

# The History of and the Focus on “The Wall”

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Walls have been built to keep people in or out for as far back as recorded history. From the Walls of Jericho to the Berlin Wall. In the long run, they have never succeeded.

The U.S. – Mexican border wall construction is generally attributed to Donald Trump; that he originated it. That is incorrect. Even his cruelty to the immigrants at the border is not new or the first. He has presidential partners. That he has been the most racist and the cruellest – that is true.

President Bill Clinton was the first to start building of the first modern wall, fences, levees, and bridges to help deter illegal entry of immigrants. He called these barriers “infrastructures.”

George W. Bush continued and placed the effort as part of the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) – the department that had grown out of the 9/11 event. The push for this new deterrence efforts increased, with no intent of stopping. In 2006, Congress passed the Secure Fence Act. Joe Biden, at that time a Senator – voted for it. Land acquisition was started under the rights of imminent domain and it is still ongoing. Under the Obama-Biden administration, construction continued from 2008 to about 2011. About 650 miles of wall barriers were completed. In fact, under the Obama-Biden administration more immigrants were deported than under any other administration. Obama was often referred to as “Deporter-in-Chief.” Prison-like facilities were built. Some even included cages. The goal of scaring people from wanting to come in was on.

On the issues of immigration, it is sad to say that outside of Obama-Biden role of their successful defense of DACA (Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals) and the targeting of criminal suspects, the Obama-Biden administration do not have much of a record to stand on.

Joe Biden has said, “There will not be another foot of wall constructed in my administration.” He may personally mean it. However, politically, there are many legal battles to cross and/or eliminate before that can happen. Even political pundits question it. Some current writers for key magazines and journals express what they feel Biden will focus on with priority. They say the hear very little mention of immigration reform. There is future peril on that. For one thing, you

can be sure that if the “Wall Issue” isn’t dealt with Trump will promise to continue “The Beautiful Wall” if he is re-elected. Those of his followers who are white nationalists like himself – will be waiting for him.

For Trump, nothing is more important to him than building the wall. The wall is him and he is the wall. It can’t be just a wall. It must be a “beautiful wall” – just like him. It is to be a “forever ongoing” wall. Just like him. That way, he can always talk about it – because thus he is talking about him. Building the wall in its expensive beautiful physical greatness is seemingly directly correlated to him – his success as president and as a person. It is a literal extension of himself and the very embodiment of the power of his person. He knows he is a white nationalist, as are a high number of his followers. He knows they prefer that “America” would be “all white”; that all non-whites leave “America” and “wall” will stop them of coming or returning. He believes he could make “America Great Again” because he also believes the U.S. is the only “America” there is! Ironically, most of the immigrants he is trying to keep out come from the 35 other nations that make up the continent of “America”! His other followers see the wealth gaps increasing, even during the pandemic. They see him as a boon and bonus to their eliteness – or soon to be. They are or see themselves soon-to-be a part of the corporate power.

The wall calls for high technology. Endless tech companies, the police and the military are in on the take.

Trump says that he wants the wall built because it is his key campaign promise. Partly true. He also said Mexico would pay for it. It is not going to happen. He says that he has found ways for Mexico to unknowingly pay for it. More lies.

The greatest truth is that failing to deeply extend the length of the wall is a sheer failure to him. Personally, because psychologically – he is the wall. Part of the reason he refuses to admit he has lost re-election is because he needs every moment he can get while still president to: build that wall.

Trump inherited 654 miles of border structure of the 2,000 miles of border. Trump saw most of it haphazardly built – and certainly not “beautiful” – like him. So, he has spent most of his time and our tax money on re-building the old wall to his likening. He has therefore managed to build no more than about 25 miles of the new wall! The wall is now generally up to 30 feet high and made of steel and painted black.

Currently, he has about a dozen private corporations working around the clock to hopefully add 50 new miles here and there at sites in California, Arizona, New Mexico, and Texas.

The whole thing is a myth — like him. Nature has natural impassable barriers like swamps, canyons, mountains, national parks, rivers, and rugged deserts. The power of eminent domain will not always succeed.

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