

Bring Me Everyone Except For You

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As a country we present ourselves as a land for people to come and seek refuge but we make it very difficult. As a country we are very hypocritical when it comes to immigration. The statue of liberty stands with its accepting words written on it but we do not live by those words as a country.



IICE has reported to have removed 240,255 immigrants in fiscal year of 2016, as well as 226,119 in 2017 and 256,085 in 2018 from the United States back into Mexico..



Tom Keifer was a janitor at a US-Mexico border station. He took an interest in shooting photos of items that had been confiscated from immigrants. The New York Times writes, “These items were all seized from migrants and asylum seekers trekking through the desert in an attempt to cross the U.S.-Mexico border. Deemed potentially lethal or nonessential by border officials, the medications were thrown away, along with other personal belongings, during the first stages of processing at a U.S. Customs and Border Protection facility in southern Arizona”.

Tanya Aguiniga is an artist from California who’s up bringing on the southern side of the Mexican border influenced her to create art that has to do with immigrants and the border.



An article from Art21 writes “Aguiniga began her career by creating collaborative installations with the Border Art Workshop/Taller de Arte Fronterizo, an artist collective that addressed political and human rights issues at the U.S.-Mexico border”.

