

Walls

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1. **On my right**, the Champions of the Brown Immigrant Scare, who demand \$6 billion to build a useless, ugly, solid wall, 1,900 miles long, 30 feet high and 15 feet wide. They ground their demand on a fabricated and illusory crisis and state of emergency. They seem not to be aware that a prison wall is only meant to hide each party from the other, and that the real effective barriers consist of several rows of electrified barbed wire, and, more importantly, a guard armed with a machine gun posted in a turret every 100 yards or so (that would be 35,000 along the border). Refer to the Korean border, or the Berlin Wall, for evidence.
2. **On my left**, the Champions of the Carbon Scare, who demand in effect (although they probably never bothered to do the math) \$25 trillion (trillion indeed), or \$25,000 billion, to build a useless, ugly, solid wall of windmills, 4,800 miles long, 500 feet high, and 300 miles wide (miles indeed). They ground their demand on a fabricated and illusory crisis and state of emergency. Since the total economic activity of the U.S. is \$20 trillion a year, the ridiculous figures speak for themselves.
3. **In the middle**, some of the rest of us, who have trouble understanding where the real crises are, except in the imaginations of politicians and activists of all persuasions, who, we pray, will never experience a real crisis, such as one of the two World Wars, the Spanish Flu, Slavery, the Black Plague, or the Arrival of the White Man in the Americas and Australia, to give just a few examples.

Notes about point 1.

Ironically, the Scary Brown Immigrant of today is the direct descendant of those Columbus and his followers conquered a few centuries ago, and, when you think of it (for those who think, of course), he is only trying to return to what was once the land of his forefathers. If you're not sure, look at his face.

Also of some interest, there are nine Congressional Districts along the Mexican border. Of the nine districts, eight are Democratic and oppose the wall the president wants to build on their property, and one is Republican, although by a razor thin margin, and its Congressman was quite adamant on television yesterday that he is opposed to a wall.

What should we think of the very populations along the wall being so opposed to building one?

Incidentally, a picture I took in February 1999, on the U.S. bank of the Rio Grande.



The gap between the cliffs is the Santa Helena Canyon, Mexican on one side and American on the other. Those who talk about building a wall along the river have never traveled to the place and probably don't even suspect its natural beauty. There are hundreds of breathtakingly beautiful places along the border. As for the president, is he even sensitive to natural beauty, he who sells National Monuments to private industrial interests and built at least two of the ugliest buildings in New York City?

A few miles upstream:



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