



## A Tail Gate Affair: Missed Opportunity (1/10/23)

The President finally “visited” the southern border, something the American public wanted him or the V.P. to do. It would have defused the political noise by the Republicans, and it was something he needed to see and do.

His staff once again let him down, as he should have and needed to see where the crossings were taking place. He should have and needed to speak to the border agents at the crossings and he should have and needed to speak to some of the immigrants who came despite the president’s attempt to slow them down

He missed a unique opportunity to take the first steps in attempting to bring about a solution to the border crisis. It reminded me of going to my first Yale/Harvard football game. I was surprised as to how many people who came never got to see the game. They remained in the parking lots having their tailgate parties and they never entered the stadium.

It's unfortunate because he had a real opportunity to do more and learn more. He is unlikely to revisit the border for at least two years.