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“The U.S. government is acknowledging that the demand for drugs in the U.S. is driving instability and violence in Mexico,” says spokesman for the White House Office of Naiton Drug Control Policy Rafael Lemaitre.

Since 2007 there have been 35,000 murders related to drug trafficking in Mexico. Now, the tension is greater than ever along the lines of the U.S.-Mexico border.

According to an [article](#) from Sign On San Diego, “Across the nearly 2,000-mile southwest boundary, Customs and Border Protection, Border Patrol and Immigration

and Customs Enforcement are joined by the Drug Enforcement Administration; Federal Bureau of Investigation; U.S. Coast Guard; U.S. Marshals; Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives; and dozens of state and local agencies.”

But despite all this, drugs come up, guns and money go down. The deciding factor, America’s hearty appetite for drugs such as marijuana and cocaine.

“As long as the great demand exists,” says Ted Galen Carpenter, vice president for defense and foreign policy studies at the Cato Institute, “...the cartels are going to be fully in business.”

Many see the efforts of the many government organizations to seal borders and capture cartels as largely fruitless, after all Mexican President Felipe Calderon declared war on the cartels in 2006. Five years fighting, cartels are still going strong.

To learn more, read the [full Sign On article](#).

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