

THIS IS THE MEXICO / GUATEMALA BORDER:



IT'S A PLACE WHERE...

- PEOPLE CROSS REGULARLY AND SEASONALLY TO WORK, BUY, & SELL
- MOST OF THE POPULATION ON BOTH SIDES ARE INDIGENOUS MAYAN GROUPS
- MOST OF THE NORTHWARD MIGRATION ROUTES PASS

IN THE CONTEXT OF INCREASED MIGRATION NORTH FROM CENTRAL AMERICA,



ACARAVAN IN SOUTHERN MEXICO, OCT. 2018. (GUILLERMO ARIAS)

THE US GOVERNMENT HAS ATTEMPTED TO DETER MIGRANTS WITH INHUMANE POLICIES AT ITS SOUTHERN BORDER:

"DESERT AS DETERRENCE" 1990's

ICE RAIDS 2003-PRESENT

POLICE ICE

FAMILY SEPARATION 2018

NO ACCESS TO HYGIENE LIGHTS ON ALL NIGHT

OVERCROWDING HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS IN DETENTION CENTERS

THE CONFUSION BETWEEN THESE TWO EVENTS AND THE LACK OF CLEAR INFORMATION ABOUT WHAT THE US MILITARY IS DOING IN GUATEMALA CAUSED A MAJOR ALARM.

WERE NO COMMUNITIES CONSTITUTED

about either plan.

AT THE SAME TIME, BUT SEPARATELY... U.S. SOLDIERS ARRIVED IN HUAYTENANGO AS PART OF THE U.S. MILITARY PROGRAM "BEYOND THE HORIZON".

A "HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE" PROJECT.

"We're just building schools!" DON'T WORRY!

IN MAY 2019,

ACTING SECRETARY OF HOMELAND SECURITY & KEVIN McALEENAN & QUATEMALAN INTERIOR MINISTER SIGNED AN AGREEMENT FOR MORE COOPERATION ON SECURITY INCLUDING A SEIZURE FORCE OF DHS AGENTS TO THE MEXICO / GUATEMALA BORDER.

ENRIQUE DEGENHART

AND THEY HAVE IMPLEMENTED STRATEGIES TO MILITARIZE THE MEXICO/GUATEMALA BORDER IN ORDER TO STOP THE FLOW OF MIGRATION BEFORE IT REACHES THE U.S.

(2,300 MILES FURTHER SOUTH)

THEN, IN JUNE, MEXICAN PRESIDENT LOPEZ OBRADOR ORDERED THE NEWLY-FORMED NATIONAL GUARD TO THE BORDER WITH GUATEMALA IN RESPONSE TO US THREATS OF TARIFFS.

HERE ARE JUST A FEW OTHER PLANS & POLICIES THAT LAID THE GROUNDWORK FOR THIS MILITARIZATION:

ALAN BERSIN 2012

OBAMA'S "BORDER CLEAR."

"The Guatemalan border with Chiapas is now our southern border."

THE MÉRIDA INITIATIVE 2007

US SECURITY AID \$\$\$ → MEXICO FOR ANTI-DRUG TRADE OPS & CREATING A "21ST CENTURY BORDER" BETWEEN US & MEX (A.K.A. BIOMETRICS, X-RAY, DRONES, NEW CHECKPOINTS, ETC.)

ALLIANCE FOR PROSPERITY 2014

US-BACKED AID PROGRAM FROM THE INTER-AMERICAN DEVELOPMENT BANK, INTENDED TO STOP MIGRATION & RESTRUCTURED UNDER TRUMP TO FOCUS ON ENSURING SECURITY FOR INVESTMENT FROM US-BASED PRIVATE COMPANIES

On both sides of the Mexico/Guata border, there is a history of

MILITARY REPRESSION & STATE TERROR

against majority indigenous populations:

VIOLENT CRACK-DOWNS ON THE ZAPATISTA REBELLION OF THE 1970s IN CHIAPAS

SEVERAL OF THE US ARMY SCHOOLS WERE TRAINED AT

GUATEMALAN INTERNAL ARMED CONFLICT (1960-96) → OVER 600 MASSACRES COMMITTED BY THE MILITARY

"We the people want to live in peace!"

PEAD THE FULL PETITION AT: [https://nismga.org/petition-of-zaculen/](https://nismga.org/petition-of-zaculen)

Los pueblos queremos vivir en paz!

IN JULY 2019,

1. IMMEDIATE RETIREMENT OF FOREIGN MILITARY

2. ANNULMENT OF THE MANY US/GUATEMALAN AGREEMENT

petition of Zaculen

COMMUNITIES IN HUAYTENANGO PROTESTED THE PRESENCE OF US TROOPS ON THEIR LAND. THEY CONNECTED THE MILITARIZATION TO RESOURCE EXTRACTION PROJECTS AND OTHER US COMMERCIAL INTERESTS, AND DEMANDED

SHIRKING ITS HISTORIC RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE root causes of migration.

pushes its border further & further south,

all while REMAIN IN MEXICO!

SAFE THEO THEO COUNTRY the US

CLIMATE PROJECTS MEAN-EXTRACTIVE FREE TRADE DEALS

IN THAT CONTEXT...

US TROOPS IN COOPERATION WITH GUATE MILITARY,

US DHS AGENTS, MEXICAN NATIONAL GUARD

1. RE-TERRORIZES SWEETSPOTS OF GENOCIDE & SOME VIOLENCE

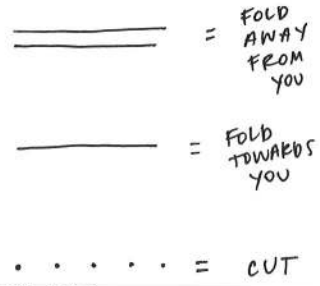
2. VIOLATES GUATEMALA'S 1996 PEACE ACCORDS

3. FITS INTO THE US'S STRATEGY OF VIOLENT ENFORCING OF NEOLIBERAL ECONOMIC POLICY

ASSEMBLY STEPS:

1. MAKE CREASES →
2. MAKE CUTS
3. ASSEMBLE!
(LIKE AN ACCORDION)

ASSEMBLY KEY



*FRONT COVER: PARTICIPANTS IN THE JULY 11 PROTEST IN HUEHUETENANGO. PHOTO: NISQUA

MILITARIZATION & RESISTANCE AT THE MEXICO / GUATEMALA BORDER



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