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As somebody who spent a lot of time on the border being a border state with the largest

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border I know these issues and I see them every day and if there is one group benefiting from this

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00:00:16,960 --> 00:00:23,360

I can tell you who it is it's the cartels let me say that one more time there's one

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group benefiting from the policies of the provident administration it is the cartels

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our family ranch it's been here my grandfather started a choir his great granddad actually

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started acquiring about the 1900s you know has a lot of heritage been real good you know we

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used to run a lot of cattle and stuff personally I've lived here since 95 on the ranch moved out

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here as a young man and you know we had the occasional legals coming through the ranch

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you know but they weren't causing problems or nothing they just want a better life and go get

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a better job used to I'd leave my lodge you know it would you know you might leave it unlocked

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00:01:18,880 --> 00:01:21,920

you know one day you didn't worry about it now  
you got to make sure everything's locked up our

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00:01:21,920 --> 00:01:28,640

house is locked up at night you know we we never  
locked our house we never locked our vehicles

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00:01:28,640 --> 00:01:34,480

we we just felt safe here we didn't feel like we  
had to we've owned my family's ranch in Kinney

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00:01:34,480 --> 00:01:41,120

County since the late 80s and we've always had  
you know some traffic coming through here and

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illegals but never the surge like we've seen  
in the last six months we are fearful and we're

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afraid in our own homes and so we've had to get an  
alarm system we've had to keep everything locked

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00:01:57,920 --> 00:02:04,880

and just really be cautious you know when you  
get out at a gate you've got to look around and

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00:02:04,880 --> 00:02:10,000

be aware your surroundings I used to always wear  
my air pods you know I might be working on a water

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00:02:10,000 --> 00:02:16,720

trough or or something and you know I had to quit  
doing that because we live on almost 9,000 acres

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00:02:16,720 --> 00:02:24,240

my husband works 35 miles from here is gone 12  
hours a day I have no employees so I'm here by

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00:02:24,240 --> 00:02:32,320

myself all day every day so if if something were to happen or somebody you know knocked me down

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00:02:32,320 --> 00:02:37,920

took my truck you know all stories that you're hearing about I'd basically be on my own because

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00:02:38,960 --> 00:02:46,480

it would take someone a while to to find me or to even you know get out to the ranch it's changed

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changes a lot about the way you live out here my wife's not comfortable working out on the ranch

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like she used to be she's if I go out of town she basically won't get out of the house or the yard

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and we have a livestock guard dog in the pasture outside the house and we got four dogs in the yard

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so she's more comfortable there but she's not comfortable going to the barn to

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feed animals or go do chores around the ranch unless I'm with her I've lived in

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this county about 50 years I've had this place a little over 20 years

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00:03:21,840 --> 00:03:32,240

and it's almost daily here that we're seeing evidence of people crossing

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00:03:32,240 --> 00:03:38,080

being an absentee owner here we we live in San Antonio so when we come down here our family is

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00:03:38,080 --> 00:03:44,240

very concerned you know you're usually pretty safe to bet you're not alone out here there's

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00:03:44,240 --> 00:03:50,640

always that to think about that being said I've never felt like I was in in danger that's not to

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00:03:50,640 --> 00:03:58,400

say it's not here it is they're just in broad daylight coming through your fence and and not

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00:03:58,400 --> 00:04:05,040

caring if they're seen or solved you're hearing more and more reports of big groups coming through

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00:04:05,680 --> 00:04:10,160

the landowners will see them and they just come on through like they own the place they come up

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00:04:10,160 --> 00:04:16,640

walk come through your fence cut it and just keep driving like like it's allowed it's a sad reality

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00:04:16,640 --> 00:04:22,240

that we live in but you know we're not enjoying the same rights as other Texans or Americans do

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00:04:24,000 --> 00:04:28,960

we're the third generation ranchers here we've been here since well actually my family's one of

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the few families that started Del Rio the first 10 families in delray so we've been in the area

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00:04:33,840 --> 00:04:36,960

a long time you know usually you can  
go like if you live in the city you

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00:04:36,960 --> 00:04:41,120

can go out to your backyard you're fine here  
that's not the case if you go in your backyard

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00:04:41,680 --> 00:04:44,880

you might be fine or someone might  
walk up on you one person 10 people

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00:04:45,440 --> 00:04:49,680

how many they're gonna be I don't know and it's  
changed I mean it's changed a bunch in the last

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00:04:50,960 --> 00:04:55,680

