced glacier ice due to the warming of the oceans. The term “climate change” describes the changes in the Earth’s climate system, effected by global warming.

U.N. Agenda 2030 and its “Sustainable Development Goals” was unveiled at the U.N. General Assembly meeting in December 2015, known as the *Paris Agreement*. Sustainable Development Goal #13 was “Take urgent action to combat climate change and its impacts.... Our window to avoid climate catastrophe is closing rapidly”

Hawaii initially did not go to renewable energy, solar power, because of any concerns about greenhouse gas emissions and climate change. It began making the transition to renewables

because of the cost. Hawaii has no oil or natural gas reserves, so imported petroleum and coal was used to generate electricity on the islands. Due to the cost of fuel imported from mainland U.S. (more than 2,500 miles and 5-9 days in transit) and isolated island electrical grids, the price of electricity in Hawaii was the highest of any state.

The installation of rooftop residential solar systems in Hawaii dates back to the mid 2000's but began to slow after the Hawaiian Electrical Company discontinued its "net metering program" in 2015. Reimbursements paid to solar customers for the excess electricity they generated became too expensive for the utility to continue. Residential solar installations plummeted when the payback time to recover the cost of installation made rooftop solar "cost prohibitive."

Note: The same thing has happened in municipalities here in the U.S. as more consumers install their own home solar systems. The California Public Utilities Commission changed their net metering program in 2023, slashing payments for excess solar production exported by homeowners to the grid, by 75%. The higher cost for utilities to purchase excess electricity from homeowners increased the cost for *all* customers. Of course, renewable energy advocates screamed in protest, saying that the decision would affect the residential solar market by reducing subsidies for installation (it did) and undercut Gov. Newsom's pledge to be the nation's leader in building a 100% clean energy grid. The advocates didn't care about the cost to consumers, they only cared about increasing renewable sources.

Petroleum and coal as sources of generating electricity in Hawaii continued to decrease as geothermal, biomass, wind and solar generation slowly increased. By 2019, renewables produced 12% of Hawaii's total electricity generation, with petroleum and coal generating almost 88% of all the electricity produced. By mid-2024, renewables were responsible for 24% of total electricity generation, with coal and petroleum still generating almost 76% of electricity.

In 2021, Hawaiian Electric set a goal of 70% carbon reduction by 2030, and net-zero emissions by 2045. (Does this sound familiar?)

"We're committed to working together with you to reach our 100% clean energy future, and build sustainable, resilient communities."

The Hawaii Greenhouse Gas Emissions Report for 2021 showed total GHG emissions of 20.18 metric tons of carbon dioxide, with 32% (6.53 mmt) coming from the generation of electricity by Hawaii Electric.

Hawaii Electric had succeeded in reducing total GHG emissions by 6% over the next 2 ½ years, still falling short of its target. Hawaii Electric needs to reduce total GHG emissions by 32% over the next seven year period, an average of 4.57% per year, to meet their 2030 reduction target. But what will be the cost of these reductions, just as has previously been noted in California and New York state?

The UtilityDive article notes that Hawai'i residents still pay the nations highest electricity rates, higher by 30% than even California. The state ranks 20th in the nation for electric grid reliability and is "plagued with electric outages." To keep the system from completely

failing, Hawaiian Electric Company regularly resorts to rolling blackouts and pressuring customers to conserve power.

October 23, 2024 - *Power has been restored to customers in Nanakuli, Hawaii Election said. Power went out around 6 a.m. and was restored at 8 a.m. Roughly 1,750 customers were impacted.*

September 16, 2024 - *Hawaiian Electric reported that 680 of its customers are without power in the Waikiki area. The latest update was from 6:30 p.m. on Monday. Crews are investigating the outage to restore customers with power. The outage is not a Public Safety Power Shutoff.*

August 24, 2024 - *Over 3,000 customers on Hawaii Island are without power due to an outage Saturday afternoon, HECO officials said. HECO officials posted an update on X at 12:40 p.m. specifying that this outage is not a public safety power shutoff or PSPS. No word yet on what led up to the outage.*

August 1, 2024 - *Oahu power generation drop prompts rolling blackout warnings*
Many Hawaiian Electric customers on Oahu turned out their lights and went to sleep Wednesday night before knowing whether the utility had to implement rolling blackouts around 10 p.m.

