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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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Bailouts here in Texas this is something that

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that law enforcement has been handling for quite some time let me explain really what that means

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a bailout is usually the cartel has provided a vehicle and in that vehicle seats are moved

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and modified in such a way that they can pack as many humans as possible inside this vehicle

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when either a citizen reports that vehicle or law enforcement sees a traffic violation

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00:01:18,560 --> 00:01:23,920

or possibly in some cases we have where we see a foot or a hand that's hanging out the back of a

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00:01:23,920 --> 00:01:30,000

bed of a truck where we see a mass of people
in there on routine patrol those vehicles

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will immediately try and evade any law enforcement
whether or not we've even turned a light on or not

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00:01:36,720 --> 00:01:46,080

to affect the traffic stop so this usually uh
results in a chase down one of the major highways

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00:01:46,080 --> 00:01:51,840

either down on them into one of our county roads
through the through a fence out into the brush

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00:01:52,560 --> 00:01:59,920

into a field uh when the vehicle becomes stopped
uh stuck or can't move any uh can't go anywhere

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00:01:59,920 --> 00:02:05,920

then we have a complete bailout of the occupants
of the vehicle when they scatter out in these

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00:02:05,920 --> 00:02:09,600

areas they're not wanting to be confronted by us
they're wanting to hide from us so what are they

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00:02:09,600 --> 00:02:15,200

doing they're staying out there for you know 8 10
sometimes 12 14 hours at a time trying to evade

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00:02:16,720 --> 00:02:22,800

that creates a lot of danger for us because
they're we don't know who they are we don't

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00:02:22,800 --> 00:02:29,680

know the liability of that it's creating property
damage uh liability of animals and lives livestock

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00:02:29,680 --> 00:02:36,320
getting out on public property and a lot of a
lot of liability there that we're worried about

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00:02:36,320 --> 00:02:42,560
the people in our community are being affected
by this this year alone from january until now

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00:02:43,280 --> 00:02:49,840
we've had over 13 vehicles stolen in
our county we had nine vehicles stolen

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00:02:50,400 --> 00:02:58,800
within a matter of two days and these are all uh
three-quarter one-ton double cab trucks and those

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00:02:58,800 --> 00:03:05,920
are the the vehicles of choice for human smugglers
so when we talk about these bailouts and pursuits

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00:03:06,640 --> 00:03:10,480
they want those vehicles because they
can they just plow through fences

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00:03:11,120 --> 00:03:14,000
you know sometimes they'll come right
through a gate they'll come right through

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00:03:14,000 --> 00:03:18,800
h braces they don't really care they're going
70 miles an hour they have a hard time aiming

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00:03:20,080 --> 00:03:24,240
we had one a couple of years ago ran through
a fence on the north end of the place

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00:03:24,960 --> 00:03:28,240
and they ended up running through
five fences before they got out

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00:03:29,040 --> 00:03:34,240
and they they got out and they got away never were
caught their sheriff's office was chasing them

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00:03:35,840 --> 00:03:41,920
you know this from this point on these folks
spread out into the community into the county

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00:03:43,200 --> 00:03:48,320
and now we're starting to get phone calls from
our constituents saying another sheriff i've got

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00:03:48,320 --> 00:03:52,080
somebody walking around on my pasture out there
they broke into my barn they're trying to steal

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00:03:52,080 --> 00:03:56,400
my vehicles they're trying to steal my forwarders
they're coming up onto my house and trying to get

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00:03:56,400 --> 00:04:04,320
in and break in for food and water and and this
is um this is this causes a tremendous amount of

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00:04:04,960 --> 00:04:11,040
fear and anxiety for landowners and people who are
living uh you know you know around this this area

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00:04:12,800 --> 00:04:15,200
i've grown up here I was born
in delray I was raised here

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00:04:16,480 --> 00:04:21,360
and this immigration crisis you know people call
it a crisis but in all reality it's an invasion

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00:04:21,920 --> 00:04:28,320
we've had over 900 000 apprehensions in Texas
by border patrol every time you go out in the

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00:04:28,320 --> 00:04:35,600
pasture you find something gates left open maybe
a gate between you and your neighbor or a fence

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00:04:35,600 --> 00:04:41,280
down between you and your neighbor and not only
that the other biggest problem we're having is

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00:04:41,280 --> 00:04:47,040
climbing the high fences tearing them down to the
ground sometimes they'll cut the fence about from

