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**Introduction**

The Border Patrol of America is considered to be law enforcement agency with Homeland Security Department which prevents and detect illegal terrorist from entering into the United States of America Department which was established on 28th May 1924 through an act of Congress which is passed due to the response of increasing illegal immigration. After the terrorist attack of 9/11, the focus of this Border Patrol has transformed to deterrence, apprehension, and detection of terrorists. The objective of Border Patrol is to stop the illegal entry of terrorists in the United States of America and to reduce the communities of the border for improving the quality of life through smart border technology.

**Discussion**

I believe that the Border Patrol should not be a part of the Department of Homeland Security due to many reasons. The most significant factor is that DHS is considered to be a massive agency which deals with several responsibilities by managing more than fifty billion dollars' budget with an ambitious list of goals budgets. It has also been observed that DHS is running out of money and it is duplicating the efforts which are already happening in other departments. So, adding the responsibility of such a critical organization like Border Patrol can create many challenges for DHS. Moreover, DHS is considered to be responsible for many interagency problems and keeping Border Patrol into DHS can increase such complications (Order, 2017).

As, the significant role of DHS is to deal with the law enforcement agencies but I believe that duties of local law enforcement agencies and Border Patrolling force are relatively different which means that they do not have a similar mission in preserving or gathering evidence which is required for the protection of the border. It holds much secret information related to many terrorist organizations, foreign government, and international crime rings. So, in order to save these confidential evidences, they should not involve such people in this business who do not have similar job responsibilities (Clarke, 2014).

The patrolling agents that are present on the front-line address that they require additional technology and more personnel in order to stop the illegal traffic. Border Patrol requires the hiring of more agents, but instead of gaining the staff, they are losing them due to the less budget of Department of Homeland Security as a result of which they are providing lesser salary to Border Patrol agents. Similarly, DHS cannot spend resources ahead of appropriations due to a limited budget. Border Patrol should have the ability for reacting in a timely manner and can have the ability to investigate any person at any time which can only be possible if this department does not work under any authority like homeland security. It would be a sensible decision for DHS to get out of Border Patrol business as it can result in reducing leadership battles, competition for funding, and conflict of interagency (Miller, 2014).

**Conclusion**

As the security and protection of the border is considered to be the most critical and serious matter, so Border Patrol force should be strong and efficient enough which could be only possible by separating it from Department of Homeland Security and should be given an identity of independent agencies. Despite spending billions of dollars on several exercises of emergency response, DHS is still considered to be not well prepared for handling the responsibility of Border Patrol. Hence, Border Patrol should be isolated from DHS and exist in its own department, where it can be segmented into different sub-departments according to their various responsibilities. So, in order to defend the nation’s sovereignty and to secure the border government should take an appropriate step for isolating the department of Border Petrol for increasing its efficiency.

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