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BACKGROUND: 3,016,000 immigrants traveled to the United States from the Northern Triangle. **75–85 % of homicides in the Northern Triangle** are perpetrated by arms. **49%** of weapons recovered in El Salvador came from the U.S., compared to **46%** in Honduras and **29%** in Guatemala.

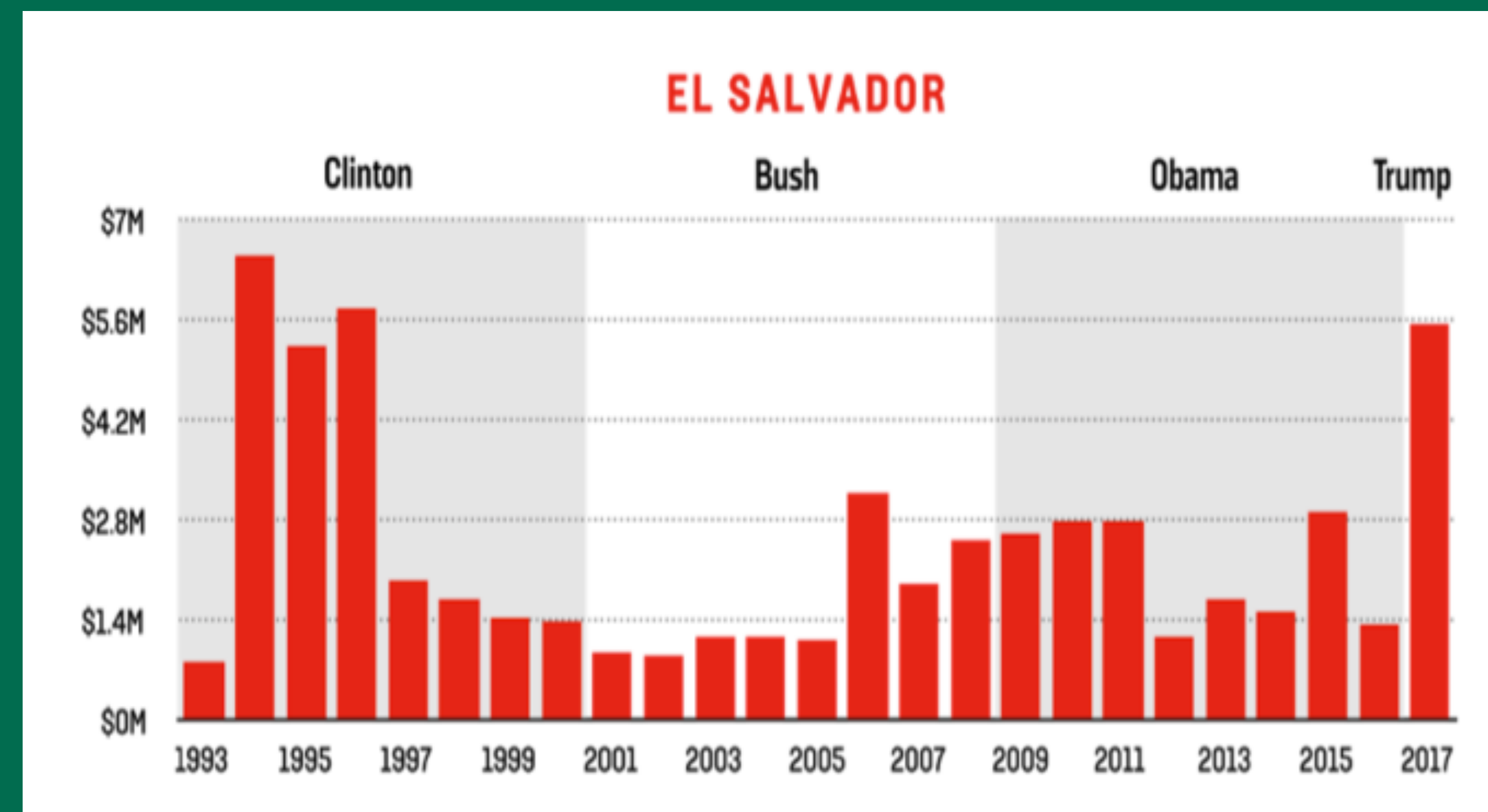
LEGISLATION

H.R. 1630 - Guatemala Rule of Law Accountability Act
- Introduced to the House and Senate on March 7th, 2019 but did not pass subcommittee