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00:04:47,040 --> 00:04:51,760
the ground about knee-high and sometimes they'll
cut it waist higher shoulder high and leave a big

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00:04:51,760 --> 00:04:57,280
gap and hole in it when you have a high fence
when you cut that fence you have you can't just

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00:04:57,280 --> 00:05:01,600
go in there and patch it up with wire you have to
replace that whole segment that segment you know

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00:05:01,600 --> 00:05:06,400
i know one rancher next to us had to spend over
thirty thousand dollars this month for doing that

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00:05:07,040 --> 00:05:11,520
and most people say well that's too much money for
a fence well it depends what he has fenced in some

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00:05:11,520 --> 00:05:18,400
of those exotics cost 10 000 each what if I don't
want my bulls and with my heifers to breed because

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00:05:18,400 --> 00:05:26,160
if they breed too early and they calf too early
potential of losing those heifers if my livestock

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00:05:26,160 --> 00:05:33,200
gets mixed up with my neighbors we both incur
that expense to try to sort it out now so now

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00:05:33,200 --> 00:05:37,680
your farmers and ranchers have no restitution
for this stuff they have no way they're going

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00:05:37,680 --> 00:05:43,600
to have to come out of their pocket to recuperate
fences any lost cattle that may have gotten out

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00:05:43,600 --> 00:05:47,120
and they're not running through one fence
sometimes they're running through 10 12 inches

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00:05:47,120 --> 00:05:50,720
they're not running through them cutting them
like you can just fly some wire you're tearing up

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00:05:50,720 --> 00:05:56,640
hundreds of yards of fence every time they run
through one the cost is getting up there because

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00:05:56,640 --> 00:06:04,000
we have to hire somebody me or I have my wife or a
ranch hand to drive fences daily it can be it can

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00:06:04,000 --> 00:06:08,400
be twice a day they have to check them because
they'll just cut the fence and walk through it

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00:06:10,240 --> 00:06:16,400
there's about six miles of fence around this
pasture just to do one line and it takes an

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00:06:16,400 --> 00:06:22,320
hour at least just to one side of the ranch so i
mean in the long run you know you're sitting there

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00:06:22,320 --> 00:06:26,080
trying to run a business and I think it's just
not just my outfitting too you're looking at the

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00:06:26,080 --> 00:06:31,360
ranchers cattle standpoint open fences up you've
got to hire helicopters you've got to hire crews

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00:06:31,360 --> 00:06:35,680
to come in because a lot of these ranchers anymore
they don't have the staff like they did back in

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00:06:35,680 --> 00:06:41,120
the days that lived on the ranch and run it a lot
of them feed them by hand and other ranchers have

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00:06:41,120 --> 00:06:45,920
old fences that are older and you know they don't
they can't even afford to fix a fence not everyone

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00:06:45,920 --> 00:06:50,640
has ten thousand dollars to throw towards the
fence to fix it and then you know what do you do

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00:06:50,640 --> 00:06:55,680
and you have to spend the whole day or maybe two
days from doing something else to go fix the fence

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00:06:55,680 --> 00:07:00,640
and try to keep your livestock in and not let
them injure other people on the highways fact

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00:07:00,640 --> 00:07:05,120
this morning I had to go help a local rancher
we had 10 head of cows out on the highway that

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00:07:05,680 --> 00:07:09,440
tore down the fence or something we don't know
he's trying to investigate into that deal and

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00:07:09,440 --> 00:07:13,600
the problem is the cattle the livestock they'll
get on the road and then they'll cause accidents

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00:07:13,600 --> 00:07:17,680
and and you know hitting a deer is one thing
hitting a you know several thousand pound cow

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00:07:17,680 --> 00:07:21,440
that's a totally different issue most people
don't walk away from that type of thing

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00:07:22,080 --> 00:07:26,880
so it's dangerous and the amount of property
damage that's going on is astronomical

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00:07:28,240 --> 00:07:38,320
we spent 20 000 last year in 2020 on fence repair
from bailouts and we've already surpassed that in

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00:07:38,320 --> 00:07:46,720
2021. just the damage to the property is something
i mean it's not only the high-speed chases

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00:07:47,680 --> 00:07:55,280
and running through fences it's turning off solar
pumps and leaving our livestock without water one

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00:07:55,280 --> 00:07:59,200
thing people don't realize is we've had whenever
they come to the property they'll maliciously

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00:07:59,200 --> 00:08:06,240
break the water troughs break the water tanks
they're drilling holes in people's pipelines

