

# UPDATE: Immigration Crisis in the City of Whitewater



Likely due to unused student housing being available during the COVID pandemic and a need for agricultural labor, Whitewater has seen an influx of approximately 1,000 illegal immigrants (an almost 7% increase in the city's population) over the last two years, primarily from Nicaragua and Venezuela.

The city is not equipped to handle such a dramatic increase of residents, many of whom do not speak English or understand and follow Wisconsin law. Whitewater's Police Department and School District have been greatly strained in their attempts to deal with the issue and may have to resort to tax referendums to pay for the necessary resources.

The Police Department reported migrants living in inhumane conditions, such as a family living in a shed in -10° weather or massively over-occupied apartments with smoke detectors ripped off the walls. The Police Chief also noted an increase in reports of sexual assault cases with juvenile victims and even finding a deceased infant left in a cardboard box in a trailer park.

The Whitewater police chief has met with Governor Evers and written to President Biden seeking help, but nothing has been done at this point.

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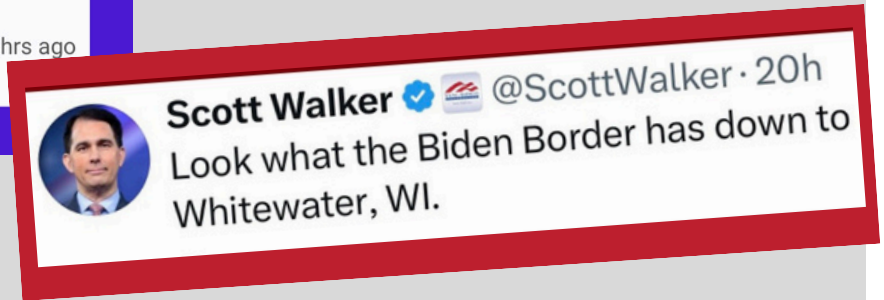
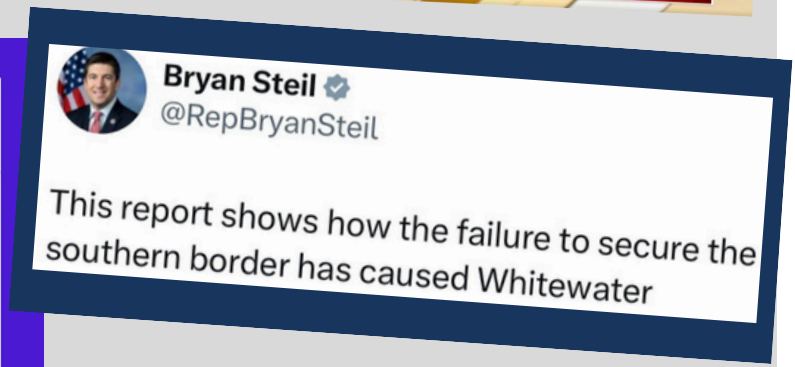
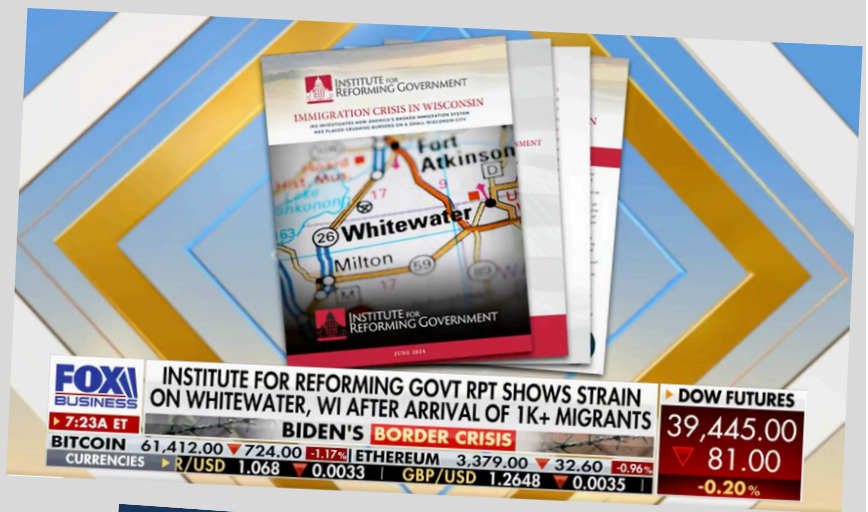
IRG has given this report to every Wisconsin Republican member of the U.S. Congress, along with the leadership of the Wisconsin State Legislature.

We are working with the U.S. Congress to hold oversight meetings about this issue going forward.

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