



Myths and Facts: “Border Strengthening” Measures Proposed in US Congress

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Background

As part of the ongoing negotiations in Congress around a \$110 billion supplemental funding package for US foreign aid, certain congress members and the Biden Administration are discussing a range of measures that show that there are smart and humane measures that can be taken to guarantee that people who need protection can find it through [safe and orderly processes](#). The proposals under consideration in Congress, however, are both inhumane and would create chaos and disorder. They should not be part of short-term funding bills. Here we address several myths about the current proposals.

Myth	Fact
<p>Raising the standard for asylum seekers to demonstrate fear of persecution at the border will deter people from making asylum claims.</p>	<p>Evidence shows that changing asylum standards has essentially no deterrent effect. When the US government raised the credible fear standard under the Circumventing Lawful Pathways (Asylum Ban) rule it did not deter people from seeking protection, as most did not know about or understand the rule. In fact, arrivals at the southern border increased.</p>

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