

Democratic Congresswoman Visits Tijuana ‘Immigrant Caravan’ Members in Act of Treason



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“A nation can survive its fools, and even the ambitious. But it cannot survive treason from within. An enemy at the gates is less formidable, for he is known and carries his banner openly. But the traitor moves amongst those within the gate freely, his sly whispers rustling through all the alleys, heard in the very halls of government itself.” – Roman Senator Marcus Tullius Cicero, 40 B.C. This quotation is said to be a favorite among U.S. counterintelligence officers.

U.S. Congresswoman Pramila Jayapal (D-Wash.) joined the migrant caravan stranded in Tijuana over the weekend, according to her office’s latest press statement. While there, she blamed President Donald Trump for manufacturing the crisis of asylum seekers wishing access to the United States.

“We just have to counter the lies of the president in telling about what’s happening here on the border,” the Washington Democrat said Saturday evening. “This is not an infiltration by criminals – this is people seeking the American Dream, and we should be processing them and we should be allowing them to come in.”

Jayapal, a leader of [the Congressional Progressive Caucus](#) and

one of the most outspoken critics of Trump's immigration policies, visited several shelters where members of a migrant "caravan" are being housed as they wait for their claims to be processed amid large backlogs. The border crossing linking Tijuana with San Diego saw major clashes last weekend between asylum seekers trying to enter the U.S. and border guards who blocked their way.



Rep. Jayapal is an Indian-American congresswoman from the state of Washington who is the U.S. Representative for Washington's 7th congressional district.

"I was able to successfully assist 5 asylum seekers – 2 unaccompanied minors, a mother and her 9-year-old child, and a young man with a serious medical condition – into the United States," she wrote in a tweet.

The five people she assisted were initially denied entry.

"Initially they were denied, in violation of U.S. and international law, but I was able to intervene and ensure that they could simply present themselves for asylum in the United States," she said in a follow-up tweet.

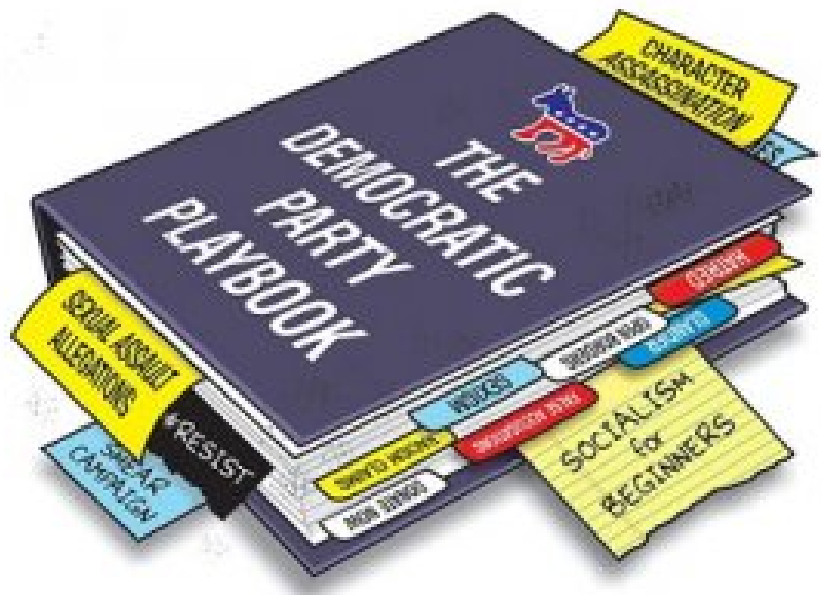
Before she went to the border, Jayapal blasted Trump for "lying" about the caravan and creating a crisis for his own political benefit.

The U.S. Border Patrol agents assigned to the southwestern border region in past administrations were permitted – even ordered – to use non-lethal "impact weapons" when confronted by large mobs of aggressive, violence prone non-authorized

foreigners. That includes the agents serving during the administration of the “sainted” President Barack Obama.

In fact, most Americans weren’t even aware of incidents that created the need for physical force by federal law enforcement at this nation’s borderline and the news media rarely covered such non-lethal use-of force to fend-off rock and debris throwing immigrants. During one incident that occurred when the Commander in Chief was President George W. Bush, a Homeland Security Department report described a “border incursion” by fully-armed suspects who entered the U.S. without permission or authorization.

When those invaders began shooting from the Mexican side of the border, and they kept on firing their lethal weapons while they came onto U.S. soil, the National Guard troops assigned to help



control the porous border region at that location found themselves without any rules of engagement or without any real military weapons to thwart the attack from the unknown intruders.

During that time in 2006, under President George W. Bush, 6,000 National Guard soldiers were sent to the U.S.-Mexican border in Arizona, California, New Mexico and Texas. However, Guard members were prohibited from enforcing the immigration laws. Their missions included engineering, aviation surveillance, and other support.

Unfortunately, it was a story that should have embarrassed all American citizens: American soldiers had to hastily retreat and telephone the cops. But Americans weren't embarrassed because the news media ignored this and other stories of "invaders" forcing American service men and women to run for their lives.

At least not until President Donald Trump, following his own agenda that includes transparency, authorized the men and women serving at the border with Mexico to use less-than-deadly physical force, which they did only to be lambasted by the Democratic Party's officeholders, so-called civil-rights leaders and political commentators and news anchors from most group-think publications and news outlets.

When the agents used tear gas to stop migrants as they rushed the border, the media condemned the use of tear gas against "innocent" people. One news report featured a woman who was particularly outraged against Trump.

"What is now coming out is that under President Obama tear gas was used almost 80 times against unruly migrants," said frequent commentator and writer, Capt. Vincent Carnova. "Yet, with the President and .

The tear gas used on migrants at the U.S.-[Mexico](#) border at the weekend, which prompted criticism of [President Trump](#), was also used almost 80 times under the Obama administration, according to Homeland Security data.

Democratic lawmakers and immigrant rights groups blasted the tactics of border agents.

'These children are barefoot. In diapers. Choking on tear gas,' California Gov.-elect Gavin Newsom tweeted. 'Women and children who left their lives behind – seeking peace and asylum – were met with violence and fear. That's not my America.'

McAleenan said hundreds – perhaps more than 1,000 – people attempted to rush vehicle lanes at the San Ysidro crossing. Mexican authorities estimated the crowd at 500. The chaos followed what began as a peaceful march to appeal for the U.S. to speed processing of asylum claims.

McAleenan said four agents were struck with rocks but were not injured because they were wearing protective gear.

It appears no one complained when [tear gas was used by Obama](#) just a few years ago during the Obama administration.

Hillary herself said that the children of illegal immigrants should be sent back to their country of origin. She even advocated “physical barriers” at the border. Trump calls it a “wall.” As late as 2016 during the last [presidential campaign](#), Hillary was still defending her past statements about building a “barrier.” (She tried to avoid calling it a “wall,” as that term has been given too much emotional value.)

But once Trump was elected president, suddenly they changed their song and began to advocate “immigrant rights.” It seems that everyone came down with political amnesia in 2016. When Trump continued the policies of his predecessors, he was condemned for it.

“This is a clear case of political hypocrisy. But then, what’s new?” said political consultant Michael Baker.

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