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Illegal immigrants dumped at bus stations

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By George Mathis

UPDATE: Friday morning, ICE spokesman Vincent Picard emailed me to say no illegal immigrants detained in Georgia have been flown to Arizona. Picard believes a migrant probably told the photographer they were headed to Georgia, not that they were from Georgia. Picard did confirm Texas agents have transported people to Arizona and released them. I have asked Arizona Republic reporter Daniel Gonzalez to respond to Picard's explanation, but he is out of the office until Monday. AJC immigration reporter Jeremy Redmon **has written about this issue extensively**, including a January story that says deportations are down 36 percent since 2011.

Original column follows:

Have you ever tried to tidy up one area of your home and after a lot of work realized you didn't fix the problem, you just moved it?

That's how the federal government handles immigration enforcement, according to reports from Arizona, which allege illegal immigrants from Texas and Georgia are being flown to Arizona and being released at Greyhound bus stations.

The Arizona Republic tells us everyone is upset at the news.

Some think it is odd that those caught breaking federal law are being flown to another state and dropped off in a place that almost tells them to hop on a bus to anywhere in America.

Others think it is wrong to drop people off without providing food, water and other basic necessities.

It's possible both camps are right, but I will let you decide.

The Arizona Republic reports 400 illegal immigrants from Texas were flown to Arizona and released over the weekend.

Why? The border patrol agents in Texas are allegedly overwhelmed at the number of children and women flowing across the border.

A volunteer family advocate in Tucson says ICE (Immigration and Customs Enforcement) agents have been dropping off women and children for months. She was at the Tucson Greyhound station Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday and said ICE dropped off groups of 70, 90 and 60 people — mostly women and children.

ICE officials say the illegal immigrants are being released under their own supervision, but are asked to report to ICE offices in Arizona within 15 days. But, it seems they "often disappear" and ICE doesn't bother to go look for them.

ICE officials said the agency began transporting migrants to the bus station in Phoenix after Greyhound officials complained the station in Tucson was being overwhelmed.

The Republic has pictures of a group that allegedly arrived at the Phoenix bus station Wednesday from Georgia, but ICE says those didn't happen (see update at top of column).

Due to complaints, sacked lunches are now being provided, but no tickets to Canada ... yet.

More Thursday news plucked from the Internet:

- Waves of immigrant minors present crisis for Obama, Congress
- Air Force official now working for contractor he awarded multi-billion dollar bid
- 41 charged in 'dead deer' insurance scam for car repair
- 89-year-old store owner defeats sword-wielding robber with golf club
- 1 in 3 Britons are racially biased
- World's richest hold 'secret' meeting
- Money guru Dave Ramsey on social media 'witch hunt'
- Snapchat CEO wishing his emails would disappear after a few seconds



Dropping illegal immigrants off at bus stations in another state is probably not the type of reform she was asking for.

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tomkat1111

They should be driven to the Mexican border, stripped of all money and dropped off , with a warning that the second time punishment will be more severe.



Quandry

@LegolasMirkwood

How much \$\$\$\$ do you think the illegals are contributing to our US economy every year? Let me tell you it's A LOT.

That's why our politicians, on both sides of the isle, are dragging their feet in addressing our illegal immigration issue.

Money talks...

Ok we stop hiring them - then what? Some of their U.S. born children can now apply for food stamps and govt. assistance.

Either way US tax payers are on the hook.

Look give these folks a break - give them amnesty, shore up our borders, and let move on in solving some of our other issues...

:)



LegolasMirkwood

Stop hiring them. Problem solved. Without work or pay, illegals wouldn't be here in the first place.

THAT hasn't happened, and no politician or law can make that happen. Need an affordable roofer, lawn maintenance, painting a room, a little easy body work on a car? People are paying illegals to stay here every single day, including today, right now. Yelling at your neighbor who hired illegals is far more effective a deterrent than demanding the government "do something". It's just not going to happen with the availability of cheap labor illegals afford to the average person, it's as simple as that.

On the flip side, when illegals have enough money to hire their own illegals for labor, the situation is literally out of your hands. Steps have been taken with large businesses and working toward the smaller ones with e-verify, but, it's the people on the ground who have the ultimate say by where/how they spend their money in the end.



someonesdad

I've always thought that would be a good idea actually. In fact, since San Francisco loves them so much, take them there.



Quandry

@EdUktr

You're correct...but we granted the amnesty without effectively addressing our lack of security along our borders.

We are not using our military and intelligence assets to prevent illegal immigration.

Hey, I ask you we have one of the greatest military forces in the entire world.If we can capture and kill Sadam Hussein and Osama Bin Laden – we surly can stop illegal immigration – surly.



Quandry

I say give amnesty first – because we need to address the illegals that are living here (with U.S. born children) and contributing to our economy.

Rounding up folks and sending them back (and leaving their U.S. born children to fend for themselves does not make any sense).

We have the technology and military assets to strengthen our borders – we must use them.

Finally, we are a nation of immigrants – we need to value the tradition – but ensure those folks who want to be U.S. citizens are given a clear path (that makes sense to all parties concerned) to citizenship.