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00:08:07,440 --> 00:08:13,840
and so they're losing tanks of water turning your
pump off they're tearing up your solar pumps with

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00:08:13,840 --> 00:08:21,280
the wiring but we found broken lines from them
tampering with trying to get water out of a pump

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00:08:21,280 --> 00:08:27,120
or a line that's not turned on they leave water
faucets open where we have faucets usually we

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00:08:27,120 --> 00:08:32,720
don't leave don't put faucets many places in the
pasture because people will come on along and

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00:08:32,720 --> 00:08:38,320
turn them on and not turn them off and they're
trying to get water and I understand that but

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00:08:38,880 --> 00:08:47,440
water is precious here and if if I lose a whole
tank of water i've got 25 30 cows without water

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00:08:48,000 --> 00:08:55,600
plus it it might take me another month to regain
the water that I lose and i've got to move those

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00:08:55,600 --> 00:09:01,760
cows so I can't even use that pasture but whenever
you cut off a supply of water for your livestock

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00:09:01,760 --> 00:09:06,880
in in summer temperatures in two days it kills
not only the livestock but the wildlife so i

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00:09:06,880 --> 00:09:12,240
mean this is just a daily occurrence down here
and it's something we shouldn't have to endure

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00:09:14,960 --> 00:09:19,120
so we're geographically located here
this bailout problem has always been

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00:09:19,760 --> 00:09:24,080
a problem for us we're close to town
so we're the kind of their last resort

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00:09:24,080 --> 00:09:27,040
before they get to the interstate because
they know if they get to the interstate

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00:09:27,040 --> 00:09:32,080
they're they're going to get caught so we've
always had this problem here that's just

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00:09:32,080 --> 00:09:37,600
getting way worse the other problems are that
can happen or once they're in here who are they

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00:09:37,600 --> 00:09:40,400
what are they what are they doing are they
good people are they bad people are they

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00:09:40,400 --> 00:09:44,320
carrying drugs do they have guns are they
a danger to me and my family we don't know

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00:09:45,840 --> 00:09:49,440
so you got to be careful the other thing is
to say the car doesn't break down in the brush

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00:09:49,440 --> 00:09:53,920
and they make it through and they're driving
through and say they hit a gas line riser and it

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00:09:54,480 --> 00:09:59,600
blows up half the county whose fault is that it's
on my property is that my liability I don't know

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00:10:00,720 --> 00:10:07,840
a couple of new crashes that come to mind is we
had one truck that was in a pursuit that ended up

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00:10:08,480 --> 00:10:12,160
crashing into a tree it had approximately 18

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00:10:12,720 --> 00:10:20,960
individuals in it that were being smuggled
to houston the driver we call the coyote

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00:10:22,320 --> 00:10:29,120
he bailed out of the truck and ran off we ended
up the truck caught on fire we ended up having to

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00:10:30,000 --> 00:10:36,480
rescue about nine individuals that were
still in the truck when it caught on fire

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00:10:37,680 --> 00:10:44,080
so that depletes all our resources all of our
law enforcement agencies were involved city

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00:10:44,080 --> 00:10:52,000
police state police game wardens sheriff's office
we were all involved with that all of our ems

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00:10:52,000 --> 00:10:58,720
ambulances were were tied up on that situation
fire departments we even had to call ambulances

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00:10:58,720 --> 00:11:07,360
from from the city of yocum to assist us because
we had so many injured individuals anytime we have

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00:11:07,360 --> 00:11:14,000
let's say a bailout and our guys have to all go
out and and try to take care of this issue we're

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00:11:14,000 --> 00:11:18,240
a little bit luckier we've got a few more folks
on the street usually four on the street every day

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00:11:19,120 --> 00:11:23,040

but when something like this happens you're taking all four of those folks and you're putting them

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00:11:23,040 --> 00:11:27,600

in one small area well who's taking care of the rest of the community when we're having to spend

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00:11:27,600 --> 00:11:33,200

all of our resources right there not just that but ambulances and fire services because they're

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00:11:33,200 --> 00:11:37,200

going through and they're starting fires in fields these folks get hurt we're not going to leave them

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00:11:37,200 --> 00:11:42,240

there to get hurt we're going to call ambulance so now all of your county emergency service resources

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00:11:42,240 --> 00:11:46,800

is going to this one little tiny area and now we've got something on the other side of the

