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Us immigration crisis

Children escaping gang violence in Central America are entering the United States illegally in record numbers, almost double year on year.

More than 52 thousand have been arrested since last October at the border with Mexico, the majority from Guatemala, El Salvador and Honduras, most unaccompanied by their parents.

Deportation awaits illegals of any age but US law says minors must be placed with sponsors in the country, usually family, till their cases are heard. President Obama has asked Congress for extra crisis funding. Immigration opponents are furious, notably along the Mexican border. Some California residents have blocked homeland security buses carrying kids to shelter.

«Close our borders. There are borders for a reason, if Mexico was the United States there wouldn't be any borders, but Mexico is not part of the United States. Mexico is their own country and our borders need to be closed. »

Facing off against the antis are the supporters of Obama's promises to regularize some immigrants' status. « USA ; thank you Obama.. » This protester says closing the borders is bad because the Latinos are not the only illegal people. « The Chinese, the Americans, the Africans, the Canadians, the Europeans, there are all sorts of illegal people. There aren't any legal people here in the US, we're all illegal. The only legal people are the Native Americans because this is their country that was stolen from them. »