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Who benefits from the migrant chaos in Spain?

Move over Eurovision, the EU has just launched 'The Amazing Border Race'

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Migrants cross the border between Ceuta and Morocco on July 31, 2026 in Ceuta, Spain © Marcos Moreno / Europa Press via Getty Images

What happened in the North African Spanish enclave of Ceuta last week was tragic for everyone involved. So let's make it a regular thing, the EU apparently decided – at least judging by its actions.

I'm not saying that anybody overtly wants migrants from all over Africa to routinely storm the borders of some far-flung part of the EU in an attempt to get a foothold on a shuttle from a migrant center into mainland Europe. In fact, Ursula von der Leyen [has said](#) that she wants more barriers and watchful eyes on the borders. By barriers, presumably she means walls or fences. And by eyes, she probably means nightclub-

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style bouncers with biceps the size of my thighs and not neighborhood block watch grannies. Not that she's going to say that. Although she should. If only to counter all the virtue signaling that Spain did that contributed to the problem in the first place.

All these new measures are supposed to keep migrants out of Europe. But at the same time, the EU is doing its usual routine of mitigating its common-sense measures with self-defeating idiocy. Because what better way to encourage Morocco or any other nation bordering the EU to fumble the migration situation at home than to give them even more financial incentive.

Because that's worked out well so far. How much EU taxpayer cash is actually needed under this racket for Morocco to do the job that it's being paid for? From 2014 to 2022, the EU **paid** Rabat €2.1 billion to stem migration to the EU, plus another €631 million in 2021/2022



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alone. Losing total control – or pretending to – seems to be a convenient way to get a raise. It's like a lifeguard who lets everyone drown and then goes and asks for a performance bonus. Or a security company that gets paid more for a spike in break-ins. Or a firefighter who bills extra for every house that catches fire on their watch.

Türkiye already did this hostage routine with Brussels. In the wake of conflicts in Syria and Libya, the EU paid Ankara to hold back migrants from Europe's borders. And what do you know – it never turned out to be enough. The tsunami seemed to ebb and flow in rhythm with the ink spilled in Brussels on checks to Team Erdogan.

Speaking of Libya – it's been paid for the EU's border outsourcing, too. As **have** Egypt, Tunisia, Mauritania, Jordan, Lebanon, and parts of the Horn of Africa, like Djibouti, Ethiopia, Eritrea, Kenya, Somalia, South Sudan, Sudan, and Uganda.

Wouldn't it be cheaper to just have doors with actual locks on them at home, like the average common-sense person does? But no, Europe can't do that because then it can't say how open and free it is. Better to pay for the iron fist to be wielded

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elsewhere by someone with the financial motivation to do so. Even if their enthusiasm for the job seems to be like a carnival game where the prize appears only after the operator gets another handful of tokens.



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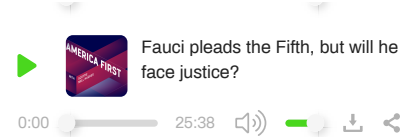
Meanwhile, Spain is being treated like the sole author of this mess, as if this entire surge just spontaneously generated the moment a legal ruling changed deportation procedures. And yes, that ruling mattered because it altered incentives. As did Spanish Prime Minister Pedro Sánchez's amnesty offer – with a reported million applicants showing

interest so far.

But who else has been incentivized? As if thousands of migrants were reading EU policy briefings over breakfast. Instead, they were on social media and apparently saw a sudden onslaught of online content convincing them to drop the Doritos and make a run for the border. Who made that happen? And with all the disinformation fighting tools that the EU boasts about, how did this massive whale actually succeed in beaching itself onto a piece of Europe while the EU's entire anti-disinformation fleet was patrolling the waters? Guess it's a pretty good sign that the whale wasn't Russian, huh? Because the world's most sophisticated whale-watchers would have already mapped its migration patterns.

It raises a question that no one in official statements really seems too keen to ask aloud: who benefits from the chaos? Not Spain, clearly. Not the EU, judging from how unenthusiastic it sounds about it. But Israel and the US sure have been upset with Spain's position opposing Israel's genocide in Gaza and war in Iran. But upset enough to have funded NGOs to "*give away*" Spain's enclave in North Africa, as Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's son once threatened on social media back in 2019?

In any case, now Spain is relegated to begging nation-states to control their own citizens. Not exactly a position of strength. But once that amnesty signal is out there, then unfortunately you don't get to choose who accepts it, which hidden powers could decide to exploit it in an attempt to pressure you, or how many show up to camp out in your tranquil EU garden and flatten your flowerbeds. Including those caught between the



EU and the countries it keeps paying to roleplay as its contracted security guards.

