

EXCLUSIVE: Agents Accuse Feds of Covering Up Record Border Detainee Numbers for 2016 Election



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A record number of illegal aliens have crossed the U.S.-Mexico border and are in U.S. Border Patrol custody in Texas' Rio Grande Valley Sector (RGV), according to the National

Border Patrol Council (NBPC). Border Patrol Agent and NBPC President Brandon Judd spoke exclusively with Breitbart Texas and condemned the leadership of the Border Patrol's parent agency, Customs and Border Protection (CBP), for allegedly "keeping this information secret" ahead of the 2016 U.S. presidential election.

"We are at breaking point. We have the highest number of illegal aliens in custody in history in Border Patrol's RGV Sector and this information has been kept from the American public," said Agent Judd. "The talk of amnesty has once again created pull factors and encouraged people from all over the world to cross Mexico and then cross our porous southern border to illegally enter the U.S. We are simply overwhelmed."

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Agent Judd told Breitbart Texas that Americans should vote their conscience, but they should do so with all of the information available. "This is an issue of the federal government restricting crucial information from the public ahead of a presidential election and it is unacceptable. Americans deserve to know the truth. Our Border Patrol agents deserve for Americans to know what they are really facing. Too many Border Patrol agents have given their lives and left loved ones to grieve for CBP leadership to play these types of political games ahead of such an impactful election."

Border Patrol Agent Chris Cabrera spoke with Breitbart Texas in his capacity as vice president of the NBPC Local 3307, that represents the majority of Border Patrol agents in the RGV Sector. He said, "This isn't surprising, considering the history of Border Patrol and CBP covering up facts and falsifying numbers." He added, "In 2014, CBP didn't publicize the crowded conditions in our facilities until [Breitbart Texas published over forty photos depicting the reality](#). Only then did they properly address the crisis."

Agent Cabrera said CBP were in fact concealing the gravity of the current

border crisis. "One side in this coming election is downplaying illegal immigration and concealing this information only serves to help that agenda," said Agent Cabrera.

Breitbart Texas reached out to the RGV Sector PIO for the Border Patrol and did not receive a response, though not much time was given to the agency. Historically, CBP, Border Patrol's parent agency, has had to correct false assertions and denials. Perhaps the most glaring example occurred in June 2014 when [an official CBP Twitter account directly accused this reporter a publishing a false report, only to later admit the report was accurate and true.](#)

CBP has released numbers indicating near-record apprehensions; however, the assertions from the agents in the NBPC pertain to people who illegally entered the U.S. and are currently in custody in Border Patrol facilities. Agent Judd stated, "There is a significant difference between apprehension numbers and numbers in custody in our facilities. These record numbers in custody indicate that these are people who are not voluntarily returning. This indicates that these people will, under current policy, be released into our communities and given amnesty. This record number of people currently in detention is significant because the RGV Sector is dealing with the Gulf and Los Zetas cartels. This means our agents are busy babysitting record numbers in facilities instead of patrolling the border and stopping these murderers, kidnappers, and drug smugglers."

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the candidate vowed to give veteran Border Patrol agents a voice in what is needed to properly secure the U.S.-Mexico border.