

The Paradox of the Mexico-U.S. Border

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Description: The Mexican-U.S. border debate is filled with many paradoxes: militarization of the border leads to higher illegal immigration rates, calls for increased border security when net Mexican migration is negative, and more. Dr. Douglas Massey, co-Director of the Mexican Migration Project at Princeton, dives into the complex and often contradictory history of the Mexican border.

Guiding Questions:

- How have Mexican migration rates changed from 1920 to now?
- What trends are present in each wave of U.S. immigration control?
- How do metaphors used in the media shape the way we view immigration and how have those descriptors changed?

Great for: Grade 7-12

Sensitive Topics Disclaimer: Any topics that discuss race and ethnicity can be sensitive and should be handled with care.

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