

Up Against the Wall

The Case for Opening the Mexican-American Border By Peter Laufer, Foreword by Vicente Fox

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The book offers a step-by-step blueprint of radical proposals for the U.S.-Mexico border that go far beyond traditional initiatives to ease restrictions on immigration. The book argues that the border with Mexico should be completely open for Mexicans wishing to travel north.

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