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Presidential Candidates Ignore Border Security at Their Peril LeBlanc Warns

In the first round of Presidential debates, no one even mentioned the subject of immigration. Not President Obama, the Democrat incumbent, not Mitt Romney, the Republican challenger, and not even the moderator. And this concerns U.S. Border Security Council National Spokesman Steve LeBlanc.

“Often candidates grandstand to score political points with their base on immigration re-

lated issues, but this political season, both major candidates are practically ignoring the issue,” he warns. “The pressing need to secure our borders is being ignored. The American people want their leaders to fix our broken immigration system by prioritizing adequate immigration enforcement agency budgets and through the deployment of new technologies and personnel along our nation’s



2012 Presidential hopefuls Mitt Romney (R) and Barack Obama (D) at the debate.

borders. Whoever wins this race is going to face our wrath if they don’t act.”

LeBlanc explains that the
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Council’s Warnings Come True as Mexican Gangs Terrorize Americans

In a recent news report, Drug Enforcement Administration Special Agent in Charge Jack Riley told *CBS News* that turf battles over drugs are turning parts of Chicago into a Mexican border town. Riley, head of the DEA office in Chicago and in four neighboring states, sees signs of what he calls the “toxic” drug war laying waste to this city.

“This is what the U.S. Bor-

der Security Council has been warning the politicians about for years,” complains National Spokesman Steve LeBlanc. “Open borders simply allow the violence and mayhem in Mexico to spread to American cities. The border needs to be closed before it is too late.”

Although Chicago is roughly 2,000 miles north of the Mexican border, the influence and criminal element operate with

reckless abandon thanks to the illegal immigrant pandering politicians. The drug cartels have designated Chicago, because of its central location in the heart of the United States and large Mexican population, as one of the main hubs of activity for their street gangs to push illegal drugs – and the criminal activities which accompany them.

According to the DEA agent,
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Clarity and Accuracy on Illegal Immigration from the *New York Times*

Even the *New York Times* is weighing on the usage of the term illegal immigrant. *Times* public editor Margaret Sullivan was quoted saying there is no advantage for *Times* readers in a move away from the paper's use of the phrase "illegal immigrant" because it "gets its job done in two words that are easily understood. The same cannot be said of the most frequently suggested alternatives – 'unauthorized,' 'immigrants

without legal status,' and 'undocumented'...It's simply a judgment about clarity and accuracy."

In a related statement, the *Times* associate managing editor for standards Phil Corbett further said, "But in referring in general terms to the issue of people living in the United States without legal papers, we do think the phrases "illegal immigrants" and "illegal immigration" are accurate, factual and as neutral as we can manage under the circumstances. It is, in fact, illegal to enter, live

or work in this country without valid documents."

Simple, to the point, and true.

Diversity Training Gone Amok

News reports and watchdog groups are reporting that the U.S. government paid Chicago-based diversity training consultants Souder, Betances & Associates hundreds of thousands of dollars to put on workshops for the Department of Agriculture that included an exercise which had participants chant "our forefathers were illegal immigrants."

But the USDA denied that the workshop was anything more than a training exercise

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This month's "Sneak of the Month" is the Immigration and Customs Enforcement Agency for ignoring and letting one of America's most infamous illegal aliens go. In early October, Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) refused to deport Vargas when the Minnesota State Patrol pulled him over for a traffic violation. Vargas, who first made national news in June 2011 for his story of his life as an illegal alien in the United States in *The New York Times Magazine*, was in Minnesota to give a lecture. He was cited for wearing earphones while driving, according to reports in the *Star Tribune*. Because Vargas

presented law enforcement with a Washington State driver's license that had been canceled due to possible fraudulent activity, the State Patrol arrested him and called ICE. ICE agents questioned him and released him. By his own admission, Vargas has admitted that he is not only an illegal immigrant, but that he also committed multiple crimes in order to stay and work in the United States as a reporter for several well-known newspapers. This latest example is another piece of evidence that the Obama Administration intends to pick and choose which immigration laws it enforces and which it can ignore. In fact,

Politico reported that ICE made a statement bragging about its willingness to turn a blind eye toward the Vargas situation saying only that "ICE is focused on smart, effective immigration enforcement that prioritizes the removal of public safety threats, recent border crossers and egregious immigration law violators, such as those who have been previously removed from the United States." He is to appear in Hennepin County District Court on Oct. 18 on the state misdemeanor charge, but no federal charges are pending at this time.

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Executive Branch must first and foremost be held accountable for enforcing the simple rule of law when it comes to immigration. “Backdoor amnesty policies such as the DREAM act that are merely designed to win quick political points do not serve a great nation and do not answer the larger systemic problems of millions of poor people wanting to emigrate to the U.S. Both Romney and Obama have indicated that they will continue to implement the DREAM act amnesty without Congressional approval and this is a gross violation of the constitution. This has to stop.”

