

Securing Our Southern Border

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Can our southern border be secured from illegal immigration? The answer to that question is a resounding YES! But that comes with several caveats:

We, you, me, and our US citizens, must want it.

1. Our government needs to recognize that a secure border is security for the nation
2. Those not willing to support current immigration and border security laws must be fired and replaced with those willing to uphold their oath of office, and our laws.
3. It is understandable why many illegal immigrants want to come to the US, but they must do so legally.
4. We must make it undesirable for people to try to enter illegally.
5. Drastic measures need to be implemented.

Caveats one and two is something that all of us can do. We must educate the “masses,” exercise our voting rights, and petition the government to uphold and exercise upholding our laws.

Item three requires the need to educate potential immigrants that there is a safe and legal way to enter our country. The “meat” behind this is found in the upholding and application of law.

Caveat number four is grounded in the elements of the previous three caveats. We need to stem the flow of illegal immigration through deterrence. This is the main imperative to achieve and maintain national physical, legal, economic and social security.

Currently our deterrence efforts are essentially nonexistent. US Customs and Border Protection agents have been politically castrated in what duties they can and cannot perform. They have been relegated to “processing” migrants from Guatemala, Honduras, and El Salvador while “returning” many others not from these three countries.

This brings us to the question of, “What can we do?” Remember caveat five – drastic measures need to be employed. Following are several things that can be done. Granted, there are pros and cons to each of these measures.

- When a “coyote” or drug carrier is caught, they need to be interrogated as to who they work for and then jailed with a minimum 5-10 year prison sentence.
- When a cartel is identified, the leaders of that cartel need to be killed. After all, they are terrorists warring against our nation. Their weapon is drugs.
- Ranchers along the border can “double” fence the border fence and let their bulls have run between the two fences. Not the most practical but some prison

systems use the double fence system with mines, big hungry dogs/wolves, etc. You get the idea.

- Continue building the wall loaded with “response” technology to ward off anyone attempting to climb over or dig under.

While there are many other measures that can be taken, there is one that may prove the most effective and in the long run possibly the least costly to our taxpayers. This measure has been implemented on a very limited level and in a very limited way.

The measure is the installation of concertina wire for the purpose to deter and prevent migrants from cross our border illegally.

To utilize concertina wire along our border, we should aim toward constructing a triple apron fence. This means that there would be three (3) separate “fences.” Two (2) of these fences would be fixed in place, while the third would be “floating.”

Of the two fixed fences, one should be installed on the riverbank of the Rio Grande River. It should be a “triple standard concertina fence” per US Army specifications.

The second fixed fence should be placed behind the first fence at an appropriate distance and be a combination of low-wire and high-wire entanglement.

The third fence, as mentioned, is a floating fence. This fence consists of a single row of concertina and should be placed in the Rio Grande River, below the surface. The up-current end of the fence would be staked in place. On a non-regular basis Border Patrol repositions the fence. Just as mine fields have warning signs, there should be appropriate warning signs posted on the Mexican side of the river, warning would be crossers that severe injury can occur if they attempt crossing into the US. These signs should be in at least 3 separate languages and placed no more than 75 feet apart.

Border Patrol can use drone technology to monitor the fences at least three times daily. The monitoring is to check for breaches in the fencing system, and for illegal migrants.

For the general consumer, concertina wire costs around \$175 - \$200 per 500 ft. Texas has the longest border with Mexico (1,241km or 4,071,200 ft). Based on this number of feet a minimum of 8,143 units of 500ft wire will be needed at a cost of about \$1.6 million. The annual Border Patrol budget is nearly \$4.1 billion for the southern border and does not include other agencies.

Contact your senators and representatives and tell them to start enforcing our immigration and border crossing laws.