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Hundreds of demonstrators marched through the streets here on Saturday to **protest** a controversial civilian **border patrol group**, calling it racist and un-American.

The League of United Latin American Citizens, one of the oldest Latino civil rights organizations in the country, organized the rally to show that volunteers from the Minuteman Civil Defense Corps were not wanted in the area.

"It's a racist organization, there is no question," said the league's national treasurer, Jaime Martinez. "They say they will monitor the **border**, but now they are coming into our cities. Something has to be done."

Minuteman volunteers, who plan to **patrol** parts of the **border** in New Mexico and Texas in October, have repeatedly denied claims of racism. The **group** gained attention earlier this year when it **patrolled** a section of the Mexican **border** in Arizona.

William N. Norris, a coordinator for the **group**'s New Mexico chapter who attended Saturday's rally, said the **group**'s goal was not to stop immigration but to ensure that immigrants "fill out the paperwork and sign the guest book at the gate."

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