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Since the Trump administration's 2018 “Remain in Mexico” policy **“The Out Crowd.” This American Life, 15 Nov 2019.**

(and others) were enacted, immigration officers have expressed concerns over the morality and legality of the orders they have been given targeting asylum. As a result of the new policies, the amount of asylum seekers denied entry has dramatically increased and asylum itself has reportedly “ground to a halt.” Asylum officers are now forced to turn away asylum seekers that would previously have been granted entry, leaving them to again face persecution. One officer referred to as Anne, expressed her feeling of culpability in administering these new policies, explaining she feels they are an abuse of human rights. She told a reporter, that she constantly thinks about the asylum seekers she was forced to send back; she throws up in the shower everyday and even has nightmares. At the time of reporting, Anne herself had been instructed to send back nearly 100.

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