Rejected border-wall prototypes

1. The fools 'em every time rampart
2. The Wall Street Journal model
3. The humane sticky roller barrier
4. The revolving door barricade (now in use)

THE NEW STATUE OF LIBERTY

Give me your tired, your poor, your huddled masses—
but only if they speak English.
NO JOBS

WE TRIED IT ALL:
DOGS, HELICOPTERS,
NIGHT VISION, TOWERING
BORDER FENCES.
WHO KNEW IT WOULD BE
THIS EASY.

U.S. BORDER PATROL

CONGRESS

IMMIGRATION POLICY

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<td>During World War I, the United States exempted Mexican workers from new laws that restricted immigration from other areas of the world. This set up the first guest worker program. It lasted until 1920.</td>
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<td>During the 1920’s, the United States began to place restrictions on the visa guidelines for entering the country. For the first time, Mexican immigrants were included. Mexican immigration dropped by 75%. During the 1930’s, thousands of Mexicans were deported in what was known as the Mexican Repatriation.</td>
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In 1942, the United States and Mexico signed an immigration agreement which became known as the Bracero Program. Mexican workers could freely enter the country and were promised certain rights. Over time, both countries became unhappy with the program and it ended in 1964.
In 1965, the United States, for the first time, set a limit on the number of immigrants who could enter from Mexico. US businesses who relied on cheap, unskilled labor ignored these restrictions and continued to use both documented and undocumented workers. During the 1970’s and 1980’s, spending increased to halt the tide of increasing illegal immigration.

With the end of the Bracero Program, Mexico’s government adopted a “policy of no policy” concerning migration to the United States. Failure of their own economic policies led the government to believe they would benefit more from the money sent home by migrants to the United States. As a result, Mexico rejected all offers to work on a resolution to the illegal migration issue with the United States government during the 1970’s and 1980’s.

In the 1990’s, both the United States and Mexico began to see the need to work together. The passage of NAFTA required addressing the issue of both legal and illegal immigration. As the United States began to expand its efforts to secure the border with more border patrol agents, lighting, and fences, Mexico formed the Grupo Beta to inform migrants of the dangers of crossing the border illegally. Discussions were held to address the issues of immigration and how to work together. Just as things looked to be coming together, September 11, 2001 took place.

After 9/11, the United States and Mexico focused their efforts on border security. The United States worked on fortifying the border and the flow of arms south. Mexico worked in illegal immigration and the drug trade.
Beginning in 2010, various US states began to pass their own immigration laws in response to what they felt was the failure of the federal government to secure the border.

In response to the new state legislation in the United States, the government of Mexico declares the laws will lead to civil rights violations of Hispanic Americans living legally and illegally in the United States.

Question: Where do the United States and Mexico go from here?

Source: Rosenblum, Marc R., “Obstacles and Opportunities For Regional Cooperation: The US-Mexico Case”, Migration Policy Institute, April, 2011
Bracero Contract

CONTINUATION OF STANDARD WORK CONTRACT, AS AMENDED

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Name: Lozano Gonzales, Juan
Address: Juarez #9, Manuel Dobrado, Gto. Mexico

Age: 22
Marital Status: Single
Address: Domicilio

Economic dependents and beneficiaries:
Name: Dependientes económicos y beneficiarios:

Cayetano Lozano

Name of employer:

Place or places where worker will be employed:
Lugar o lugares donde el trabajador prestará sus servicios:

Duration of this contract:
Duración de este contrato:

July 1, 1961

Upon termination of this contract the worker will be returned to:
A la terminación del contrato el trabajador será regresado a:

Hidalgo Reception Center

Representative of the Secretary of Labor having jurisdiction over place of employment:
Representante del Secretario de Trabajo que tenga jurisdicción en el lugar de empleo:

1002-3 Great Plains Life Ins. Bldg, Lubbock, Tex. P.O. 9115 (16th - 19th St., V. M.)

Wage rates to be paid to worker shall be not less than those specified below, or the prevailing wage rate, whichever is the higher:
Se pagarán al trabajador no menos de las siguientes tarifas de jornales, a las prevalecientes si fueren mayores:

1. Hourly wage rate:
Tarifa por hora:

FARM HAND, Gen. 50¢ per hour. When engaged in hoeing activity the worker will be paid 50¢ pr. hr. or prev. rate whichever is higher. When engaged in tractor driving or in irrigating, the worker will be paid the prev. rate or rates for such tasks.

2. Piece rate:
Tarifa por destajo:

The Mexican Worker may be employed in other Agricultural Employment, when specifically authorized by the Secretary of Labor or his designee, and when so employed he will be paid no less than the rate specified or the prevailing wage, if higher.

The undersigned, being aware of the contents of this contract which consists of five pages, including the present one and four others, containing the provisions of the Standard Work Contract approved pursuant to the Migrant Labor Agreement of 1951, as amended, agree to be bound by all of its provisions.

Date and place of signing of this contract:
Fecha y lugar en que se firma este contrato:

July 1, 1961

Signature of employer or duly authorized representative.
Firma del Patrión o de su agente legalmente autorizado.

Representative of the Secretary of Labor.
Representante del Secretario de Trabajo.

ARIZONA GEOGRAPHIC ALLIANCE
Bracero Work Card