The U.S. Border Security Council, LeBlanc explains, is

also preparing for an epic legislative battle this spring as well. “With the continued help of our supporters around the nation, the U.S. Border Security Council will fight any politician of either political party who supports any type of amnesty,” warns LeBlanc. “This spring I expect that the new Congress will take up some type of amnesty bill so we are going to have to fight harder than ever. The silence of politicians from both sides of the aisle on an important issue like immigration usually means they are plotting something behind the scenes. Don’t be surprised if some type of bipartisan version of Harry Reid’s amnesty plus proposal suddenly appears

on Capitol Hill shortly after the new Congress is sworn in.”

Overall, while LeBlanc is optimistic that the American people will ultimately prevail in forcing Washington to secure America’s southern border, he’s not optimistic that this year’s election will matter a great deal in the short term. “If Mitt Romney was delivering a hard-core border security message out on the campaign stump I’d feel better about our prospects,” he says. “However, his silence on the issue is scary. I’m afraid we are in for one whale of a fight next year no matter what happens on Election Day.”

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the increasing presence of the organized drug cartels is causing the Windy City to experience an exponential growth in violent crime. In a recent interview Riley said, “My opinion is, right now, a number of the Mexican cartels are probably the most organized, well-funded, vicious criminal organizations that we’ve ever seen,” said Riley.

The explosion of criminal activity is measurable. According to a *CNN* report, the Department of Justice’s National Drug Intelligence Center estimates that in “2009 and 2010, cartels operated in 1,286 U.S. cities. The center named only 50 cit-

ies in 2006.” At least three and maybe as many as six separate, warring Mexican drug cartels are fighting for the billions of dollars to be made selling marijuana, cocaine and heroin in the Chicago area. That includes the ruthless Zetas, Sinaloa, Gulf, Juarez, Tijuana, and Knights Templar cartels. *CBS* news reports that Chicago’s problem is turning into a Midwest problem: cartel operations are also spreading to Milwaukee, St. Louis, and Detroit.

“One of the hardest jobs I’ve had in the past couple of years is to convince our law enforcement partners that we need an enforce-

ment mentality as if we’re on the border,” Riley said.

“I find it ironic that the hometown of the most pro-open borders President in American history is suffering like this,” says LeBlanc. “However, the good people of Chicago don’t deserve this. We have to stop this violence and wipe out these Mexican drug gangs once and for all. And in order to do that we have to convince the politicians that their open borders policies are to blame. That won’t be easy but we are going to use these Chicago crime statistics the next time we are up on Capitol Hill. You can be sure of that.”

We Want To Hear From You

We Need Your Help!

The U.S. Border Security Council wants to hear from you! Send us your personal stories about how illegal immigration is negatively affecting you, your community, or your business.

We are looking for stories that tell the tales first-hand about our nation's broken immigration system. We want examples from across the country of the commonplace challenges real people face when facing workers who can't speak English, families worried about the influence and violence of Hispanic gangs in their children's schools, the fall out of automobile accidents caused by uninsured illegal alien drivers, or anything else that you wish to share with us.

These stories are powerful tools in our work here in Washington. We want to use these testimonials in letters to our elected leaders and as examples in face-to-face meetings to show Members of Congress how this immigration disaster is personally affecting their constituents and why the need for comprehensive immigration reform must be a priority in the next legislative session.

Please send your story to us by email at info@usbordersecurity.info. Please include your name, telephone or email, and city and state. All published submissions will be anonymous.

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to "examine stereotypes." A department official said, "In one portion of the session, the presenter had participants repeat provocative and potentially offensive phrases as part of an exercise to examine stereotypes. The statements were not reflective of USDA or its policy."

What this has to do with the mission of any government agency is a complete mystery. The list of state and federal government clients includes: USDA, IRS, NASA, Departments of Energy and Interior, FDA, and many more.

DACA Numbers Shed Light

As we reported on our Twitter account ([@USBorderSec](https://twitter.com/USBorderSec)), the US Citizen and Immigration Services (USCIS) just published data confirming that the Obama Administration's Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program is experiencing dramatic growth. In September, only 29 cases were completed or approved. In October, the numbers have grown dramatically to over 179,794 requests accepted for processing, 6416 cases under review, and 4591 requests approved. No data on applicants denied is published along with these numbers. Could it be that none have been turned away?

This rapid growth makes us think that they are either rushing everyone through the approval process or they have cut other enforcement/deportation duties for repurposed staff. Either way, this sounds like a disaster in the making. The U.S. Border Security Council isn't alone. Senator Charles Grassley (R-IA) and Representative Lamar Smith (R-TX) have joined forces to ask DHS Secretary Janet Napolitano officials what forms of documentation the applicants are required to produce and how extensive the background check will be on DACA applicants, among many other salient policy points. No public reply has been forthcoming from DHS.