

Resolving the Border Crisis

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Let's face it, the border crisis along the US-Mexico border can be resolved. But in order to do it there must be resolve by the Federal government. However, given the cowardly, ignorant, stupid, and the willfulness that permeates our government from Biden on down, it will not happen.

Since we know that the government lacks the resolve to fix this crisis, it is then up to the people to fix it. The problem with this approach is that most Americans do not view the country as a community and thus they lack the resolve to get involved.

So, what can be done?

To answer that question we have to look to the past. In ancient times, and even in African communities today, fences were not sufficient to keep people and wild animals out. Fences became reinforced walls, built with the intent to STOP any intruders.

Our border walls are actually fences. If you look at them they are smooth and vertical. Only their height acts as a deterrent. The ancient walls were not smooth. Throughout third-world countries many walls are topped with glass shards, nails or other sharp items. Today chain-link fences surrounding government and private facilities are often topped with barbed wire or concertina (razor) wire. Additionally many fences are electrified. But keep in mind these are fences and not walls.

Three concerns are at the forefront in the design and construction industry. They are:

- Appearance
- Function
- Specifications

While function and specifications are the bailiwick of engineers, when it came to appearance, the designers seemed to think appearance was more important than function. We have seen photos and videos of illegal aliens climbing and standing or sitting on top of the wall. Why is that? The answer is simply that we have not made the wall as a deterrent, it is currently only an obstacle to overcome in their journey to the US.

We should keep in mind that what we see on our side of the wall is "just a wall." Nothing, but its height, speaks to dissuade entry. What we see is exactly the same as what others see on the other side of the wall. In ancient times the citizens inside the wall saw something that was somewhat smooth, yet on the outside, spikes, often tipped with poison, glass shards, and other obstacles were used to discourage would be attackers.

One major piece of advice to protect your home is to plant thorny type bushes beneath your windows. And yet our border walls don't have thorns.

As we move forward in time, moats, vegetation, and booby traps surrounding castles were used for protection from outsiders.

In post-WW2, we saw the erection of the Berlin Wall and how deterrents were implemented. At the same time most of us don't realize that many communist countries protected their borders with intricate fencing, electronic detection devices, and mine fields.

Since our current government is unwilling to secure the southern border, it is up to the states and the people to do so. Each state along the border needs to work with the land owners along it as well to implement changes in apprehension laws, building barriers, surveillance and patrol programs.

We need to revamp our detention centers such that they become deterrents as well. From an illegal alien viewpoint, these centers are viewed as luxury "hotels" given the "harsh" conditions they went through in their journey to our border.

We need to understand that our nation is under attack, that it is at war, and that we need to treat the coyotes, human transporters, and drug carriers as enemy combatants who, when caught, are placed in POW camps, charged with war crimes, and then judged as enemies of the US. No luxury environment, no release, no parole, no deportation until they are judged and a verdict is reached.

At the same time, an international commission needs to be established to deal with the drug lords and cartels. Punishment for these people and groups needs to be swift and just as severe as what they do to those who fight against or "betray" them.