

Talking Points from President's Speech on Immigration, 11/1/18

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gunVKZ8WHT0> (Fox live stream; start at ~26 mins)

Key points **bolded**

- Laws on immigration aren't archaic, but incompetent
- Democrats will not change the law, GOP only
- As economy gets better, it attracts more people
- Migrants marching towards our south border, overran Mexican border
- **Caravan migrants are NOT non-violent, have attacked military/police** [violently with rocks]
- Illegal caravans will not be allowed into US
- All applications for entry must be legal

- Have dispatched to border US military
- **Pres. of Mexico has offered asylum but migrants have refused**
- Asylum not a program for people living in poverty, it's special protection for those who need it
- Democrat-backed immigration laws are attracting them here: "Catch and Release"
- Big change: We will no longer release them into the community
- Many people make asylum claims who are seeking economic freedom
- Lawyers prepare them to use the right language

- Tent cities are being erected
- "We're not letting them into our country and then they never show up"
- There are now ~700,000 migrants awaiting adjudication of their asylum claims (Vermont pop.)
- **Overall number: could be 10 – 20 mil people** (bad record keeping by previous admins.)
- **1700% increase in asylum claims since 2010**
- These caravans are professionally organized, funding is given
- We allow years of litigation while other countries say "Get out!"
- Overwhelming majority of claims are rejected but no one can locate
- **Asylum cases take about 3.5 years to adjudicate per case**
- **~ 1mil aliens have received Final Orders of Removal**
- Endemic abuse makes a mockery of our asylum system

- Drug traffickers take advantage of our laws
- **Most drugs come in thru SW border: 100% of heroin, 90% of cocaine, most meth, fentanyl**
- **These drugs kill more than 70,000 Americans a year, numbers are rising**
- Current influx threatens to overwhelm our immigration system & communities

- **Human trafficking: at the highest level in the WORLD that it's ever been, due to Internet**
- Women & children are especially at risk

- If we allow this caravan in, others will follow; new caravans are now forming
- **Caravan #2: “unbelievably rough people”**
- Democrat Party: give illegal immigrants free health care, education, right to vote
- Taxpayers pick up the tab, but no nation can allow this
- **Costs many billions of dollars each year**
- “I will therefore take every lawful action at my disposal to address this crisis”
- **New plan is in the works to end this abuse and control the borders**
- This includes the building of the Wall (want to build it at one time)
- Asylum seekers will have to go to a Port of Entry
- **Long-term solution: Congress must overcome “open borders obstruction”**
- Democrats will not vote for this but we will end catch-and-release [anyway]
- If the borders are strong, numbers will go way down, drug problem will decrease
- In the meantime, we will defend our borders, we will defend our country. (~48 mins)

Key remarks in Q & A

- Obama separated parents from children; nobody cared (only when Trump came to office)
- **“Anybody throwing stones/rocks....we will consider that a firearm, because there’s not much difference”** [when you get hit in the face with a rock].
- This plan IS legal
- In other countries, they turn people away at the border; only here do we take them in
- We released them only because we lacked the facilities; they will be built
- Re family facilities: We won’t have just tents, we’ll have other facilities too
- **Rock throwing: “They’re throwing rocks viciously and violently.” Will tell the military “Consider it a rifle”**
- **Election tampering question: Will do everything possible to prevent voter fraud (unlike Obama)**