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What are we Buying? What are we Getting?

The United States has spent \$187 billion on immigration enforcement over the past 26 years--more than has been spent on the FBI, the Drug Enforcement Agency, the Secret Service, and all other federal criminal law enforcement agencies combined. In addition, there have been more deportations during the last ten years than during the previous 110 years combined.

By the mid-2000s, the undocumented population of the country was estimated to be as much as 12 million people--up from an estimated 3 to 5 million in 1986, before the *Immigration Reform and Control Act (IRCA)*'s amnesty program. In the years since, changes to the immigration situation have focused almost entirely on developing and maintaining enforcement programs, administered primarily by the ominously named Department of Homeland Security (DHS). What has been created is, in scope and character, functioning as a federal criminal law enforcement institution, even though immigration is statutorily rooted in civil law.

The U.S. government spends more on its immigration enforcement agencies than on ALL of its other principal criminal federal law enforcement agencies combined. In Fiscal Year (FY) 2012, spending for Customs and Border Protection (CBP), ICE, and US-VISIT reached nearly \$18 billion. This is more, by approximately 24%, the total spending for the FBI, DEA, Secret Service, U.S. Marshals Service, and the ATF, which was \$14.4 billion. CBP and ICE together refer more cases for prosecution than all the Department of Justice (DOJ) law enforcement agencies.

Ironically, the draft standards to reduce rapes in DHS facilities would allow many contract facilities--where most immigration detainees are held--to delay implementation of the standards indefinitely.

Hey readers: catch us on p. 3 of the 12/12 issue of the SAN QUENTIN NEWS, CSP-Ed. Dept., San Quentin CA 94964!

Since 1990, more than 4 million non citizens, primarily undocumented immigrants, have been deported from the U.S. There were 30,039 deported in FY 1990, 188,467 deported in FY 2000, and 391,953 deported in FY 2011. Fewer than half of the deportees are kicked out following hearings and pursuant to formal "removal orders" from immigration judges. The average DAILY number of people detained by ICE increased nearly five times from FY 1995, when it was 7,475 to FY 2011, when it was 33,330. There are significantly more people detained annually in the immigration detention system than are doing time in federal Bureau of Prisons facilities for all other federal convictions.

In FY 2011, Border Patrol arrests fell to a 40-year low. There was no increase in the number of undocumented people arriving in the U.S. although previously it had been increasing at a rate of about 525,000 annually.

Immigration agencies now define their goals mainly in terms of "national security" and "public safety," and there is now the federal government's highest criminal law enforcement priority. Yet, to say the least, it is hard even to find measures that assess the results and impact on "national interests and values" from these enormous expenditures. The national security missions and capabilities have implicated large numbers of non citizens who have nothing to do with terrorism. Resource "Immigration Enforcement in the United States" report by the Migration Policy Institute, 1400 16th St NW, Suite 300, Washington DC 20036.

Derecho de las Mujeres a la Ciudad

"Que las mujeres se apropien del espacio publico es un deber de los gobiernos nacional y local, además de una necesidad para la construcción de ciudades y ciudadanías democráticas." --por el Secretaría de Cultura de Colombia, César Pinzón Medina

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There were 43 people officially murdered by U.S. state governments in 2012. Their names are:

01/05	Gary Welch	OK
01/26	Rodrigo Hernandez	TX
02/08	Edwin Turner	MS
02/15	Robert Waterhouse	FL
02/29	Robert Moorman	AZ
02/29	George Rivas	TX
03/07	Keith Thurmond	TX
03/08	Robert Towery	AZ
03/15	Timothy Stemple	OK
03/20	Larry Puckett	MS
03/22	William Mitchell	MS
03/28	Jesse Hernandez	TX
04/12	David Gore	FL
04/18	Mark Wiles	OH
04/20	Shannon Johnson	DE
04/25	Thomas Kemp	AZ
04/26	Bunka Adams	TX
05/01	Michael Selsor	OK
06/05	Henry Jackson	MS
06/12	Richard Leavitt	ID
06/12	Jan Brawner	MS

LifeLines Poetry Competition 2013

Is open to who are or have been on U.S. Death Rows; three entries per person. You must be the author and your poem cannot have been published anywhere else. Let us know if you would prefer to have your work printed anonymously.

Modest cash prizes for the three winners. Tell us of any rules about money orders when you sent your entry.

Send your poetry to: *The Wing of Friendship* Editorial Team, 107 Monarch Dr, Kemsley, Sittingbourne, Kent ME10 2GR, United Kingdom, by Monday, April 8, 2013. Postage: \$1.05 for the 1st ounce.

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To receive the Newsletter each month, send us self-addressed, stamped envelopes (with the CPR return address) - up to 12 at one time.

Keep sending us address changes and renewal requests, in order to receive the yearly holiday card/new calendar.

Also, please note that the only address to use to be sure to reach us continues to be: PO Box 1911, Santa Fe NM 87504. And remember: NONE OF US ARE LAWYERS OR LEGAL WORKERS.

Many, many thanks to the Real Cost of Prisons Project for making our Newsletter available on-line for free downloading and distribution. It is at: <http://www.realcostofprisonsproject.org/coalition.html> This is a GREAT site!

We continue to appreciate and depend on readers' donations of stamps & checks

## MEMORIAM

Seventeen were African American or Latino. CA, with 724 people on Death Row, has not executed in seven years.

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| 06/20 | Gary Simmons    | MS |
| 06/27 | Samuel Lopez    | AZ |
| 07/18 | Yokamon Hearn   | TX |
| 08/07 | Marvin Wilson   | TX |
| 08/08 | Daniel Cook     | AZ |
| 08/14 | Michael Hooper  | OK |
| 09/20 | Donald Palmer   | OH |
| 09/20 | Robert Harris   | TX |
| 09/25 | Cleve Foster    | TX |
| 10/10 | Jonathan Green  | TX |
| 10/15 | Eric robert     | SD |
| 10/24 | Bobby Hines     | TX |
| 10/30 | Donald Moelller | SD |
| 10/31 | Donnie Roberts  | TX |
| 11/06 | Garry Allen     | OK |
| 11/08 | Mario Swain     | TX |
| 11/13 | Brett Harman    | OH |
| 11/14 | Ramon Hernandez | TX |
| 11/15 | Preston Hughes  | TX |
| 12/04 | George Ochoa    | OK |
| 12/05 | Richard Stokley | AZ |
| 12/11 | Manuel Pardo    | FL |

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### CRIME OF THE MONTH

Remember the good old days when Commie Pinkos were the big threat (particularly to U.S. corporate interests globally)? These days, the boogie man of is al-Qaeda. There's a "terrorist" under every rock. And apparently, deadly enemies are planning to take over Africa. Fortunately, the U.S. War Machine is on the job, protecting us from these evil lurkers.

We sent a mere 100 troops to Uganda last year to "search" for Joseph Kony, leader of the bloodthirsty Lord's Resistance Army. The LRA receives funding and protection from the genocidal dictator of Sudan who, in turn, has been supported covertly by the U.S. Oh the tangled webs we weave. The General heading that convenient excuse for an invasion said our African mission was "uncharted territory" But what a difference a few months makes. This year, the U.S. will station 3,000 troops in 35 countries in Africa, more than half of the nations on the continent. Suddenly, the mission, "to counter the a growing threat from extremist groups," is very well charted.

Thank goodness; no more sleepless nights worrying about Africa invading the U.S. Of course, increasing the number of troops in Africa exponentially in coming years should be no problem. Just another continent to terrorize in the name of freedom and the American Way! The Crime of the Month is the U.S. appetite for death and destruction for corporate domination.