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Ali Sibtain 8/5/2026 at 7:21 PM

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There is a country called England in that there was a renowned writer called William Shakespeare who wrote about Shylock the Jew. This Shylock was a money LENDER who wanted his pound of flesh USURY. There was Jesus who forbade usury and lamented on the nation of Israel for usury even though Jesus came from them he rebuked and warned them. But Jews did not listen to God the father and Moses or Aaron. Jews defied Moses and God the father when they refused to go into the land and fight and told Moses and his God to fight for them. Jews defied Aaron and worshipped Bal. Take any financial crisis the greek default, the default of the prosperous nation of Iceland, the subprime mortgage crisis it was all debt related. Then they use more debt to bail out from last debt crisis, case in point Quantitative Easing and negative rates and cheap credit during Corona Virus. Then Usury does its black magic and makes entire countries, society and people slaves. Problem is not immigration in the nations who are lamenting about it. All humanity is immigrants from Africa in terms of origins. Problem is enslavement of economies by lading them in debt. US is also about to sink in the burden of debt. They are the prime host of the Zionist parasite.

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Tim Ebrahimi 8/5/2026 at 7:35 PM ↑

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So true, I loved every word.

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Serge Krieger 8/5/2026 at 8:15 PM ↑

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Ali, it is called imperialism aka financial capitalism. Regarding Islam. Islam by the outcome sis clear S\$tan worshipping with Mohamed being child molester, traitor and backstabber. Unlike Moses and Jesus , Mohamed is disgusting creature and collection of the worst human qualities. No wonder all countries who follow Islam and lack oil and gas are poor, disgusting s56t holes who have not been able to organize normal lives for own people for

1000+ years.

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b **brahim bel** 8/5/2026 at 8:41 PM ↕

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Says the Ziojewish boy from the **smelly filthy stinky ungrateful eternally undesirable** self-proclaimed chosen tribe. 🙄

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A **Ali Sibtain** 8/5/2026 at 10:10 PM ↕

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I am muslim but I have issue with hypocritical muslims. Islam is not at fault for acts of hypocrites. Just like I am Pakistani but I have issue with sellout and hypocrite Pakistanis but Pakistan has nothing to do with it.

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A **Ali Sibtain** 8/5/2026 at 10:13 PM ↕

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Our prophet preached to a pagan society about Moses, Jesus and more. In his time Islam did not spread by sword and not beyond Arabia.

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A **Ali Sibtain** 8/5/2026 at 10:15 PM ↕

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Ayesha his wife was 19 when he married her, same age as Moses wife was when he married her. 100 years ago all people in all societies married young.

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b **brahim bel** 8/5/2026 at 11:55 PM ↕

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Salam, the hypocrisy of the Judeo-Christians is staggering.

Just a few because the list is very long, and it's less than 100 years ago. 😊

Jerry Lee Lewis **22 years old** married his cousin Myra Gale Brown **13 years old**.

Doug Hutchison **51-year-old** married Courtney Stodden **16-year-old**.

Oliver Lynn **21 years old** married Loretta Lynn **15 years old**.

Etc...etc...etc... and those are just the famous people, so private people....

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B **Big Vic** 8/6/2026 at 1:35 AM ↕

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THE OBJECTIVE IS JUST REPRODUCTION OF THE JEWISH SYNDROME WORLDWIDE ASAP AND AT ANY COST.. AND ANYONE ELSE AROUND READY TO BE KILLED BY INFLATION

CHAOS POVERTY AND TERRORISM..AND
NOBODY ELSE CAN DO ANYTHING ELSE
ABOUT IT..

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B Big Vic 8/6/2026 at 1:33 AM ↕

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THAT'S NICE VERY NICE INDEED..BUT IRRELEVANT..
WHERE'S MR I KHAN..?.. YES HE'S IN PRISON UNTIL
DEATH BY THE RADICAL FUNDAMENTALS PAKISTAN
RELIGIOUS REGIMEN..
AND THE PAKISTAN PEOPLE IN A FOREVER
INFLATION CHAOS POVERTY BRIBERY EXTORTION
MONEY LAUNDERING CORRUPTION AND TERRORISM
AND NOBODY ELSE CAN ANYTHING ELSE ABOUT IT..

