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The final part of the Atlantic article, (The Pilot, Implementation) describes how the Zero Tolerance family separation policy at the US-Mexico border created a legal and humanitarian crisis. We will focus on those two sections today.

1) Describe how Zero Tolerance traumatized parents, using two quotes from the Atlantic article and one quote from the USCRI study as evidence.

The zero tolerance policy traumatized many parents. Being separated from their children caused deep mental stress and even led some parents to commit heinous acts. In the Atlantic article it states "The father of a 3 year old lost his s-" it also states "The next morning, the father was found dead in his cell, he'd strangled himself with his own clothing". The thought of being separated from his child, and maybe never seeing him/her again traumatized this father enough to make him commit suicide. In the USCRI study it states "88% of parents subject to family separation showed symptoms of PTSD; the remainder exhibited features of trauma but did not reach the level prescribed by DSMV". No matter the level it's clear there was clear trauma implemented on the parents. And for some parents it will/would be hard to overcome.

2) Describe how Zero Tolerance traumatized children, using one quote from the Atlantic article and one quote from Aguilera's TIME magazine article.

The zero tolerance policy traumatized children by leaving them in an almost inconsolable state. Along with that they experienced/suffer from mental disorders due to the separation. In the Atlantic Article it states "Alma Acevedo, who was then working at Bethany Christian Services in Michigan, said the organization was inundated with children so inconsolable, teaching them was impossible!" This led to many children having learning difficulties and emotional difficulties. In the TIME Magazine it states "Jesus was 15 when they were separated, which lasted a few weeks. During that time they spoke on the phone, both times in tears. When they were finally reunited, they found it a challenge to speak to each other! How Jesus was acting was probably due to the separation anxiety and generalized anxiety disorder that him and many other children faced while separated from parents. No matter how long a child is kept from a parent, they were still left traumatized.

3) Describe how the Zero Tolerance policy dehumanized/traumatized professionals involved in enforcement and administration of the policy. (This could include Border Patrol, legal professionals, or Social Services workers). Use two quotes from the Atlantic article. (continue on back)

The zero tolerance policy dehumanized/traumatized professionals involved in enforcements and administration of the policy because they were forced in a sense to give up what they thought was morally correct and complete their duty. Some couldn't help but think what it would be like if they were in that situation. In the Atlantic article it states "As a dad, as a person, it would take a toll on you, because you can imagine what it was like." It also states "Having to be firm with someone who was crying and upset because they didn't know where their kid was, was heartbreaking".