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# Biden admin. 'officially recognizing' link between climate change, migration

Administration says migration is 'in some cases, an essential response to the climate threats to livelihood and well being'



By **Brooke Singman** | Fox News



## DHS source confirms 2021 border apprehensions broke 35-year record

Fox News correspondent Mike Tobin provides the latest updates on the surge of migrants at the U.S. southern border from La Joya, Texas

The [Biden administration](#) on Thursday is "officially recognizing and reporting" on the "linkage" between [climate change](#) and [migration](#), after the U.S. saw the highest number of border detentions in a year since 1986.

[Border Patrol](#) arrests soared over 1.7 million during the 2021 fiscal year, which ended in September.

Officials rolled out a number of government analyses aimed at tackling climate change, which President Biden has warned will be the "greatest threat" to America's national security in the coming years.

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"It is definitely a security issue," an official said.

The analyses fulfill requirements of Biden's Jan. 27 executive order on tackling climate change – as well as his Feb. 29 executive order to rebuild and enhance programs to resettle refugees and plan for the "impact of climate change on migration."

"These analyses will serve as a foundation for our critical work on climate and security moving forward," the officials said.

The Department of Homeland Security is set to roll out its "strategic framework" to tackle climate change, which would focus on "empowering individuals and communities to develop climate resilience;" "building readiness to respond to increases in climate-driven emergencies;" "incorporating climate science as a strategy for policy programs and budgets;" investing in a "sustainable and resilient" DHS; and "ensuring the DHS workforce is "informed by climate change."



Migrants crossing the Rio Grande near the International Bridge between Mexico and the U.S. on Sept. 22. (REUTERS/Go Nakamura, File)

Officials said the DHS analysis and assessment marked "the first time the U.S. government is officially recognizing and reporting on the linkage between climate change and migration."

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"The report identifies migration as an important form of adaptation to the effects of climate change, and, in some cases, an essential response to the climate threats to livelihood and well being," an official said, adding that the administration described migration as a "purely negative coping mechanism."



The administration's goals have been "to ensure that migration, for any reason, is done in a safe, orderly and human pathway," an official said.

Officials said the DHS analysis called for the development of humanitarian assistance programs to "help address the underlying causes of forced migration" and "displacement in the face of insecurity." Officials said it will also address how "individual human security can decrease the likelihood of migration."

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Haitian migrants in the Rio Grande as seen from Ciudad Acuna, Coahuila state, Mexico, on Sept. 20. (PAUL RATJE/AFP via Getty Images, File)

"It is critical to approach these efforts in a way that acknowledges that, in almost all cases, climate change is not the sole driver of migration," the official said. "The U.S. has a compelling national interest in strengthening global protections for individuals and groups displaced by the impacts of climate change."

The official added that the administration is going to work to identify ways to apply "existing protection framework" in the context of "climate-related displacement" to identify "gaps" where the United States could forge "new legal pathways to protection" for migrants impacted by climate change.

The official said the National Security Council also is establishing a "standing" interagency working group on climate change and migration, and the director of national intelligence will oversee the development of the "first-ever" national intelligence estimate on climate change.



Vice President Harris in August. (Evelyn Hockstein/Pool Photo via AP, File)

Vice President Kamala Harris was tasked with addressing the "root causes" of migration earlier this year. She released a strategy in June to tackle the issue; at the time, she did not officially link climate to migration, but did cite "extreme climate," "extensive storm damage," and the issue of "climate resiliency." Critics said Harris has failed to control the crisis amid new indications that border arrests have soared to their highest levels in decades, and noted that she didn't visit the border for months after taking on the task.

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"Climate change will increasingly exacerbate a number of risks to U.S. national security interests," the official said, noting that climate change can contribute to "increased geopolitical tension" as countries "compete in the ensuing energy transition."

The administration also is releasing an analysis from the Defense Department – the first from the Pentagon focusing on the strategic mission implications of climate change, which officials described as a "critical first step for incorporating climate change security implications" in mission strategy plans and capabilities.

"It will consider the effects of climate change on areas, such as, how to train, fight and win in an increasingly complex environment," an official said, adding that the Department of Finance also will "strive to prevent, mitigate, account for and respond to defensive security risks associated with climate change."

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The official said the Pentagon analysis also will consider how climate change could "increase demand for defense missions and impact critical supply chain, infrastructure and readiness."



The rollout comes just weeks before President Biden and key Cabinet officials are expected to participate in the United Nations climate summit in Glasgow, Scotland, on Nov. 1 and 2.

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vaninwisc588 · 21 October, 2021

This government will blame everything on climate change. They know that there is no real solution for it so they use it as a reason to give themselves more power every day. Then, when it doesn't get better, they say that they need even more power to fight climate change. And always remember that...[See more](#)

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ArtOfWar1776 · 21 October, 2021

Replying to vaninwisc588

Exactly, next the Biden administration will blame inflation, the supply chain crisis, and the failed Afghanistan withdrawal on climate change.

