

The History of and the Focus on “The Wall”

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Part 2 spoke mostly about the negative elements of the wall and the belief that it fails more than succeeds. Steps should be taken to immediately stop building the wall and humanely determine what part or if all the wall should be torn down as soon as possible.

Biden is pro-immigration and now personally anti-wall. Nevertheless, what and when he may personally want to do about the wall versus the political congressional decisions may vary significantly. Even now, if the wall construction could be stopped, already much environmental damage to the natural original beauty of the area is gone. The wall prevents wildlife from moving freely. What was the southwest last major undammed river has been sealed off. Rare fowls and animal life to be found only in this area will likely become extinct. The wall has become the single largest impediment to wildlife movement with genocidal consequences that this part of the world has ever seen.

All of us, especially Latinos, should be overjoyed that Biden has selected Alejandro Mayorkas to lead the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) which oversees Customs and Border Patrol (CBP).

Biden can and must be ready to immediately stop building the wall as he promised to as soon as he becomes president. He must be ready to terminate building contracts and force the contractors to seek settlements. Whatever it would cost would pale in comparison to the price of supposedly finishing and maintaining the wall that does not work. Look, history shows us that if U.S. industry infers that immigrants are needed ---- they would be here, one way or another!

Biden has already been informed of the political barriers Trump has placed to better assure continuity of the wall construction. He is already vacillating about the wall concerning priority. Just before Christmas, he announced that maybe he would need 6 or more months before he can effectively deal with the issue. He sees the degree of corruption involved. Corruption is a pandemic in need of a vaccine. In 2020, 227 migrants died trying to cross or avoid the wall as compared to the previous high year of 224 in 2010. Over 3,400 have died since 2004. This while the illegal crossing has fallen by almost 50% in the past 10 years.

The world *Corruption Perception Index* (CPI) measures corruption in 180 world nations that include the U. S. It scores from the most corruption (0) to the least corruption (100) No one has yet to get 100 (100/100). Denmark and New Zealand got the highest in 2019 (87/100). Venezuela got the lowest score. The U.S. did not make the top 10. It got 69/100. Most of the Scandinavian countries which have socialist type of governments have scored in or near the top 10 for several years! That means the common people have a stronger voice than the elite. The biggest governmental practice that lowers the score is the methodology of campaign finance!

Biden should not only stop the wall now --- he should proceed to dismantle it. It is akin to inhumanity. It is akin to the southern and eastern monuments finally going down that honored slavery and the Confederacy. It is akin to the Spanish conquistadores and religious leaders like

Columbus, Pizarro, Cortez, and Oñate, and Junípero Sera of the Southwest who might also be taken down. They are guilty of mistreating, enslaving, and (via genocide) killing millions of natives of the Americas. The natives are the ones who complain the most.

Overall, the wall is an insult and assault to human dignity. It is a distinctive nationalist attack on the brown people of the Americas. It promotes hate and division instead of love and union.

We know that whites would not allow a wall between the U.S. and Canada. Both are white. They will treat each other equally.

White nationalistic, systemic, and institutional racism has taught them that they are superior because we non-whites have historically shown weakness and submission and therefore deserve to be subjugated.

Are we used to our status? Now that we are almost equal to them numerically and can outvote the opposition, are we ready to resist them in general or at least on key issues? The Black Lives Matter movement has shown us that it can be done. Can we unite like them? Are we culturally capable? Ready?

The new Biden/Harris force is here. We Latinos no longer can remain docile with such potential power for change in our hands.

The wall and all immigration issues are part of the pandemic corruption. The Latino collective and corrective reaction is part of the vaccine for it.

In 1857, Frederick Douglass said: “who would be free, themselves must strike the blow ... The limits of tyrants are prescribed by the endurance of those who are oppressed.”