

Unaccompanied Minors Still Crossing Border

Nik Rajkovic

Monday, May 11th 2015

Another border surge of <u>unaccompanied children</u> is expected this summer, but officials insist we're better prepared to handle it.

Only about half of last year's 68,000 illegal alien children are expected this year -- leaving nearly 35,000 to take care of.

"These kids have to be secured in government-run facilities and within a short period of time a lot of them are handed off to non-profits, to foster care facilities, if they have family here in the United States they're handed off to them," says the Cato Institute's <u>Alex Nowrasteh</u>.

Nowrasteh credits the Mexican government with finally cracking down on minors crossing our border.

"In the very recent past, we had somewhere above one million illegal immigrants getting into the U.S. each and every year," he says.

Unlike many of the adults crossing our border, Nowrasteh says about 80-percent of the children actually show up for their immigration hearings.

Meanwhile, the U.S. Army has enlisted 81 illegal aliens under the president's executive amnesty.

"If everything goes well with their enlistment and they serve honorably, then they are granted the opportunity to apply for citizenship," says Nowrasteh.

House Republicans are trying to remove the program.