I'd say really in the last two months it  
definitely has changed our lifestyle living on the

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00:04:55,680 --> 00:05:00,960

ranch just when your kids even your kids you know  
hey I want to go to the goat barn which is 200

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00:05:00,960 --> 00:05:07,360

yards from the house you gotta say hey hold on we  
need to go with you or somebody she can't just go

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00:05:07,360 --> 00:05:12,480

down by herself like she used to me specifically  
you know I normally don't carry a farm every day

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00:05:12,480 --> 00:05:17,200

on me I usually have a rifle in the truck but  
now every day I wear firearms and everyone in

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00:05:17,200 --> 00:05:20,800

the ranch has some type of firearm with them  
and that's never been an issue in the past

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you know just in the backyard we have  
to carry guns, we go feed the goats

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00:05:25,360 --> 00:05:30,320

we have to go carry a gun you know it's  
getting where you know like we're basically

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00:05:30,320 --> 00:05:34,160

running around everybody's running around with a  
gun just to be safe because you don't know when

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00:05:34,160 --> 00:05:39,760

that time is going to be happening that you run  
across the one that might do physical harm to you

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00:05:39,760 --> 00:05:46,160

or or to that case well you're just kind of more  
aware you I wear a pistol all the time anyway

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00:05:48,080 --> 00:05:53,360

but you always want to be armed I've always wanted  
to be armed when I'm out here because you don't

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00:05:53,360 --> 00:05:59,840

know how many people might walk up on you any time  
you leave the house we have to stay armed because

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00:06:00,640 --> 00:06:04,800

you know we're just afraid we we just  
don't know who's out there and I never

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00:06:04,800 --> 00:06:10,320

did that before I always carried a rifle in  
my truck that was mostly if you saw a coyote

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00:06:10,320 --> 00:06:17,040

or something like that you know some kind of  
predator it wasn't anything because I was afraid

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00:06:17,600 --> 00:06:24,080

and so I started having to carry it because you just don't know who's out there how many you

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00:06:24,080 --> 00:06:31,280

might see one or two but there might be 20 or 50 in the brush and so you have to be real vigilant

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00:06:32,000 --> 00:06:37,600

and and cautious anywhere you go because there's so many people you don't know if it's going to be

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two or three aliens or 10 or 20. and we've never seen alien traffic like it is

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and I've never seen as many different nationalities as what's coming through now

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00:06:50,880 --> 00:06:57,280

you know border patrol has two towers on us which is cool that can pinpoint them scan and help catch

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00:06:57,280 --> 00:07:02,000

these groups this summer it worked great you know they get air national guard helping them

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00:07:02,000 --> 00:07:07,280

out and we were catching them I bet we were 80 percent capture rate well now they can't have

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00:07:07,280 --> 00:07:11,440

anybody come out they're so overwhelmed they're tired I get it law enforcement's tired in that

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00:07:12,400 --> 00:07:18,160

us as ranchers are having to act as bore patrol we're having to patrol our own property and

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00:07:18,160 --> 00:07:23,600

enforce the laws and we have game cameras now  
we have security things we have to put in place

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00:07:23,600 --> 00:07:27,200

we have cameras that text us pictures as soon  
as it happens on every single gate of the ranch

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00:07:27,840 --> 00:07:31,360

you know we're monitoring our  
gates monitoring the air and

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00:07:31,360 --> 00:07:34,560

you know but there's only so much we can  
do we sleep at night we don't have shifts

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00:07:35,120 --> 00:07:39,040

and it's it's it's a shame that we're having to  
spend our own resources doing what the federal

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00:07:39,040 --> 00:07:44,400

government or the state is supposed to do just  
last night is a perfect example we had a group

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00:07:44,400 --> 00:07:49,120

of five of them walked through at 3am of course  
no one was awake we didn't see a picture but and

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00:07:49,120 --> 00:07:53,600

by the time you wake up you see the picture you  
send it to bourbon shoal or the sheriff you know

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00:07:53,600 --> 00:08:01,520

they're long gone by then we're seeing groups now  
they're dressed all in black or maybe camouflage

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00:08:02,160 --> 00:08:06,800

and then they all seem to have hoodies on and  
then you know if you see them with their hands

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00:08:06,800 --> 00:08:11,840

in their pockets do they have a gun you have to make that judgment call in a split second

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00:08:14,320 --> 00:08:20,240

so a couple weeks ago I was down here with my kids and some friends and a guy came walking up

