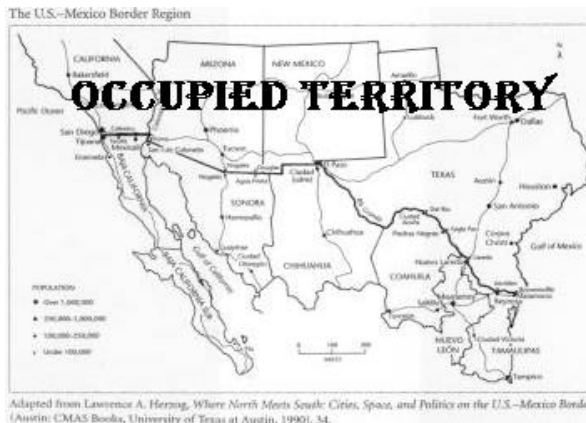


Violence along the u.\$. - Mexico Border



Why does it happen?
What can we do about it?

A presentation by Studies for the Liberation
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- INS Operation Gatekeeper alone caused the deaths of at least 464 migrants in its first 5 years.
- The death toll has not subsided with the formal and temporary removal of ground troops from the border area in 1997: at least 145 migrants lost their lives to INS operations in 1999.
- In only the first half of 1998 LEMP documented 44 cases of human rights abuses against immigrants and border residents in the San Diego area on behalf of the police, INS/US Customs and the Border Patrol

In 1848 american imperialism violently imposed the border on the people of Mexico and began a period of repression and exploitation that continues to this day. The INS, Border Patrol and the american government regularly terrorize immigrants and border communities with impunity. The rhetoric justifying violent operations and increased funding for paramilitary style border policing are hopelessly disguised in talk of 'national security' and 'the war on drugs'.

This type of talk is meaningless to the communities and workers that are victims of border violence and who see how

the american state allows the assailants to go free with no hope for reprisal while their families endure with little chance of ever receiving justice. In responding to the violence, activists, scholars and border residents have implemented various programs and strategies to combat state repression.

In this talk SLALA provides a critical survey of the main issues surrounding violence at the border with the aim of expanding the practical struggle towards ending violence at the border once and for all.

We will also discuss particular campaigns to support the just struggles of Mexican workers and immigrants!

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