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## History and study have shown us that walls don't work

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The Great Wall didn't work for China. Hadrian's Wall didn't work for the Romans. The Maginot Line didn't work for France. General Patton famously said, "Fixed fortifications are monuments to the stupidity of man" — and the Communists proved him right with the Berlin Wall.

And now President Trump wants to build another failure on our southern border, which even American conservatives — or, at least, the ones who can think, are opposed to. The Cato Institute has published a paper which essentially says building it is impossible, and even if it were possible it would cost at least ten times what Trump has asked for to build it. Even if it gets built, the paper says its negative impacts would far outweigh any benefit that might accrue.

And now the same Trump who swore Mexico would pay for his wall has shut down the U.S. government and swears to keep it shut down until American taxpayers agree to pay for it. When is Vice President Pence going to muster the courage to invoke Section 4 of the 25th Amendment?

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