ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION

The Open-Border Funding and Facilitation Network Part I: International Pipelines, UN Cash, and Federally Funded NGO Resettlement Networks

All orchestrated behind the scenes without congressional oversight.

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A deliberate, multi-layered system was assembled over decades by the Democrat Party and its various allies and dramatically expanded between 2021 and 2025, through which U.S. taxpayer dollars, recycled foreign contributions, and dark-money campaign finance were deployed to facilitate mass illegal immigration, entrench the illegal alien population against removal, and sustain the political coalition responsible for building the system in the first place.

What follows is a structural analysis of the multi-layered system that has been bilking taxpayers for a very long time.

Medicaid and Healthcare Reimbursement Exploitation

The healthcare financing architecture became one of the most visible financial exposure points. Although the true number of illegal immigrants on Medicaid is unknown, approximately 1.4 million people on Medicaid do not meet citizenship and immigration status requirements for enrollment, according to the Congressional Budget Office. The exposure is far larger at the state level: California is projected to spend more than $8.4 billion on taxpayer-funded Medicaid health benefits for illegal immigrants—more than $5 billion higher than originally estimated. Illinois provides a case study in systematic underestimation: the state began expanding Medicaid to illegal aliens during COVID with an estimated 2023 price of $223 million, but actual enrollment was 90 percent higher than predicted, sending the projected bill to $1 billion before trimming brought it to $550 million.

At the national level, the Congressional Budget Office reported that the Biden administration spent more than $16.2 billion on emergency health care for illegal immigrants. The hospitals-billing-taxpayers mechanism operated through the Emergency Medicaid program, which provided coverage regardless of immigration status, making Emergency Medicaid enrollment the most obvious pathway for identifying immigrants who might not reside in the U.S. lawfully.

The enrollment infrastructure was actively facilitated: as 2024 came to a close, outreach workers were fanned out across California signing undocumented immigrants up for Medi-Cal, offering it as free with no questions asked. The 2025 Trump administration's attempt to pierce this arrangement via a Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services–Department of Homeland Security (CMS–DHS) data-sharing agreement was immediately met with lawsuits—a coalition of 22 Democratic-led states, including California, filed suit to block the data sharing, arguing it violated privacy protections and could lead to a misuse of sensitive information. Never mind the theft of taxpayer money for illegal aliens.

The United Nations (UN) Migration Machine and Recycled U.S. Contributions

The UN architecture functions as a pass-through amplifier for U.S. taxpayer dollars that directly subsidizes migration northward to the U.S. border. Prior to the Biden administration, past presidents oversaw the transfer of around $500 million to the International Organization for Migration (IOM), the UN's pro-illegal immigration arm. Under Biden, that figure ballooned to nearly $1.3 billion, more than double what was sent under Trump. Most of that money was laundered through the Department of State and USAID, including $547 million in payments from the State Department's Bureau of Population, Refugees and Migration over two years ending in 2023.

The operational mechanism is naked cash transfer to migrants in transit. For 2024, the UN's Regional Refugee and Migrant Response Plan called for $1.6 billion distributed across 17 Latin American and Caribbean countries. The UN's 2024 Inter-Agency Coordination Platform confirms that the UN, with the help of 248 named NGOs, is distributing debit cards to illegal migrants en route; this entire scheme is funded in large part by U.S. taxpayers. Some Republican lawmakers named the UN as essentially a co-smuggler, citing reports that the UN was handing out debit cards and cash vouchers to aspiring illegal border crossers on their way north. A legislative attempt to cut the funding, H.R. 6155, failed to advance.

USAID and State Department Pipelines

The State Department's Bureau of Population, Refugees and Migration (PRM) and USAID functioned as the primary institutional conduits routing U.S. taxpayer money into the NGO-UN migration complex. USAID and the State Department's PRM poured taxpayer money into faith-based NGOs participating in the UN's 2023–24 Regional Refugee and

Migrant Response Plan, including Catholic, Lutheran, and Seventh Day Adventist organizations, as well as the Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society (HIAS).

