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The Outgoing Mexican President's Policy Towards Illegal Immigration and Cartels Is a Gift to Trump

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Outgoing Mexican President Andres Manuel Lopez Obrador, who's popularly known by his initials as AMLO, declared that his country won't accept any illegal immigrants that Texas might deport in the event that its Senate Bill 4 from last year survives the ongoing appeal process after the Supreme Court's ruling. He criticized that bill as "contrary to human rights, a completely dehumanized law, anti-Christian, unjust, violating precepts, norms of human coexistence, not only international law, but even violating the Bible."

AMLO also declared that he won't fight the drug cartels on the US' orders despite accusations that they're responsible for his northern neighbor's drug crisis. In his words,

> "We are not going to act as policemen for any foreign government. Mexico First. Our home comes first."

Taken together, his support of illegal immigrants and reluctance to forcefully confront the cartels combine to become a gift for Trump ahead of November's elections seeing as how many Americans support his tough stance on these issues.

Here are three background briefings to bring unaware readers up to speed on this subject:

- 11 March 2023: "It's Unlikely That The US & Mexico Will Ever Meaningfully Cooperate Against The Cartels"
- 19 April 2023: "Mexican-US Ties Are Deteriorating Due To Drug Indictments & Leaked Spy Reports"
- 6 January 2024: "Is Biden About To Put 10 Million Hispanics On The Path To American Citizenship?"

They'll now be summarized in the order that they were shared for the reader's convenience.

The first concerns the security dilemma that impedes meaningful cooperation against the cartels, while the second touches upon the US' secret dispatch of agents into Mexico and spying on its armed forces. As for the last one, AMLO's proposal for Biden to grant visas to the 10 million Hispanics that are illegally inside the US could place them on the path to citizenship if this happens and legal safeguards aren't put in place. The impression among many voters is that Trump's tough policies are urgently required.

Biden hasn't done much to address these problems despite the US Border Patrol chief declaring that the situation constitutes a "national security threat". He might still implement some superficial policies, but they'd likely be considered "too little, too late" and nothing more than an electioneering spectacle just like his belated Gaza aid policy. It's also unlikely that AMLO will have a change of heart about these issues before leaving office, with all of this paving the way for Trump's possible return in November.

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