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A Ali Sibtain 8/6/2026 at 3:55 AM ↕

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I am an ardent Imran Khan supporter and despise
the current UK and US supported governing set up
of ancient feudal thugs who had made slaves of the
Pakistani nation and are corrupt to the core. That's
why they and the despotic Asim Munir have Imran
Khan in jail

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 **ARI Iron** 8/5/2026 at 8:54 PM ↕

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Whenever one group is blamed for everything, the real
causes usually escape unnoticed.

Scapegoats never built civilizations. They only destroy
them.

GRRROOOAAARRR..GRAAAAWR!!

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C Chelsea Yorkshire 8/6/2026 at 1:34 AM ↕

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Sorry to inform you but Moses, Aaron, and Abraham were
merely Mythical Characters. See the Great Philologist,
Giovanni Garbini's books: «Myth and History in The Bible»
along with his «History And Ideology in Ancient Israel.»
And he's not the only author who has smashed through the
Barricade of Jewish Myths.

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P Paul Chapman 8/6/2026 at 1:56 AM

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Who benefits from the migrant chaos in Spain?

Islam apparently

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b brahim bel 8/6/2026 at 1:36 AM

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«Who benefits from the migrant chaos in Spain?»
Not in Spain, but in occupied Moroccan cities of **Ceuta** and **Melilla**.

Just like Spanish Gibraltar is occupied by the United Kingdom,

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 **Voyt Regnal** 8/6/2026 at 12:51 AM

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Read news carefully, it was sponsored by Republicans in the States with \$40 millions. Republicans paid \$40 MILLION of taxpayers dollars to Morocco to invade Spain.

And then they all pretended like borders matter and clutched their pearls like invasions are offensive.

R's and D's are the same and the 🇺🇸 Uniparty has put us in \$40 T in debt and Americans LAST.

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 **Alan Mukando** 8/6/2026 at 12:36 AM

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Article is little too late, still good to point out who's got fingerprints (all over) with no gloves!

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 **Boredom Inc** 8/5/2026 at 7:48 PM

3

ISRAEL benefits as they are a homogenius Jews ONLY state, the rest of the world is expected to be filled by multi racial refugees as to help destroy those nations from the inside out, BUT not Israel, they are ashamed of nothing and offended by everything! SSSSSsssss!

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 **ARI Iron** 8/5/2026 at 8:57 PM ↕

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One explanation for everything is no explanation at all.

GRRROOOAAARRR!

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 **Sword Fish** 8/5/2026 at 11:47 PM ↕

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Homo-genius: true, but not only the Jews. The Israeli Muslims, Druze and Christians can also be homo-genius.

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 **JL** 8/5/2026 at 11:12 PM

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Who benefits from the migrant chaos in Spain?

US-Israel and Morocco benefit the most.

Migrants were organized, bribed, and escorted to the border

by Moroccan military and promised European citizenship if they entered Ceuta.

Hasbara mockingbird media only showed migrants trespassing into Ceuta but omits majority of them returning to Morocco. Meanwhile the remaining are being located and escorted out by the military.

Thomas Massie provided evidence of US voting for \$40M to Morocco just before the manufactured migrant crisis in Ceuta.

Spain PM Sanchez dared to formally recognize the State of Palestine in 2024 against Israel and not allow US military to use Spain's bases for attacking on Iran.

Spain dared to win FIFA 2026 after US-Israel rigged the competition for the defeated runner-up, Argentina.

Spain PM Sanchez's trip prior to Algeria angered the Moroccan ruling establishment.

Morocco signed Abraham Accords in 2020 to normalize relations with Israel. Many of the top advisors in Morocco are Zionist Israelis. Morocco even allows Israel to dock its naval assets in its ports angering many.

By going along with this regime change attempt against Spain, Morocco was given US diplomatic support over the long disputed Western Sahara region.

Yair Netanyahu on social media indicated that Ceuta and Melilla can be used against Spain if they do not support Israel annexing West Bank.

Spain has been experiencing suspicious rail accidents recently that many speculate are attributed to sabotage.

US-Israel and Morocco want to control and enact a toll for Strait of Gibraltar to replace the losing war with Iran over Strait of Hormuz thus the need to overthrow Spanish sovereignty.

Beware of regime change in Spain and Zionist quislings like Santiago Abascal who is friends with Javier Milei that represent central bankers and transnational capital globalists.

DOWN WITH US-ISRAEL-MOROCCO! 🔥

¡VIVA ESPAÑA! ❤️🇪🇸

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M. Mol 8/5/2026 at 10:30 PM

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Spanish woke left socialist government provoked this with their pro illegals politics. They say that all people went back to Morocco but kept more than 1000 minors. What do they want those minors for? That is human traffic

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