

Apprehensions at the Southern Border Return to Normal Levels

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Combating False Narratives

Conservatives want to attribute the recent decline in apprehensions to President Trump's new policies.

The truth is that number are down do due a number of factors including:

- Biden's border policy.
- Normal fluctuations.
- A change in political climate in Mexico.



Thesis: Trump inherited Biden's
progress and normal cycles of
border apprehensions

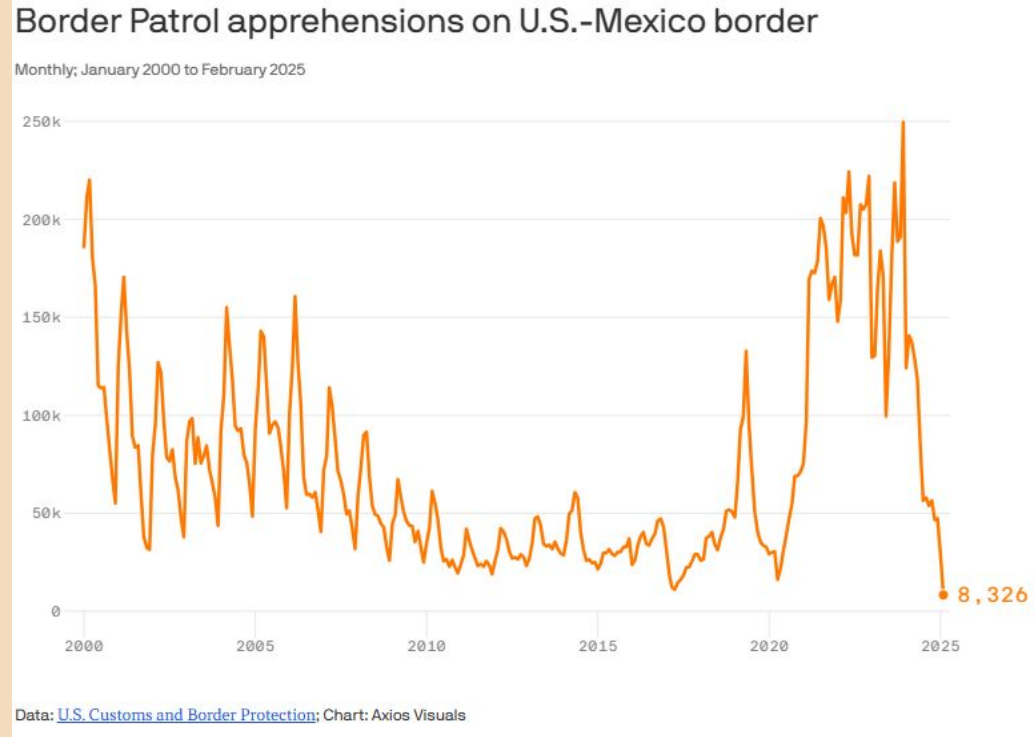
Let's look at the data...

Buuuut maybe that's not
the whole story....



The Truth is...

1. Trump's policies took effect very quickly.
2. Trump pressured Mexico with tariffs to amp up border security.
3. Border apprehensions were way higher under Biden compared to trump and for much longer



The main thing?

Be sure to always look at the full
context of the situation, and
double check information
presented as facts in graphs!

Bibliography

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