Quandry

Ok,

Here is a prime example of an issue both political parties should work together to resolve. Repubs don't want Amnesty - but that exactly what former President Reagan and Congress did back in the 80s.

1. Grant Amnesty to all illegals effective January 01, 2015
 2. Congress needs to pass a law that allows our military assets to assist in border patrol and border security.
 3. Any person crossing the boarders after January 01, 2015 will be shot (with the exception of woman and children (they will be sent back "home)).
 4. Use NSA's intelligence gathering assets to provide information on possible illegal immigration along our borders, shore lines and air space.
- I challenge our elected leaders to stand up to the plate to solve our immigration problem.

72GDawg

If illegal immigrants are being left at an Arizona bus station and told to self-deport then that's nothing more than catch and release. What kind of enforcement is that? If the border patrol is overwhelmed they should hire more agents, maybe offer jobs to the service men and women returning from Afghanistan.

TheOldGuy

I would bus them to the bridge over the Rio in El Paso and tell them to walk over the bridge into Mexico and not come back until they had the proper papers.

BuzzG

Better yet, let's fly Obama and Holder to Juarez and drop them off. Better yet, let's make them get their healthcare from the VA.

almanduane75

We've got Al Green in the WH and idiots on both sides of the isle in DC.

Does anyone really expect our officials to actually take these undocumented folks back ACROSS THE BORDER into Mexico and drop them off in their own country where they belong?

Tax us to pay for the buses and fuel. They're taxing us for every thing else, so what difference does it make?

LogicalDude

How much harder could it be to fly them into El Paso, and drop them off in a bus stop in Juarez?

notagain

as long as message conveyed who cares about grammar?

deerockin

"Georgia Illegals?"

Illegal is an adjective or an adverb. It's not a freaking noun.

What is this world coming to when even journalists don't know proper grammar?

luckjoe

If the federal government did their job of protecting the border this would not be a problem. And, the problem is growing as more are entering illegally with hopes of amnesty.

Jackalope

"Others think it is wrong to drop people off without providing food, water and other basic necessities."

Who are these "others"??? What? You think people are going to starve to death at a bus station? What kind of idiot would make a statement like that?

JamesJordan

These illegal aliens will never be deported, they're to valuable as future voters - and both sides are vying for them...

Jimmyliscious

Who effing cares? They come into this country illegally or over stay their visa's. The only taxes they pay are local sales tax. They drive down wages. They burden the hospital system, costing tax payers millions. And were supposed to have sympathy?? Not me.

smh55

why are we comparing human beings with cleaning the clutter from our houses? These people aren't errant garbage or duplicate place settings.

ATL56Native

Why is the American way of life being ruined by politicians, judges, everyday people not following the law ? What have I done to deserve these people coming into the USA illegally and ruining the American way of life ? And YES, they are ruining the American way of life.

DaveFrancis

Do not vote for the same old Republicans and don't vote for the same old Democrats. Vote only for the issues that a politician have promised to pass into law, which you approve? VOTE ONLY FOR THE ISSUES THAT DESERVE YOUR ATTENTION? Be decisive and don't be misled by the rhetoric, lies or propaganda. As an example, vote for the moderate Conservatives in the Republican Party and not the hard-core establishment. Vote namely the insurgent TEA PARTY whose constructive essential issues are;

No Amnesty for Illegal Aliens. Allow only into these country legal immigrants with skills; not those already under Obama's wing, to eat at the cornucopia benefit trough.

Cut federal spending.

Start reducing the size of government.

Abolish the IRS and establish a fair tax. (Nobody will be exempt, not even politicians or their cronies)

Reduce politicians to two terms of office.

Institute a National digital ID card for identification.

That no elected politician is above the law; held accountable for violations and can be forced to resign, fined and for criminal acts go to prison.

Focus on your concerns, not what the two parties ideologies are? If you vote for the same people, NOTHING WILL EVER CHANGE. The majorities of Politicians paper their walls with our tax money and still covet more? They are drafting reams of new Rules and Regulations, to implement avenues to extract more money from those who work for a living, for the benefit of the parasites. President Obama is spending our future, our grandchildren in his entitlement culture.

My opinion: We should have an impartial office where "whistleblowers" can report corporate and governmental irregularities, corruption and fraud. Obama's elected officials are undermining American sovereignty and liberties,

AndishehNourae

In addition to being crude, "illegals" is

a) not a word

b) neither AP Style nor AJC style <http://www.ajc.com/news/news/opinion/words-matter-on-immigration/nQNqY/>

TtheP

@tomkat1111 are you in middle school . . . and then we call them at their home and every time they answer we'll hang up . . .

EdUktr

@Quandry

Idiocy aside, we've seen how effective that 1986 amnesty was in ending the illegals problem, right?

scrappy-22

@luckjoe and how much are you will to pay to protect the border? and do you really think that the border will ever be 100% secure?