The possibility of forced outages rotating around parts of the island was announced by the company at about 2 p.m. based on supply and demand estimates after an unexpected shutdown of the largest independently owned power plant on the island

July 31, 2024 - *Due to a shortage of generation capacity, HECO may be forced to turn off power to selected areas of Oahu starting about 10p. BWS has been asked to reduce pumping capacity to lower electrical demand.*

June 17, 2024 - *Hawaiian Electric Co. officials said they have restored power to about 2,400 of 3,000 customers who have been without power for about 24 hours. "Crews will continue to work through the night to complete repairs on underground power cables and other equipment damaged in a fire Monday night," they said... A fire burned four underground circuits, comprised of a total of 12 underground high-voltage cables, between King and Bethel streets and King and Alakea streets, according to HECO.*

April 22, 2024 - *Hawai'i Island once again faces rolling blackouts, asked to conserve energy*

Hawai'i Island has had an "extremely" tight supply of energy over the last few weeks after HECO's independent power producer, Hamakua Energy Partners, went offline. The plant generates roughly a third of the island's total energy.

Hawai'i Sens. Glenn Wakai, Lynn DeCoite and Jarrett Keohokalole sent a letter to the Public Utilities Commission on April 16 expressing concerns about grid reliability on the Big Island. The lawmakers asked the PUC to look into the issue, as well as recent weather-related outages and energy shortfalls on O'ahu.

April 14, 2024 - HECO initiates rolling blackouts on Big Island, lack of generation shortfall to blame

HECO said the timing for the rolling blackouts will depend on customer usage and available generation. Officials are asking Big Island residents to conserve electricity for the rest of the evening, unplugging any non-essential items such as air conditioners and water heaters. Delaying activities such as cooking, showering, laundry, and dishwashing is also encouraged.

February 13, 2024 - Hawaiian Electric restores power after rolling outages on Hawaii islands

Hawaiian Electric restored power just before 10 p.m. Tuesday on Hawaii island after initiating rolling power outages earlier in the evening due to the unavailability or reduced output of several large generators.

The utility announced on the platform X, formerly known as Twitter, that the timing and extent of the outages was to depend on the amount of demand and the availability of generators. Hawaiian Electric said its wind and hydro resources were also near zero.

January 8, 2024 - Hawaiian Electric instituted rolling outages on Oahu on Monday night amid power generation issues, plunging entire communities into darkness for 30-minute periods. HECO said the outages were needed to avoid larger problems. The outages started in the Nuuanu area at 8 p.m. and moved across the island. They ended about 10:30 p.m.

January 25, 2024 - What do O'ahu's latest power outages mean for grid reliability?

O'ahu experienced a series of blackouts on Jan. 8, beginning when solar power generation nosedived as a low-pressure system moved over the island and brought cloud cover and rain. One week into the New Year, Hawaiian Electric had to cut power to O'ahu customers because it didn't have enough electricity to meet the demand... HECO's grid reliability strategy relies on having backup power ready to bring online at any given moment, but HECO Senior Vice President of Planning and Technology Colton Ching said that a series of unfortunate events on Jan. 8 wiped out the utility's reserves.

January 31, 2024 - What's causing Hawaii's recent power outages and how can residents prepare for them in the future?

Power outages have affected many neighborhoods, grocery stores, and businesses across Hawaii... "Thousands of Dollars, thousands of pounds of food were thrown away. My wife witnessed when they took all the meat, all the milk, all the cheese and chucked the stuff out," said Rep. Gene Ward.

Ward represents Hawaii Kai, which experienced some of the recent outages. He believes the state should reopen the coal plant. That was one of the cheapest and the quickest places putting almost 20% on the grid. That should be a standby generator,"

An energy expert explained a coal plant is not likely in Hawaii's future. "Our state is committed to zero fossil fuel use for power generation in 2045, so 21 years from now. I think there will be quite the tough slog, a very high yield decline to get any new fossil fuel-based power plants online anywhere, anywhere in the state," said Marco Mangelsdorf, an energy expert.

To create more power, Mangelsdorf said more power plants need to be built. He added when there's high power demand and not enough generation, there will be rolling blackouts.

Just like what happened in California in August 2020, when a prolonged heat wave forced utility companies to resort to rolling blackouts, or over the Labor Day weekend in 2022 when utility companies avoided rolling blackouts, but had to issue pleas to residents for voluntary energy use, and governor Newsome asked EV owners to refrain from charging their vehicles during peak late afternoon and evening hours.

The *only* thing that distinguishes the problems in Hawaii as compared with California and New York, is the ability to import electricity from neighboring states. California is the largest importer of electricity of all U.S. states, importing as much as one quarter of all the electricity it consumes from power plants in Arizona and Utah, and hydroelectric power from the Pacific Northwest. New York state imports 15% of all electricity consumed from hydroelectric plants in Ontario and Quebec, and power plants in neighboring states.

The problem for California and New York comes when those out-of-state power sources can no longer be imported, because they will be required by those other states to fill their own consumption needs as they get closer to their own net-zero target dates and continued electrification to fulfill climate policies increases winter electricity usage for their own utility companies.

Then, the same headlines will appear again, only this time they will be about rolling blackouts and constant pleas for energy consumption in these states. Or, energy consumption enforced by utility company pricing through use of smart metering programs.