



Stop promoting fear and hysteria

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With all the intentional misinformation and outright lies being spread, I can understand why some people are confused about the need for a southern border wall. However, there is a reason why the (not liberal) Cato Institute called the wall an impractical, expensive and ineffective border plan. Here are a few facts:

- Illegal southern border crossings have been drastically declining for decades.
- Most people here illegally overstayed their visas.
- Only about a third of Americans support building the wall if Mexico doesn't pay for it. Even the majority of people living along the border are opposed to it.
- Immigrants, whether here legally or not, commit fewer crimes than native-born Americans.
- Seeking asylum at the border is legal.
- The vast majority of heroin and fentanyl seizures occur at official border crossing points, not in between. And it's mostly Americans, not foreigners, who are arrested at the border for trafficking drugs.
- Undocumented immigrants pay over \$20 billion in federal income taxes and over \$11.5 billion in state and local taxes per year, according to estimates.

Our deficit is skyrocketing. If we don't have money to repair our crumbling infrastructure, to properly care for our veterans, to handle the addiction problem, to provide affordable health care to all Americans, to house our homeless, etc., how does it make any sense to seize private property to build a wasteful, ineffective wall?

Problems can't be solved using inaccurate data. Let's stop promoting fear and hysteria and start dealing in facts.

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