JackClemens

@luckjoe Yet the House GOP will not pass the bill which will do just that, which was approved by their party brethren in the Senate.

scrappy-22

@Jackalope - being dropped off in a strange place, where you know no one, and likely have no money means you have no food. What kind of idiot wouldn't realize that?

JackClemens

@JamesJordan If "both sides" are vying for them, the Republicans have a funny way of going about it.

TtheP

@JamesJordan Yep

cullen7282

@Jimmyliscious <http://www.nytimes.com/2005/04/05/business/05immigration.html>

http://usatoday30.usatoday.com/money/perfi/taxes/2008-04-10-immigrantstaxes_N.htm?POE=click-refer

cullen7282

@Jimmyliscious Not necessarily true about not paying taxes. Many of them work under fake social security numbers so they pay payroll taxes but are unable to file taxes at the end of the year for refunds.

TtheP

@Jimmyliscious and to add they lower the market for housing as well as for agricultural goods . . . they also create competition in a capitalist country . . . Reagan didn't mind them and never regretted not minding them . . . I don't think they are asking for sympathy the majority are hard working and are making enough money to provide for their families as best they can and even send money home.

wsecrest

@smh55 its how conservatives see the world - they are frightened and afraid of anything their limited minds can't comprehend so they lash out and anyone their masters tell them to.

TtheP

@ATL56Native Can you elaborate what is the "American way of life"? I hear that term, but there doesn't seem to be any kind of concrete example.

wsecrest

@DaveFrancis you know the NAZIs also had a National ID number

Vespidie

@DaveFrancis Excellent points of reference to follow, however the majority of the voting population are either too lazy, too stupid or both to analyze issues in order to make up their own minds about what is best for them and the country. At least 50% of the people have been bought via the Federal Govt entitlement program(s). This, along with political cronyism are the two biggest obstacles this country faces right now.

I'd like to add to your list the following:

- * Abolish entitlements and reassess
- * Limit Senate terms to 4 years
- * Do away with the "Life time achievement award" members of Congress receive after leaving.

AtISteve

- a **legal alien** is a non-citizen who is legally permitted to remain in a country. This is a very broad category which includes tourists, guest workers, legal permanent residents and student visa resident aliens.
- a **resident alien** is a non-citizen who has temporary or [permanent residence](#) in a country.
- a **nonresident alien** is a non-citizen who is visiting a country, for example as a tourist, on business, entertainers, sportspeople or in the country to receive medical treatment.
- an **illegal alien** is a non-citizen who is present in a country unlawfully or without the country's authorization.^[2]

Looks like illegals is a word. Sorry if you don't like it.

What do you want to call a bank ropper; a non-account holding withdrawer?

wigglwagon

@AndishehNourae

You should get a job with Simon and Schuster. Your input would be invaluable in editing their Webster dictionaries. Maybe then they would stop listing the word, illegal, as a noun.

Actually, they may have already stopped since my newest copy was printed in 1984.

TtheP

@EdUktr @Quandry It wasn't set up to end the illegal issue . . . it was to continue to create competition like any good capitalist worth the weight of Reagan's name would want!!!

luckjoe

@JackClemens @luckjoe We currently have laws to enforce our borders, our commander in chief does not want to.

Vespidie

@scrappy-22 Who cares? They obviously didn't have a problem with resources while coming from El Salvadore, Honduras, and Guatamala through the entire length of Mexico. Maybe you could become their caretaker.

Vespidie

@TtheP Big difference between then and now. Times and situation have changed for the worse.

JackClemens

@TtheP @ATL56Native Ruining the American way of life just how exactly? Specifics please.

AndishehNourae

@AtISteve and **@wiggwagon** : Turning the adjective "illegal" into a noun by adding an "s" is not correct in this context. It's slang. It's like referring to tall people as talls. "Talls have difficult time on airplanes, study says"

scrappy-22

@AtISteve none of the definitions you provided proves that "illegals" is a word

wsecrest

@luckjoe @JackClemens tell me, when hades freezes over and there is a republican president again, how will you be determining that they enforce the laws?

JackClemens

@luckjoe @JackClemens More illegals have been deported under this Administration than any previous one. How does that square with your assertion?

TtheP

@Vespidie @TtheP not really . . . that is a very soft argument . . . how has it changed?

AtISteve

OK, I misunderstood what you are referring to.

DontTread

@JackClemens @luckjoe "Deported" to Arizona doesn't count.

Jimmyliscious

@JackClemens @luckjoe Actually this administration is counting those that are being caught at the border and turned away as "deported" whereas previous administrations did not so the numbers are skewed.

AtISteve

I guess people are using the term illegals as a short\slang expression for illegal aliens.

It may be added at some point. Other slang words that were not in the Webster dictionary have been added over the years. the slang ain't would be an example

Vespidie

@Jimmyliscious @JackClemens @luckjoe ANother glaring problem that is never taken into effect is that "We the People...", don't have any idea what the numbers really are. The numbers are definitely skewed...no doubt about that, however, they can be skewed up or down depending on who is trying to

make their point. I'm more inclined to believe that the people are being told by the tellers more embellishments, than "truthful facts." Nothing will change until "the system" is changed.

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