



smuggling of migrants — global news March 2013

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Immigration reform's first hurdle: Is the border secure? – 10 March 2013

<http://www.latimes.com/local/la-me-ff-secure-border-20130310-dto-htmlstory.html>

Tall steel fencing separates border communities. Camera towers and bright rows of stadium lights aim at smugglers' enclaves in Mexico. Migrants seeking out traditional crossing routes find them blocked, and many give up. But migrants still get across, by seeking out the one road or one mountain range or one desert trail beyond the reach of the U.S. Border Patrol.

By land or by sea, tougher U.S. border tests illegal immigrants – 20 March 2013

<http://www.reuters.com/article/us-usa-immigration-mexico/by-land-or-by-sea-tougher-u-s-border-tests-illegal-immigrants-idUSBRE92J05I20130320>

Hundreds of thousands of illegal immigrants to the United States have felt the force of tougher U.S. policing, new barriers and record deportations, which have helped cut to nil the net migration flow from south to north.