

TEXAS UNIVERSITIES & HAITIAN DEPORTATIONS

U.S. DEPORTATION INDUSTRY & SPORTS TRAVEL

SPORTS TEAMS & ICE AIR

ICE owns no planes of their own and must contract out air travel for deportation flights. Research has shown that through a web of private air travel contractors and subcontractors, ICE works with some of the same companies, like Omni Air and Swift/iAero, that are also used by many professional and collegiate sports teams. **Eight Texas schools and universities have flown on planes that have been used to deport Haitian refugees.**

HAITI

Since taking office, Joe Biden has deported more than 26,000 Haitians, most of them since mass deportations began in fall 2021. In recognition of widespread poverty, food insecurity, and violence in Haiti, DHS's own civil rights office, Congress, senior Biden administration officials, and human rights organizations have all cited the deportations of Haitian asylum-seekers as inhumane. Yet the flights continue—most of them operated by Swift/iAero for a contract granted to a single bidder, GEO Group, in September 2021.

WHY DOES THIS MATTER?

Most athletes are unaware they may be sitting in a seat occupied just days earlier by a person being brutalized, or deported to face possible death; they, and the universities they play for, are not intentionally causing harm. But university travel helps keep these companies in business. There are other options. Since the US government has failed at *every level* to ensure safety and justice in its treatment of migrants, it's time for our communities to stop sustaining a system that reaps profit from human suffering.

8 TEXAS SCHOOLS have flown on at least **14 PLANES** belonging to Swift/iAero and Global X, also used by ICE in at least **61 DEPORTATION FLIGHTS OF HAITIAN ASYLUM-SEEKERS**

TEXAS TECH

- Men's basketball team has used planes N629SW, N531AU, N418US, N285XA, N545CC, N397SW, N529AU, N625SW, N149XA, and N802TJ. Collectively these planes have flown at least 30 deportation flights to Haiti.
- Baseball team has flown on planes N418US, N627SW, and N313XA. These planes have flown at least 20 deportation flights to Haiti.

ABILENE CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY

- Football team has used plane N629SW, N440US, and N529AU. These planes have flown at least 14 deportation flights to Haiti.

TEXAS A&M - CORPUS CHRISTI

- Men's basketball team has used plane N397SW, this plane has been used for at least 3 deportation flights to Haiti.

UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS - AUSTIN

- Men's basketball team has used plane N285XA, which has flown at least 1 deportation flight to Haiti.
- Baseball team has flown on plane N807TJ, which has flown at least 1 deportation flight to Haiti.

STEPHEN F. AUSTIN STATE UNIVERSITY

- Men's basketball team has used plane N627SW, which has flown at least 17 deportation flights to Haiti.
- Football team has flown on plane N276GX, which has flown at least 4 deportation flights to Haiti.

TEXAS A&M

- Men's basketball team has used plane N627SW, this plane has been used for at least 17 deportation flights to Haiti.

UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON

- Men's basketball team has used plane N313XA and N285XA, these planes have flown at least 2 deportation flights to Haiti.

SOUTHERN TEXAS UNIVERSITY

- Men's basketball team has used plane N627SW. This plane has flown at least 17 deportation flights to Haiti.

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SPORTS TRAVEL AND THE DEPORTATION INDUSTRY

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