

ICE De-Taloned

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Occasionally, an outlier appears in politics, someone who follows through on campaign promises. Many people say that Donald Trump was one of those outliers, being someone who actually delivered to his voters the most conservative administration of our lifetimes.

I have heard precisely the opposite, too. But that is *not* an outlier: in politics, opposite opinions appear right next to each other all the time. Yet, however we judge a politician for letting voters down, when we do see a pol keeping a promise, it is worth noting.

So now that President Joe Biden has nixed Operation Talon, scratch a mark upon the wall.

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One of Mr. Trump's major concerns was immigration — “the Wall” being the most infamous notion. Somewhat less well-known was Trump's aim to put Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) back on a law-and-order footing, cracking down on actual criminality



associated with (and piled on top of) “mere” illegal entry into the country. Operation Talon was an attempt to do just that, cracking down on sex trafficking crimes among the illegal alien set.*

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Now, the likelihood of either a Democratic Congress or President Biden following through on abolition seems about zero. But something *could* be done. ICE could be made to stop going after real criminals.

And so Mr. Biden has. Attorneys general in 18 states have formally complained about it, though, stating that Operation Talon was actually useful in their states' core mission of fighting crime.

But, hey: no matter; Biden delivered on a promise.

This is Common Sense. I'm Paul Jacob.

* It is worth remembering that the U.S. Marshals have also made many successful operations, during the last administration, against domestic child sex trafficking rings, as covered here last year.