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justoneuncle · 21 October, 2021

Replying to vaninwisc588

You are exactly right. Remember what AOC's former chief of staff said about the Green New Deal: "The interesting thing about the Green New Deal, is it wasn't originally a climate thing at all. Do you guys think of it as a climate thing?" Because we really think of it as a how-do-you-change-the-entir...[See more](#)

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Harrykeepthechange · 21 October, 2021

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Sure. While China laughs and builds more coal fired power plants than the rest of the world combined. An economic and military superpower now and has eyes on growing it's empire. Pay attention Joe. *(Edited)*

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Heddanuff896 · 21 October, 2021

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Replying to Harrykeepthechange

Climate change is escalating Joe's cognitive decline. Climate change is escalating Hunter & Jill's greed. Climate change caused the attack in Syria. Climate change is responsible for Pete and Milley's incompetence. Climate change is responsible for my Sweet Aunt Fannie having entirely enough of ...[See more](#)

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412ba · 21 October, 2021


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Replying to Harrykeepthechange

They are also building commercial nuclear plants.

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mrbroker · 21 October, 2021

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It is the height of arrogance to believe that any human activity is capable of changing the earth's climate OR stopping any change that is happening. Mother Nature's actions far exceed our ability; for example tornados & hurricanes.

In the 1970's it was called "Global Cooling" In the 1990's it was...[See more](#)

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kolonel · 21 October, 2021

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You are correct The climate is always changing

The Biden administration is desperate for someone or something to blame for their failures, including not stopping this invasion at the southern border. Lately they seem to have given up on blaming Trump as they've had almost a year to change his po...[See more](#)

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hotrod556 · 21 October, 2021

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Climate change is the least of our concerns. The US is full of unvaccinated citizens...white supremacy is rampant...American parents are terrorists and are being investigated by the DOJ...legal gun owners are the reason we have so many shootings in the US...Christians are stirring up all sorts of tr...[See more](#)

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jobieobie · 21 October, 2021

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4 causes of all problems according to the left:

1. Climate change
2. Racism

3. Trump

4. Guns...[See more](#)Reply  63  1**Itsagoodday7** · 21 October, 2021

Replying to jobieobie

Odd I was in South America a few years ago, the weather was great and the land fertile with an abundance of water, the only problem on visible display was the incredibly poor citizens, and it wasn't caused by a weather issue.

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Replying to jobieobie

You forgot rich people who have earned their money

Reply  21  1 reply Show 4 more replies**K8thePatriot** · 21 October, 2021

If it's climate change causing this, how come people are only "migrating" to the United States? You would think they want to go to Canada, Europe, plenty of other countries in this universe...

Reply  76 **beastmaster2001\_99** · 21 October, 2021

Replying to K8thePatriot

Other people don't give free stuff for your vote

But they don't realize that it is only free you run out of other people money.

Reply  14  2 replies**midwestcrooner** · 21 October, 2021

Replying to K8thePatriot

They are. Migration trends are on the rise in Canada and Europe as well. Industrialized countries in temperate climates provide more opportunity now and in the long term. If someone can only afford to cross into the US on foot from Mexico, Central America, or South America, how would you expect t...[See more](#)

Reply  3  23 11 replies Show 6 more replies**ArtOfWar1776** · 21 October, 2021

Next the Biden administration will blame inflation, the supply chain crisis, and the failed Afghanistan withdrawal on climate change.

Reply  27  1 reply**nepatriot** · 21 October, 2021

Very true...the climate has changed. The "climate" of the Biden Administration changed from build the wall and stay in Mexico to open borders and an extended welcoming hand. Amazingly the result was a hoard of mostly poor, economic migrants coming across looking for free health care and a chance at...[See more](#)

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**SmartBlackFemale** · 21 October, 2021

Upside down times. What use to be wrong is now right and what use right is now wrong. Liberalism has completely corrupted the rule of law and everything else in its path. No country can withstand itself without it citizen's obeying its laws to keep everyone free, safe to practice their constitutiona...[See more](#) *(Edited)*

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**YaGottaVoteAmr** · 21 October, 2021

Replying to SmartBlackFemale

Local voting impacts us just as much as the federal voting does. Try to vote to remove local marxists from school boards, mayors, county positions.

This November! *(Edited)*

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**foxechochamber480** · 21 October, 2021

Replying to SmartBlackFemale

But this isn't just a US thing....its everywhere. Theres no where to run unless you've got limitless resources.

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**SkyisFaling** · 21 October, 2021

But no more mean tweets

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**trumpforjail** · 21 October, 2021

2 MONTHS IS NOT 12 MONTHS OF ENERGY INDEPENDENCE...SO NO.....I DO NOT REMEMBER BEING ENERGY INDEPENDENT...BECAUSE WE NEVER WERE... GAS PRICES WENT UP DUE TO OPEC AND NOT DUE TO ANY POLICY BIDEN DID...IN FACT THE OPEC AGREEMENT WAS MADE LAST YEAR TO REDUCE PRODUCTION....NEXT.....UNEMPLOYMENT IS WA...[See more](#) *(Edited)*

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**JesusChristIsMyLife** · 21 October, 2021

This administration can conjure up nebulous and dubious links between so called "climate change" and mass migration, but they can't openly recognize the obvious connection between their own policy and the border situation that has been a disaster for so many years.

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**eaglz76** · 21 October, 2021

Replying to JesusChristIsMyLife

The great flood was climate change also, but they only want to recognize the events convenient to them, not the ones the Lord is truly in charge of...

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