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Now I can just hear these reactionary fools saying, "Well, Bob, answer me this. If this country is so terrible, why do people come here from all over the world? Why are so many people trying to get in, not get out?" ... Why? I'll tell you why. Because you have fucked up the rest of the world even worse than what you have done in this country. You have made it impossible for many people to live in their own countries as part of gaining your riches and power.

—Bob Avakian

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- There were **5,595** recorded deaths of people crossing the border since 1998, with the yearly number increasing from 263 in 1998 to 477 in 2012.
- As many as **80%** of women crossing the border, especially those traveling without a male relative, are **raped**, most often by the human smuggler or the border patrol. This is so routine that women commonly stop at a pharmacy to get a contraceptive shot or birth control pills before heading across.
- **24,481** children, mostly teens but some as young as five, were arrested while crossing the border in 2012, triple the number from 2008. Most are from Honduras, Guatemala, and El Salvador, sent for by families that already made it to the U.S., or fleeing on their own the horrendous conditions back home.
- The U.S. has **doubled** the border patrol, from 10,000 in 2004 to more than 21,000 in 2011. A fleet of **drones** patrols the whole southern border from California to Texas. There are **649 miles of fortified fence**. People are forced to traverse the most dangerous crossing: the desert.

**This imperialist system needs to be swept off the face of the earth. And it can be.**