In FY 2022, 47 percent of HIAS revenue came as grants from government agencies, the majority from the State Department, with some from DHS. HIAS pledged $17.1 million in aid to immigrants in at least seven Latin American nations during 2024 alone. The UN distributed $372 million in "Cash and Voucher Assistance" and "Multipurpose Cash Assistance" to an estimated 624,000 migrants "in transit" to the United States during 2024, often as prepaid rechargeable debit cards, cash in envelopes, bank transfers, and mobile transfers.

Federally Funded NGO Networks

The NGO apparatus serving as the domestic receiving end of the pipeline received massive federal outlays. Funding was provided via contracts and grants from DHS, Health and Human Services, and the State Department. During the 2021–24 migration crisis, millions of dollars went to NGOs that would receive migrants, assist them, and potentially provide shelter and travel to their final destination.

DHS awarded $300 million in one tranche alone to NGOs and state and local governments through the Shelter and Services Program (SSP), with another $340.9 million announced for FY 2024. The program was established by the Biden administration to provide shelter, food, medical care, and transportation to illegal aliens after CBP processing.

Every Senate Democrat voted against a March 2024 proposal that would have stopped taxpayer dollars from going to NGOs facilitating illegal alien resettlement in American urban centers—a vote that would have shifted funding away from NGOs flying illegal aliens into U.S. cities toward deportation flights.

The financial scale of individual organizations is telling. Global Refuge pulled in $50 million in revenue in 2018 and $207 million in 2022, a spike that tracked exactly with the Biden border surge. Its president previously served as policy director for First Lady Michelle Obama and senior advisor to Secretaries of State Clinton and Kerry. The United States Committee for Refugees and Immigrants (USCRI) claims to have enabled the resettlement of more than 350,000 migrants and connected more than 300,000 migrants to taxpayer-funded benefits, maintaining 34 resettlement processing facilities in 22 states. Since 2021, the Office of Refugee Resettlement has disbursed more than $170 million to USCRI for healthcare benefits, childcare, and cash handouts to migrants, including illegal and underage border crossers.

Federal Agencies Corrupted to Circumvent Immigration Law

From February 2021 through January 2025, U.S. Customs and Border Protection recorded more than 10.9 million encounters of inadmissible aliens, including more than 550,000 unaccompanied alien children. The federal government progressively outsourced its migrant response to NGOs, increasing NGO revenues while placing the burden on American taxpayers.

The Office of Refugee Resettlement (ORR) became a primary institutional enabler. Despite a massive increase in funding, ORR lost contact with the sponsors of approximately 85,000 unaccompanied migrant children. From August 2023 to January 2025, 65,000 calls to a notice-of-concern hotline for unaccompanied children's safety went unanswered. ORR also functioned as a career pipeline—the NGOs involved in the resettlement and asylum processes prepared personnel for powerful careers in government, creating an institutional feedback loop.

Refugee Contractors and Facilitation of Illegal Entry

The nine official federal refugee resettlement contractors—including the International Rescue Committee (IRC), HIAS, the Church World Service (CWS), Catholic Charities, Global Refuge, and USCRI—operate as quasi-governmental entities with revenue structures dominated by federal funding. Three Resettlement Support Centers—CWS, IRC, and HIAS—are funded by the State Department both to process refugee cases overseas and to receive, place, and assist refugees inside the United States. Organizations like HIAS, Catholic Charities USA, CWS, and Global Refuge collectively assist migrants as they are smuggled through Central America, welcome them at the southern border, help them resettle throughout the country, and offer legal assistance to those attempting to claim asylum through a system rife with fraud.

Concluding Thoughts

This is the extent of the inbound pipeline—from UN-funded debit cards and cash handouts in Latin America straight through to the federally backed contractors waiting to welcome and resettle the arrivals inside the United States.

But the real genius—or evil genius, depending on how you look at it—lies in what comes next: the domestic machinery built to make deportation nearly impossible, to protect the new population from any real enforcement, and to cycle resources right back into the political machine that demands the borders stay open. That is the subject of Part II.

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