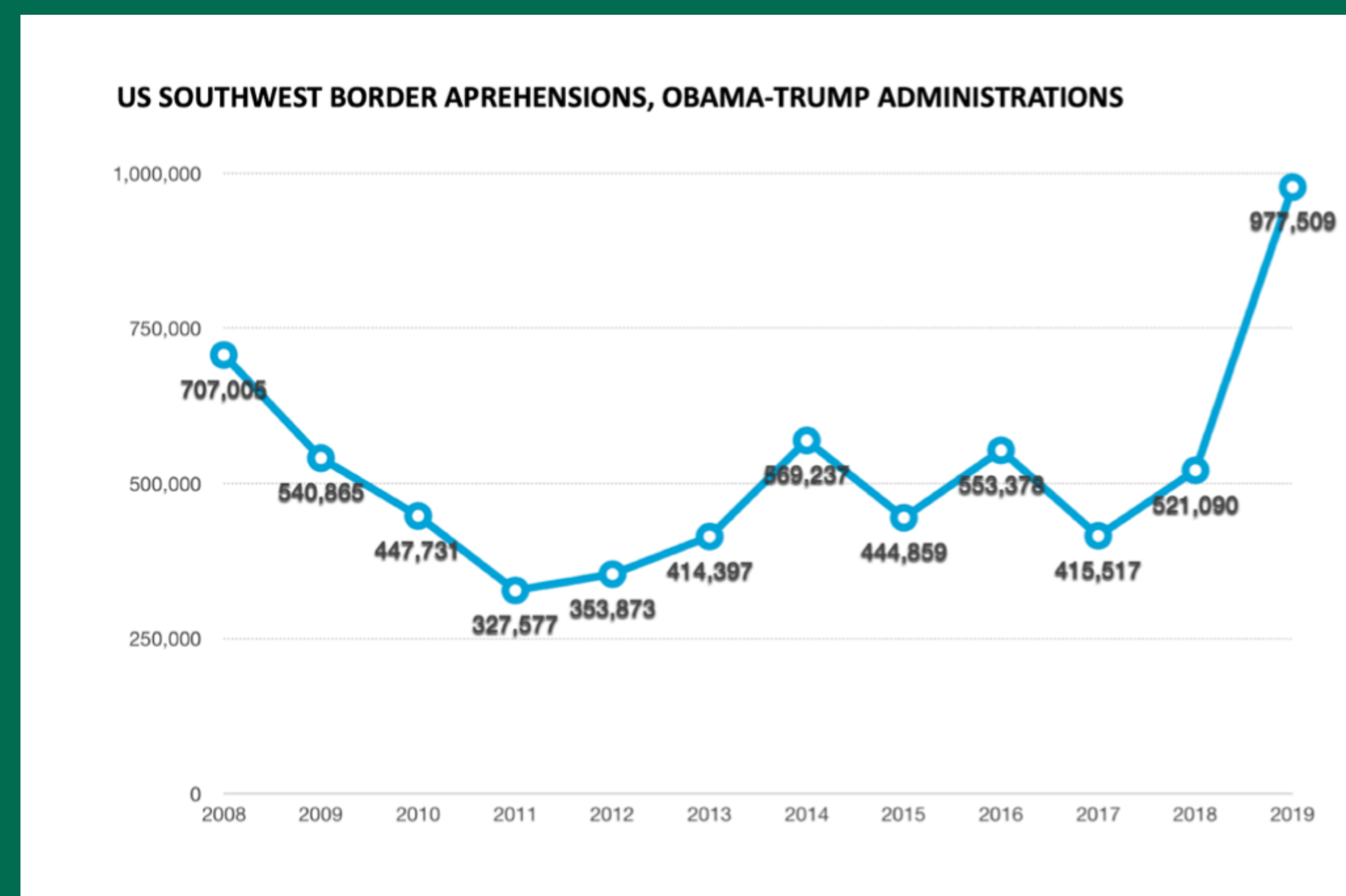
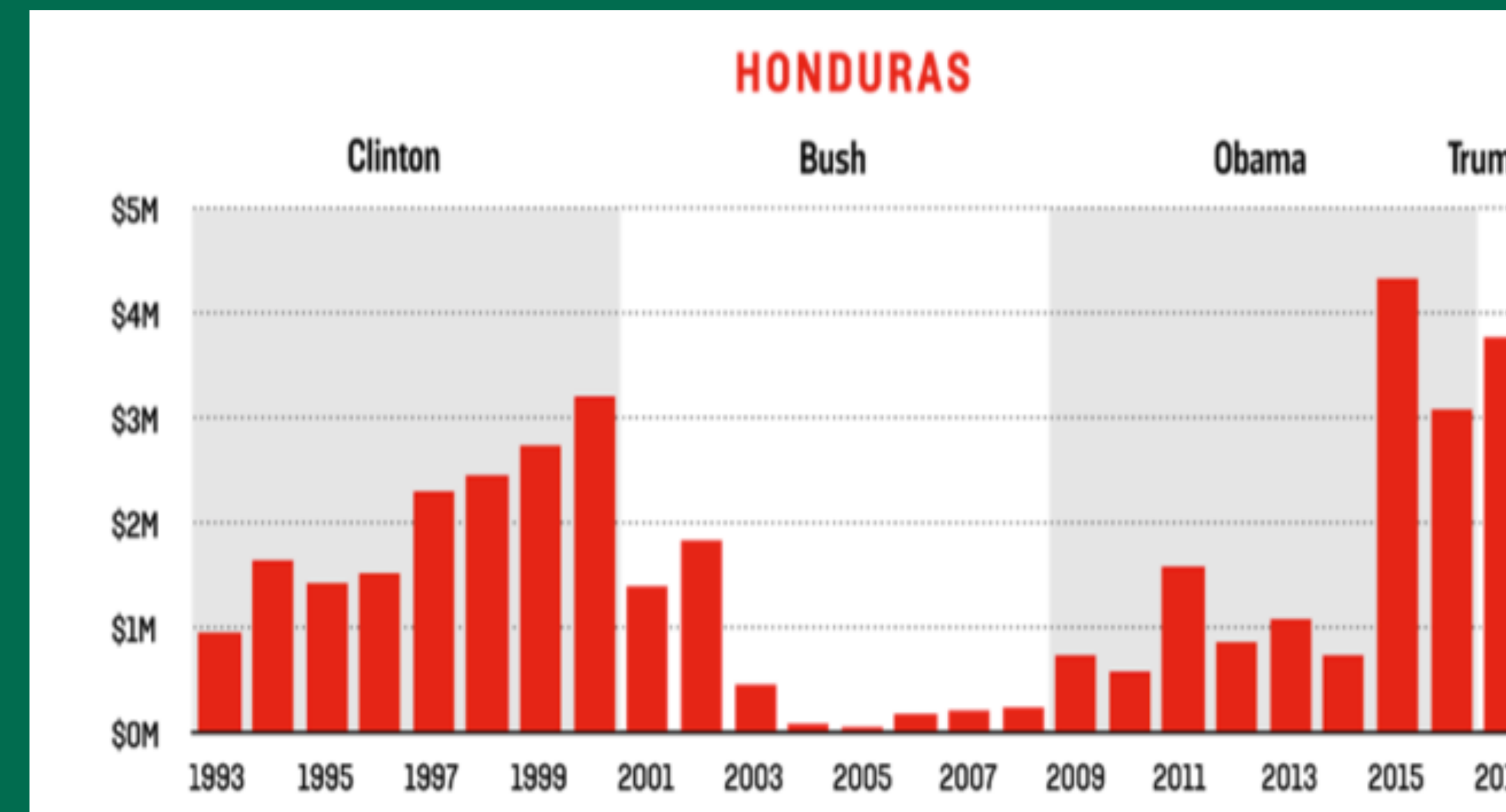
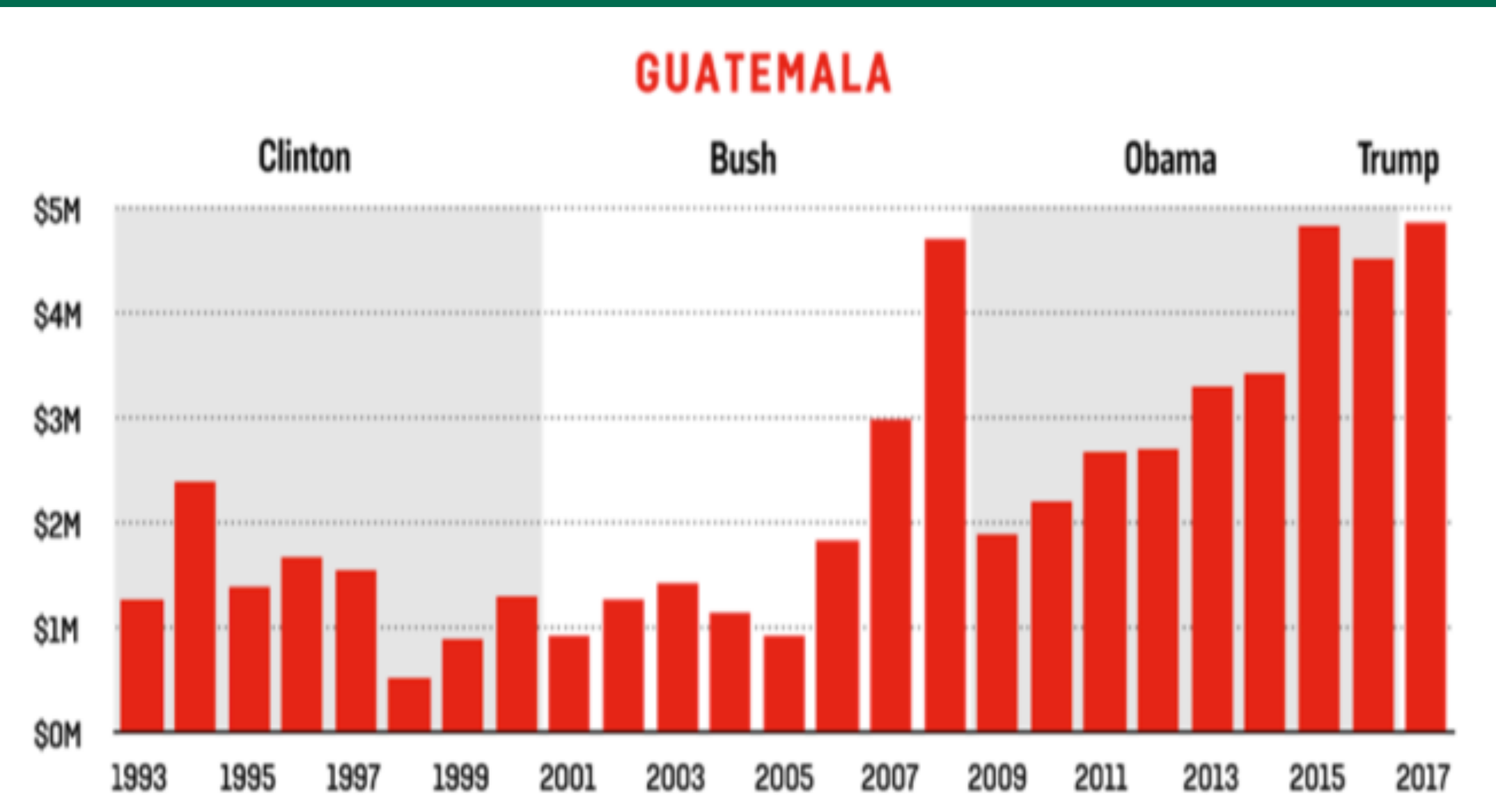
H.R. 2615 - United States-Northern Triangle Enhanced Engagement Act
-Passed by House but not Senate on July 15, 2019