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00:11:46,800 --> 00:11:50,080

county that we can't get there quick enough because we're dealing with something that

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00:11:50,080 --> 00:11:57,440

should not have been our problem to begin with is there a cost to this yes there's a cost in lives

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00:11:58,160 --> 00:12:04,720

as our death count grows daily we're looking at at numerous counties with well over 20 people

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00:12:04,720 --> 00:12:12,400

that are dead on some person's property this is happening every day in numerous counties as people

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00:12:12,400 --> 00:12:17,200

come across in this manner you got to understand this and you have to you have to know where we

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00:12:17,200 --> 00:12:23,680

where we have come to this we went from a system which was probably the most secure and most stable

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00:12:23,680 --> 00:12:29,040

that we've ever had here in the last two years where migrant protection protocols were observed

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00:12:29,840 --> 00:12:35,040

compact state agreements with other countries were done where we had that stabilized the border to a

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00:12:35,040 --> 00:12:40,560

point where we didn't have these issues going on and now all of a sudden we have we have true chaos

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00:12:41,200 --> 00:12:44,960

that's happened and we have no response from the federal government

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00:12:46,640 --> 00:12:51,680

last year I can tell you lavaca county did not have one bailout we didn't have one

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00:12:51,680 --> 00:12:57,440

pursuit involving human smuggling and this year we've had countless numbers of them already and

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00:12:57,440 --> 00:13:02,880

this all started at first of the year with the stroke of a pin we've been abandoned by our

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00:13:02,880 --> 00:13:06,560

federal government they're not helping us with stuff that they need to help us with we're here

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00:13:06,560 --> 00:13:13,040

to support and protect and preserve and defend
our constituents and our communities this is not

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00:13:13,040 --> 00:13:18,160

supposed to be our main focus of law enforcement
and the guys that are supposed to be doing this

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00:13:19,360 --> 00:13:22,080

they would love to be able to do
their job but they're hand-tied

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00:13:22,640 --> 00:13:27,360

and they're not being allowed to do what they need
to do they're turning them into babysitters now

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00:13:29,120 --> 00:13:35,600

in south Texas we've always partnered with
federal officers it would be a border patrol ice

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00:13:36,320 --> 00:13:40,240

now with the crisis on the border
i've received phone calls from

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00:13:40,960 --> 00:13:46,400

from the chief of border patrol that said hey look
you know we're being redirected you know as far as

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00:13:46,400 --> 00:13:51,040

unaccompanied children and all the housing down
at the different uh facilities down on the border

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00:13:51,680 --> 00:13:56,480

they're the federal border patrol is being taken
away from basically from their job of what they do

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00:13:56,480 --> 00:14:01,440

to go take care of these people so now you've got
these folks that are supposed to be doing what our

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00:14:01,440 --> 00:14:07,200

guys are having to do that are babysitting folks
and and bringing them in we bring in folks on a

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00:14:07,200 --> 00:14:11,440

bailout and we put them in our facility and
there's nobody to come get them so we can't

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00:14:11,440 --> 00:14:16,880

keep them there forever we take them to the next
available border patrol station and drop them off

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00:14:17,600 --> 00:14:23,120

they're cycling them through giving them a piece
of paper for a court date next year and sending

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00:14:23,120 --> 00:14:26,400

them on their way they're right back in there
now we're dealing with them two and three times

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00:14:26,400 --> 00:14:31,680

a year the same groups normally border patrol
would come pick them up well they didn't have

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00:14:31,680 --> 00:14:36,960

the people available to even drive up there
and and pick up the individuals that we had so

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00:14:37,520 --> 00:14:43,760

my office ended up having to drive the individuals
and meet the border patrol on the other side of

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00:14:43,760 --> 00:14:49,600

victoria which is probably 50 60 miles to meet
a border patrol agent to take these individuals

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00:14:50,160 --> 00:14:57,840

and so again that's taken away from county
resources to do the federal government's job

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00:14:58,880 --> 00:15:04,720

we set up for this we set up for a new set of
problems cause my policies no no we're not can

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00:15:04,720 --> 00:15:10,560

commissioners courts and city councils uh you know
reach out and find a half a million dollars to to

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00:15:10,560 --> 00:15:16,720

try and supplement our budget no those dollars are
not there our budgets are set so whatever happens

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00:15:16,720 --> 00:15:22,000

uh we've got to try and take whatever emergency
procedures we can and by the level of service

