



Obama's Immigration Chief: It Was Obama, Not Trump, Who Was Responsible For So-Called 'Cages'

Thomas Homan, who served as Obama's executive associate director of Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) for four years, responded to Congresswoman Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez' accusation that immigrant children are kept in cages by revealing that the "cages" that house immigrant children were built in 2015 under former Secretary Jeh Johnson of the Obama administration. He said that the chain-link dividers were built to separate and protect children from adults who were not related to them.

To hear the Democrats tell it, President Trump likes to put children in cages.

"I'll never forget this, because it was the moment I saw with my own eyes that the America I love was becoming a nation that steals refugee children from their parents, & caged them," Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez wrote on Tuesday as she posted pictures about

her visit
last year to Tornillo, Texas, to view a housing center for
foreigners
who entered the U.S. illegally (it was all staged, of course,
as [The Gateway Pundit](#) reported on Wednesday.)

But former president Barack Obama's immigration chief this
week said
it was actually Obama and his administration that set up the
so-called
cages to house illegals.

"I've been to that facility, where they talk about cages. That
facility was built under President Obama under [Homeland
Security]
Secretary Jeh Johnson. I was there because I was there when it
was
built," said Thomas Homan, who served as Obama's executive
associate
director of Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) for
about four
years.

At a conference hosted by the Center for Immigration Studies,
Honan
referenced one time when a Democratic chairman at a
congressional
hearing asked a Trump official, "You still keeping kids in
cages?"

"I would answer the question, 'The kids are being house in the
same
facility built under the Obama administration,' " Homan said.

“If you want to call them cages, call them cages. But if the left wants to call them cages and the Democrats want to call them cages then they have to accept the fact that they were built and funded in FY 2015.”

Homan also said that the design is more about “protecting children.”

Facilities

at the border “were not built to take care of children,” he said, noting that “it’s chain link dividers that keeps children separate from unrelated adults. It’s about protecting children.”

The idea that Trump and his administration keeps children in cages was bolstered by a Twitter post in 2018.

This is what happens when a government believes people are “illegal.”

Kids in cages. pic.twitter.com/0Anvr9cl3P

– Jose Antonio Vargas (@joseiswriting) [June 12, 2018](#)

But as fact-checker website [Snopes](#) pointed out, was snapped during a protest staged in front of Dallas City Hall to call attention to the Trump administration’s practice of

separating families and confining undocumented children. Different photographs of the event document that the same child was standing a mocked-up 'cage' open at the top, and several commenters noted that the boy was crying not because he was confined, but because he saw his mother outside the pen and could not immediately figure out how to get to her."

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