H. RES. 17
- Introduced to House on January 5th, 2021 and brought to subcommittees on April 5, 2021

The U.S. government must pass a comprehensive human rights legislation that curbs the arm sales to the Northern Triangle in an effort to combat the violence that influences migration.

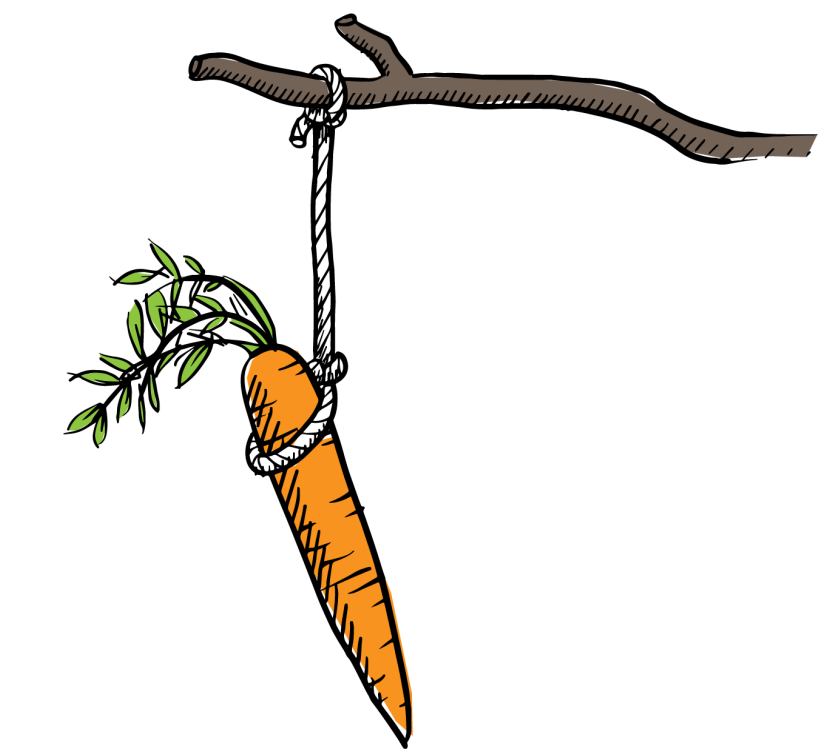


ARM SALES



OBAMA ERA

- Carrot Approach
- Plan of the Alliance for Prosperity Initiative
 - Expert Control Reform Initiative
 - Highest deportation rate ever in 2012
 - Long term partnership



TRUMP ERA

- Stick Approach
- Cut all aid to the Northern Triangle in 2019
 - Marshal Plan
 - Amendment on Control Under the US Munitions List
 - Mexican National Guard
 - Shut down NGOs

METHODS

- 1) Historical
 - 1) Comparing both Trump and Obama eras and the correlation between arms and migration
- 2) Legal
 - 1) Studying congressional precedence

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