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00:15:22,720 --> 00:15:26,800

that we that we're that we're doing with
without these issues that come about so

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00:15:27,760 --> 00:15:35,520

is there a cost financially yes there is
a clear cost an accountable cost on what

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00:15:35,520 --> 00:15:40,640

what a county has to endure the other issue
that we're seeing a lot especially down in

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00:15:40,640 --> 00:15:45,120

the southern part where you have a major issue
with the cartel who are supplying these folks

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00:15:46,080 --> 00:15:51,360

they're bringing them over uh at a cost each
individual that comes over is coming over at

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00:15:51,360 --> 00:15:56,320

a cost to them and what are they doing to pay
that because obviously they don't have three four

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00:15:56,320 --> 00:16:00,160

to five thousand dollars a person the people
that are being smuggled into this country

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00:16:00,880 --> 00:16:06,080

aren't coming here like we did in the past they're
not coming here and receiving the benefits of a

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00:16:06,080 --> 00:16:10,960

free america that we think these individuals being
brought here and placed in indentured servitude

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00:16:10,960 --> 00:16:19,680

by transnational criminal organizations anything
from hotel workers to sex slaves and anything from

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00:16:19,680 --> 00:16:26,000

you know 10 12 year old girls up to 30 40 year
old women it's sad these folks are trying to

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00:16:26,000 --> 00:16:32,480

get away okay great but now they're enslaved to
this cartel group being forced into this kind of

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00:16:32,480 --> 00:16:38,800

labor if somebody wants to come here we welcome
them we just ask them to do it the right way we

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00:16:38,800 --> 00:16:43,520

do not want transnational criminal organizations
bringing these people into our country and placing

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00:16:43,520 --> 00:16:49,840

them into slavery and in the bondage it's
not right and it should not be taking place

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00:16:50,400 --> 00:16:55,120

we're all for immigration how most of us got here
through immigration if you go far enough back in

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00:16:55,120 --> 00:17:00,000

your in your family history but there's a way
to do it because our small communities you know

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00:17:00,000 --> 00:17:08,000

i think we're a 198 rural community of counties
in the state of Texas which is the majority our

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00:17:08,000 --> 00:17:14,720

infrastructure is not capable of handling this
kind of influx of people today we still think of

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00:17:14,720 --> 00:17:20,320

of this crisis as an immigration crisis it's not
really an immigration crisis it's a smuggling

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crisis it is the movement of slaves across the
border into a free country where those individuals

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00:17:26,400 --> 00:17:32,320

will not be free and will not be allowed to enjoy
the freedoms that we think of as humans this is

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00:17:32,320 --> 00:17:38,080

something that's not right it should not be taking
place if we continue to allow these individuals to

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00:17:38,080 --> 00:17:44,000

be brought here and be deprived of their freedoms
and the opportunities that we as americans enjoy

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00:17:44,560 --> 00:17:48,880

at some point in time they will have the right to
rise up and demand the same freedoms that we have

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00:17:49,920 --> 00:17:56,880

because what we're doing is not just illegal
it's evil in nature and it is what it is as

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00:17:56,880 --> 00:18:01,680

far as that goes people don't want to hear that
because they want to think of this as immigration

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00:18:01,680 --> 00:18:08,000

but there is no immigration the cartel ruthlessly
controls the border on the other side of the river

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00:18:08,000 --> 00:18:12,880

they have replicated the plaza system right here
in the state of Texas they control territories

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00:18:12,880 --> 00:18:16,800

they control the movement of humans they
control the movement of stolen goods they

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00:18:16,800 --> 00:18:22,080

control the movement of drugs it's not what people
would like to think of as something simple as

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00:18:22,080 --> 00:18:26,560

somebody coming across on their borough and
coming here for a better life most of these

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00:18:26,560 --> 00:18:30,480

individuals think they're coming here for a better
life but when they get here and you're under the

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00:18:30,480 --> 00:18:36,640

control of the cartels that's when they realize
they're not free to go they are slaves within our

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00:18:36,640 --> 00:18:43,040

own country and it is a crime against god to be
doing this nobody deserves to be treated this way

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00:18:43,040 --> 00:18:48,240

everybody is made in the image of god and nobody
should be treated in a manner like these cartels

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are treating these individuals it's time for our government to step up and actually do something

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it also leads to the point where people are in the early morning hours or knocking on doors uh

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from being out in the brush contact our citizens walk up onto their property knock on their door

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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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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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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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inside the house because I don't know what's going to happen

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you