

# [***Mayorkas Takes Fall For Biden Border Failures During Full Day Congressional Beatdown***](https://advance.lexis.com/api/document?collection=news&id=urn:contentItem:6BSB-38F1-DXXD-7015-00000-00&context=1516831)

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Lawmakers grilled Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Secretary Alejandro Mayorkas during Tuesday's House and Senate hearings on the Biden administration's failed border security policies.

Republican House and Senate Appropriations Committee members pressed Mayorkas on the White House's lack of action to secure the border despite yearly department budget increases and Biden's executive authority to end the border crisis.

“For over three years, we have seen skyrocketing illegal immigration at our borders. And every corner of the country can see and feel its impact,” said Republican Ohio Rep. Dave Joyce in his opening statement. “The American people know that the border is not secure; it is a full-blown crisis that this Administration has sought to downplay for years. While recently, their messaging has changed as the 2024 election nears; this budget shows those are just empty words. This request is not serious if the goal is to fix the problem and secure the border.”

“Border security operators have been clear - without quick and decisive consequences, the illegal flow will continue unabated. The daily number of migrant encounters is still well above 5,000 a day, despite every single policy this Administration has tried. The President implemented many of the policies that have contributed to this crisis with the stroke of a pen, and he could reverse them if he so chooses,” continued Joyce.

1.3 MILLION migrants who no longer have a legal basis to remain in this country are still in America.

When I asked [*@SecMayorkas*](https://twitter.com/SecMayorkas?ref_src=twsrc%5Etfw) what his plan was to remove them, he was unable to give me an answer. [*pic.twitter.com/F2ZNrvrrzW*](https://t.co/F2ZNrvrrzW)

- Dave Joyce (@RepDaveJoyce) [*April 10, 2024*](https://twitter.com/RepDaveJoyce/status/1778139030300828152?ref_src=twsrc%5Etfw)

Republican Texas Rep. Michael Cloud asked Mayorkas if “Congress has removed any authority of the president to secure the border.”

As Mayorkas began to respond, Cloud accused Mayorkas of “filibustering” the question. Cloud pointed out that Biden has full [*authority*](https://dailycaller.com/2024/02/19/biden-weighs-cracking-down-on-illegal-immigration-after-saying-for-months-he-couldnt-do-anything-about-it/) to solve the border crisis, and yet the Administration has done “everything to undermine the border. [***(Related: Major Problem': Dems Admit The Border Isn't Secure, But Will Vote To Dismiss Mayorkas Impeachment Anyway)***](https://dailycaller.com/2024/04/09/senate-dems-say-border-not-secure-defend-mayorkas-saying-otherwise/)

Secretary Mayorkas REFUSED to answer whether or not Congress has removed any authorities from the Department of Homeland Security or the President.[*@RepCloudTX*](https://twitter.com/RepCloudTX?ref_src=twsrc%5Etfw) set the record straight: “The answer is no.” [*pic.twitter.com/aagbA4kivA*](https://t.co/aagbA4kivA)

- House Appropriations (@HouseAppropsGOP) [*April 10, 2024*](https://twitter.com/HouseAppropsGOP/status/1778126965393772776?ref_src=twsrc%5Etfw)

While alluding to Biden's persistent refusal to admit the gravity of the border crisis during his first three years of presidency, Republican Iowa Rep. Ashley Hinson criticized Mayorkas for “dancing around calling the crisis at the southern border a crisis.”

After admitting that there was a crisis at the border, Mayorkas defended the administration's efforts to secure it.

Mayorkas FINALLY admits to Congress there is a border crisis. Admitting this under oath is an important step, but what he does next is even more important.

Will he walk his admission back or will he start enforcing immigration policy & secure the border? [*pic.twitter.com/o2m7ynyetq*](https://t.co/o2m7ynyetq)

- Ashley Hinson (@RepAshleyHinson) [*April 10, 2024*](https://twitter.com/RepAshleyHinson/status/1778125572599615892?ref_src=twsrc%5Etfw)

During the Senate hearing, Republican Louisiana Sen. John Kennedy scolded congressional [*Democrats*](https://dailycaller.com/2024/04/10/border-crisis-american-history-dem-rep-celebrates-mayorkas-historic-performance/) and the Biden administration for ignoring the influx of illegal immigrants through the US southern border.

“Senate Democrats may try to dismiss the impeachment charges against you, but they can't sweep the Biden's border crisis under the rug-not even a rug as big as the United States of America,” said Kennedy.

Senate Democrats may try to dismiss the impeachment charges against Sec. Mayorkas, but they can't sweep the Biden [*#BorderCrisis*](https://twitter.com/hashtag/BorderCrisis?src=hash&ref_src=twsrc%5Etfw) under the rug-not even a rug as big as the United States of America. [*pic.twitter.com/YDw0XPTMR5*](https://t.co/YDw0XPTMR5)

- John Kennedy (@SenJohnKennedy) [*April 10, 2024*](https://twitter.com/SenJohnKennedy/status/1778160507981062269?ref_src=twsrc%5Etfw)

The House of Representatives [*impeached*](https://dailycaller.com/2024/02/13/house-votes-to-impeach-dhs-secretary-alejandro-mayorkas/) Mayorkas in February, and the Senate is scheduled to begin trial proceedings next week.

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