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00:08:20,240 --> 00:08:28,720

to the house my dog started barking I looked over saw a gentleman walking up and I quickly realized

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00:08:28,720 --> 00:08:36,480

he was not going to be a threat he had broken mesquite trees off and was using him as crutches

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00:08:36,480 --> 00:08:41,600

it turns out he had two broken legs not exactly sure what happened to him he said he had fallen

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00:08:41,600 --> 00:08:46,240

off of a fence but we have reason to believe he was part of a car accident a few ranches down

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00:08:47,520 --> 00:08:50,400

that resulted from a bailout on someone's property

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00:08:51,680 --> 00:08:58,400

10 aliens were seen day before last cross in here going up a pipeline and they were they were

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00:08:59,120 --> 00:09:05,520

dressed in black black backpacks and they was trotting side by side in a military type fashion

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00:09:06,560 --> 00:09:13,760

going down the pipeline we were doing a helicopter hunt for varmints and we we observed two camps

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00:09:14,640 --> 00:09:20,320  
in our ranch near the rock near the highway where  
aliens had been staging I suppose being picked up

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00:09:21,040 --> 00:09:27,200  
by vehicles but we found two camps with  
black backpacks food and so forth so

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00:09:29,200 --> 00:09:33,680  
the first time when they they started knocking  
on her door it was about 10 o'clock at night

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00:09:34,400 --> 00:09:39,520  
they started they were yelling at us in  
english hey guys open up and kept knocking

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00:09:40,080 --> 00:09:46,400  
they weren't even afraid until I told them if  
you don't leave i'll shoot did they finally

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00:09:46,400 --> 00:09:50,560  
you know get off of our our premises  
and started running for the brush

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00:09:52,560 --> 00:10:00,080  
we had another incident where I get home and  
they're sitting on my back deck they had got

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00:10:00,080 --> 00:10:08,320  
drinks out of my refrigerator and we were really  
scared just you know to tell you the truth you

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00:10:08,320 --> 00:10:15,840  
know I had some firearms in my truck and they  
could have gotten those and and come in you know

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00:10:15,840 --> 00:10:20,480  
shooting at us you like to think that's not  
going to happen but but you just don't know

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00:10:21,840 --> 00:10:26,640  
numerous times they've come by the house you know  
and you kind of sit there and go you know I work

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00:10:26,640 --> 00:10:32,880  
out on the ranch out in the middle of nowhere wife  
and 11 and 14 year old kids are at the house and

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00:10:32,880 --> 00:10:37,040  
you know it's sad to say that I got to sit there  
and tell them how to be proficient with the weapon

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00:10:38,160 --> 00:10:42,320  
inside the house because I don't know what's going  
to happen you know you can't these people that

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00:10:42,320 --> 00:10:49,040  
are coming across they're not just are hispanic  
workers these are from other countries they're

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00:10:49,040 --> 00:10:53,920  
they're pedophiles they're thugs they're murderers  
us on the ranches we're dealing with the riff raft

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00:10:53,920 --> 00:10:57,520  
you know I mean you it's unreal if you see  
some of these people when they're caught

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00:10:58,080 --> 00:11:03,520  
what they have on their background history  
so as I've said this is not a new problem

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00:11:04,560 --> 00:11:09,280  
but it's a problem that's getting exponentially  
worse so the number one thing we want to see

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00:11:09,280 --> 00:11:15,120  
is an actual protection at the border to stop  
these people coming through there's got to be

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00:11:15,120 --> 00:11:18,960  
a better way I'm not saying these people  
don't deserve to be here I'm saying that

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00:11:18,960 --> 00:11:24,240  
there's got to be a better way to get them in  
here because they're coming through us and and

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00:11:24,240 --> 00:11:33,280  
my family's in danger my family is in financial  
liability and and we need to see something change

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00:11:33,920 --> 00:11:39,920  
something's got to change it just has to I mean  
we should you have this ranch been in the family

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00:11:39,920 --> 00:11:43,680  
you know you have a house you should be able  
to live in the country like you want to live

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00:11:43,680 --> 00:11:50,000  
in the country you know all these people up north  
are great they they got their house they're safe

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00:11:50,000 --> 00:11:57,120  
and not worried about nothing but out here it's  
it's open country in town I feel for town too

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00:11:57,120 --> 00:12:01,200  
you know they got all the women and children but  
that's they're not as violent there they still

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00:12:01,200 --> 00:12:09,840  
have the violent people there don't get me wrong  
but down here like I said it's just wild west