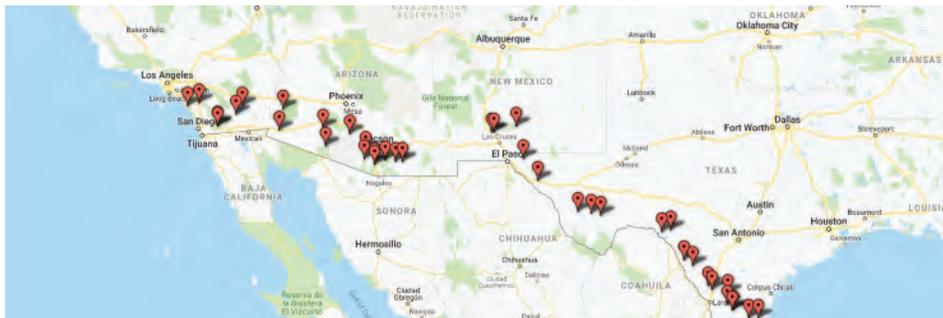


See how Americans are losing their rights at the ever-expanding “border zone”

Checkpoint America

In April, Cato’s Patrick Eddington introduced his new online initiative *Checkpoint America: Monitoring the Constitution-Free Zone*. Americans who live in or travel through the so-called “border zone” can be subjected to motor vehicle stops and constitutionally dubious searches at internal checkpoints run by U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP). But some of these “border” checkpoints are located as much as 100 miles inside the country—and stories of abuse of citizens’ rights by CBP agents at these sites are rampant. Meanwhile, the government has stonewalled efforts to increase transparency over their practices at these checkpoints—a 2015 Freedom of Information Act request to CBP filed by Eddington for information on these checkpoints, including the length of motorist stops for “secondary” inspections and the number of use-of-force incidents, has been on administrative appeal for two years.



The interactive map at Cato’s *Checkpoint America* displays the location of “border” checkpoints, along with accounts of abuses that have occurred there, court proceedings involving a given checkpoint, and more.

Eddington’s *Checkpoint America* features an interactive map where you can view the location of individual checkpoints; see overhead and ground-level photography of the facilities; find physical descriptions of the checkpoints; and read (where available) press accounts, administrative actions, and court proceedings involving a given checkpoint.

“CBP agents operating these checkpoints routinely violate the constitutional

rights of citizens and others who are forced to pass through them to get to work, go to the store, or make it to a vacation destination in the American Southwest,” wrote Eddington. “The need for this project, and for greater scrutiny of these checkpoints, is more pressing than ever.” ■

VIEW THE MAP AND READ MORE ABOUT EDDINGTON’S RESEARCH ON ABUSE AT THE BORDER AT CATO.ORG/CHECKPOINT-AMERICA.

Summer Regulation tackles antitrust, labor regulation, music licensing, and more

The War on Unskilled Workers

When the government imposes a new regulation, academics tend to study its effects in isolation—but in the real world, business owners don’t experience regulations piecemeal. Instead, they must navigate a maze of hundreds of such regulations simultaneously. In the Summer 2018 edition of *Regulation* magazine, entrepreneur and “Coyote Blog” blogger Warren Meyer offers a broad survey of the field of labor regulation and how it affects businesses that employ unskilled workers, from the perspective of someone who actually deals with this system on a day-to-day basis. Meyer laments that “The government makes it too difficult, in far too many ways,

to try to make a living employing unskilled workers. . . . For those without the interest or ability to get a college degree, the avoidance of the unskilled by employers is undermining those workers’ bridge to future success, both in this generation and the next.” Also in this issue, Daniel A. Crane of the University of Michigan breaks down the unconventional politics of antitrust, and explains why the motivations behind it do not fit neatly into the standard left/right dichotomy; Thomas Lenard of the Technology Policy Institute and Lawrence J. White of New York University make the case for restoring market forces to music licensing; and Richard McKenzie of the University of California, Irvine, argues that economists



since Adam Smith have continuously understated the welfare gains from free trade. ■

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