

## Hypocritical pathology of U.S. and Canadian policies in Honduras Washington Post: “Trump threatens foreign aid to Honduras as he continues focus on ‘caravan’ of migrants”

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The U.S. and Canada support the 2009 military coup and three post-coup elections marred by fraud and violence.

The U.S. and Canada –and international companies and banks- support and expand investments with corrupt, repressive regimes.

Living conditions of violence and impunity, poverty and fear spike.

More desperate Hondurans are forced flee than at any time in its history.

The U.S. government threatens “aid” to the very regime the U.S. and Canada support, that is creating the very conditions forcing people to flee.

Repeat the above, over and over.

Until the U.S. and Canada – and other “international community” actors – end their support for and business with the post-coup regimes, there will be no end to this vicious cycle and closed circle.



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## Trump threatens foreign aid to Honduras as he continues focus on ‘caravan’ of migrants

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President Trump used his Twitter account Tuesday to threaten foreign aid to Honduras as he continued to focus on a “caravan” of 1,000 migrants, primarily from the Central American nation, that conservative media have spotlighted in recent days.

For the third straight day, Trump used the migrants’ journey north to call for tougher immigration policies and warn of what he called “weak” border security. But the prospect of cutting off foreign aid added a new dimension to threats from the president that had centered largely on potentially walking away from the North American Free Trade Agreement, which his administration is renegotiating. Honduras received about \$127.5 million in aid from the United States in fiscal 2016, according to data from the U.S. Agency for International Development.

“The big Caravan of People from Honduras, now coming across Mexico and heading to our “Weak Laws” Border, had better be stopped before it gets there,” Trump tweeted shortly before 7 a.m. Tuesday. “Cash cow NAFTA is in play, as is foreign aid to Honduras and the countries that allow this to happen. Congress MUST ACT NOW!”

The “caravan” — an annual event that is meant to draw attention to the refugee crisis in Central America — has spurred new calls from Trump for an immigration crackdown, particularly funding for a U.S.-Mexico border wall that has eluded him.

He referred to the caravan in tweets Monday night, accusing Democrats of allowing “open borders, drugs and crime” while deriding the nation’s immigration laws as an “Obama joke.” “Honduras, Mexico and many other countries that the U.S. is very generous to, sends many of their people to our country through our WEAK IMMIGRATION POLICIES. Caravans are heading here. Must pass tough laws and build the WALL. Democrats allow open borders, drugs and crime!”

White House officials are preparing new proposals that they say would close “loopholes” in immigration law. Separately, the Department of Homeland Security is pushing for the end of the “catch and release” practice, which allows undocumented immigrants who have been apprehended to be released until their immigration hearing date.

Trump’s new immigration threats were made in tweets early Tuesday that included another defense of Sinclair Broadcasting Group, the largest network of local television stations in the country. Sinclair has recently faced a backlash after its news anchors were ordered to read a uniform script decrying “biased and false news” and criticizing other journalists for using their platforms to “push their own personal bias.”

“The Fake News Networks, those that knowingly have a sick and biased AGENDA, are worried about the competition and quality of Sinclair Broadcast,” Trump tweeted. “The ‘Fakers’ at CNN, NBC, ABC & CBS have done so much dishonest reporting that they should only be allowed to get awards for fiction!”

Trump leveled another attack at CNN in a separate tweet that misspelled the name of the cable network’s head, Jeff Zucker. And in his fourth tweet of the morning, the president touted his ratings in recent polling from Rasmussen Reports, whose figures tend to favor Republicans, and noted that his numbers were “higher than ‘Cheatin’ Obama at the same time in his Administration.”

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**Why Hondurans and Guatemalans Flee North**

The U.S. and Canadian governments and North American businesses and investors (hydro-electric dams, mining, African palm, tourism, cattle, fruit, etc.) maintain profitable relations with corrupt, repressive governments in Honduras and Guatemala, turning a blind eye to and in effect benefitting from repression, human rights violations, corruption and impunity. Every once in a while, the media reports on the plight of tens of thousands of impoverished Guatemalans and Hondurans fleeing north, decade after decade, wondering why they flee.

### **U.S. and Canadian problems**

Keep sending copies of this information, and your own letters, to families, friends and networks, to your own elected politicians and media, to your pension and investment funds, asking: Why our governments – as public policy –, and our companies and investment firms benefit from and turn a blind eye to the poverty, repression and violence, and environmental and health harms in Guatemala and Honduras?

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### **Other groups**

- Honduras Solidarity Network: <http://www.hondurassolidarity.org/>, <https://www.facebook.com/HondurasSolidarityNetwork>, <https://twitter.com/hondurassol>
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- Breaking the Silence: <http://www.breakingthesilenceblog.com/>; <https://www.tatacentre.ca/index.php/partnerships/bts>;
- NISGUA (Network in Solidarity with People of Guatemala): <https://nigua.org/>; <https://www.facebook.com/NISGUA.English/>;
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