

The Wall Is a Symbol of Donald Trump's Neediness # President Trump inspecting border wall prototypes last March.CreditCreditDoug Mills/The New York Times # It's funny that we're still talking about the physical features of what President Trump wants or will settle for on our country's southern border -- about whether it will be concrete or steel, solid or slatted, a fancied-up fence or, in Nancy Pelosi's hilariously acerbic dig, a " beaded curtain. " Because it's not really a wall that Trump is after, if indeed it ever was. It's a victory for victory's sake. It's a show of his might. It's proof of his potency. # Of course he discussed it in a much different manner on Tuesday night, when, for the first time during his presidency, he formally addressed Americans from the Oval Office in prime time. He spoke of a " crisis of the heart " on the border. He spoke of a " crisis of the soul. " He mentioned drugs, crime, Americans who have lost their lives because of undocumented immigrants and Americans who have lost their jobs to them. It was an epic threat that he painted -- and a grossly exaggerated one. Whatever it takes to deliver on a promise that he should never have made. # Whatever it