

Playing immigration footsie with the American people

Vice-President Kamala Harris finally visited our southern border yesterday after the Biden Administration has basically stonewalled the American people and ignored the immigration chaos there for five whole months. Kami and crew spent a whopping 4½ hours at the El Paso border checkpoint which is generally considered an orderly and non-violent border crossing. She then proceeded to praise her government's efforts at meeting the challenges presented by the unprecedented numbers (my words not hers) of immigrants seeking asylum from Mexico, the northern triangle countries of El Salvador, Honduras and Guatemala, not to mention several dozen other countries as far away as the Middle East.

Joined at the airport for a post-visit/departure press summary of her trip by Department of Homeland Security Secretary Alejandro Mayorkas and local Texas' 16th Congressional District (El Paso) Democrat Congresswoman Veronica Escobar, the Vice-President immediately launched into prepared remarks that formed the basis for her continuing explanation of the Administration's reasons for (ignoring) the chaos at border hotspots like McAllen, TX and all along the Rio Grande River. That explanation was... "that in order to fix the border we must first understand the reasons for mass migration." This will be forever known as the *root causes defense* or the *Biden-Harris doctrine*.

If there is a reasonably well-informed or reasonably intelligent person that doesn't understand why hundreds of thousands if not millions of people south of the border, living in dysfunctional or corrupt countries with high crime and lousy economies want to emigrate to the U.S., I haven't as yet met him or her. This 'search for the root causes' argument for non-action is a specious one and the biggest red herring to excuse dereliction of duty or to further a bankrupt immigration policy ever to be thrown at the feet of the American people. That it is being used by a duplicitous ideologically-driven political party to justify allowing a border crisis to reach pandemic proportions is, quite frankly, the height of hubris, an abridgement of immigration law AND a huge slap in the face of those of us with half a brain or an ounce of patriotism.

The 'secret' is no secret.

As I just said, but it bears repeating, we've all known the root causes for illegal immigration for decades and we certainly didn't need a morally-challenged administration to tell us that our government needed to go on a *fact-finding mission* to uncover the reasons why half of the southern hemisphere is willing to make a pilgrimage to the USA. And we certainly didn't need some political zealot like Congresswoman Escobar to single out or gentrify the Juarez-to-El Paso border crossing as the "new Ellis Island" implying that only legal immigration was taking place there, despite the fact that border agents interdict massive amounts of contraband drugs every single week and persons with forged documents.

No, my friends, this visit to a border 'safe space' was simply a box-checking exercise - a spot very much unlike Hidalgo County (McAllen), Texas where TV cameras or cellphone videos could have been taken of the Vice-President walking through overcrowded processing centers packed with children or at the nearby Rio Grande River observing real-time non-stop coyote-led incursions by hundreds of 'asylum-seeking' migrants. In El Paso, she would not be seen speaking with ranchers who've had their properties violated or their fences torn down on an almost daily basis nor would she be recorded talking with migrants sporting "Thank you, Mr. Biden" tee shirts or being confronted by DEA and CBP personnel who've been working round-the-clock to stem the tide of illicit drug-smuggling or comforting young teenage girls brought over as sex slaves.

The McAllen experience would have been good TV but bad PR for an administration that has absolutely no justification for its loosening of the tourniquet's grip on the border and encouraging poor people in the northern triangle to cough up their life's savings to a human smuggler and then risking a perilous journey to the USA.

This one single example of ideologically-motivated border policy speaks volumes about the Left's general willingness to ignore the conventional wisdom, the well-being and safety of American (and foreign) citizens and to thumb their nose at the 'collateral damage' done to our laws.

The Left's agenda is as transparent and hollow as Kamala Harris' constant 'root causes' refrain. It is, quite simply, in this writer's opinion, a dangerous agenda that is grounded in an open borders philosophy that would lead to a declaration of amnesty from prosecution for illegal immigrants' entry into the U.S. or protect them from deportation and then give them a short-cut to citizenship... and ultimately the voting booth. That is the *root cause* of the Biden-Harris/Democrat actions now being taken and YOU are footing the bill for it, like it or not.

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