

Elon Musk explains why he's ringing the 'alarm bell' on illegal immigration: 'Crushing the country'

Musk warns the flood of people into the US threatens 'essential services'

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Tech mogul Elon Musk shared why he has become an increasingly vocal critic of illegal immigration in a post on X that warned U.S. "essential services" are at risk.

On Tuesday, Musk reacted to a report from Fox News' Bill Melugin that Sen. Laphonza Butler, D-Calif., is requesting federal funds to provide more beds for a migrant shelter in San Diego. Butler said 800 to 1,000 migrants will be mass released daily if the shelter does not gain access to additional funds.

"Dams are bursting all over the country," Musk wrote in a post that quoted Melugin. "America is only 4% of Earth's population. If only 1% of the rest of Earth moves here, that would crush all essential services."

"I am ringing the alarm bell, because the flood of illegals is crushing the country!" the billionaire explained.

Nearly 7.3 million migrants have illegally crossed the southwest border under President Biden's watch, a number greater than the individual population of 36 states, a Fox News analysis found.

The Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) report for 2023 shows that the number of illegal immigrants has soared from 3.7 million in 2021 to nearly 4.8 million in 2022 to nearly 6.2 million in 2023.

Musk, who legally immigrated to the U.S. from South Africa, has ramped up his scorching criticism of Biden's border policies in recent months. He visited the U.S.-Mexico border at Eagle Pass, Texas, in September, when he declared the "situation is beyond insane and growing fast."

On Monday, the Tesla and SpaceX CEO reiterated his belief that Democrats have allowed illegal migrants to pour into the country so that they will vote blue at some point in the future — and that they are reluctant to deport any who commit crimes since it would be akin to losing potential voters.

"Dems won't deport, because every illegal is a highly likely vote at some point," Musk wrote. "That simple incentive explains what seems to be insane behavior."

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Musk has also criticized the economic impacts of illegal immigration in a series of social media posts attributing rising costs for services and benefits to increased demand from more people living in America.

"A few other things you probably don't know: illegals in America can get bank loans, mortgages, insurance, driver's licenses, free healthcare (California & New York) and in-state college tuition," Musk wrote on Feb. 3.

"What's the point of being a citizen if an illegal gets all the benefits, but doesn't pay taxes or do jury duty?"

"If you're wondering why housing is so expensive, this is a major contributor," he added.

While Musk has harshly condemned illegal immigration, he has emphasized his support for legal immigration pathways, which he himself benefited from.

"As a reminder, I am very much PRO increasing legal immigration significantly," Musk wrote on X. "I'm not anti-immigration, I'm just against a massive number of unvetted people flooding into America, which any rational person should be."

- **Read this article and summarize its main idea in a sentence or two.**

Elon Musk is criticizing Joe Biden's immigration policy as he says this open-door attitude is endangering the country's economy.

- **Pick out the various sources mentioned throughout the article (people or institutions) and comment on them.**

Elon Musk: the owner of W, formerly known as Twitter, has recently become a staunch supporter of Trump. He sometimes expresses opinions on the verge of racism and is clearly an anti-woke advocate.

Fox (Business, News): a right-wing network, clearly on the side of Trump and Republicans.

Senator Butler: a Democrat (Biden's political party).

ICE: an official government agency, so we can assume the figures they give are reliable.

It's hard to know if the facts presented here are all true, as their authors are known for their prejudices. A Fox News article defending Donald Trump and Republicans should be taken with a pinch of salt.

- **What is wrong with illegal immigration according to Elon Musk?**

The tech mogul says all these illegal aliens are endangering the country and its economy, as they are a burden on the US finances. Sheltering comes at a cost, and Musk even says illegals get free services like healthcare when legal citizens don't. What Musk does support is legal migration, being himself from such origin.

- **Find the reason Musk gives for Democrats allowing this situation.**

According to the Tesla boss, Democrats see illegal immigrants as future voters, so they are welcoming them so as to gain votes.

As of June 2024, no state constitutions explicitly allowed noncitizens to vote in state or local elections.

Seven states explicitly prohibited noncitizen voting in state and local elections.

The District of Columbia and municipalities in three states allowed noncitizens to vote in local elections.

Six states approved ballot measures related to citizenship requirements for voting. Eight states will have similar ballot measures in the 2024 elections.