

# Migrant caravans are proving we desperately need a border wall



Central American migrants taking part in a caravan to the USAFP/Getty Images

The caravans were the big mistake that those who opposed the wall between Mexico and the US made.

I was against the wall at first, for some good reasons. There had to be a better way to keep people from illegally entering the US. Let the technology folks work on the problem, I thought.

And small groups of people could easily move across the border through the many tunnels that have already been dug. The wall would be a waste, I also thought.

But then the caravans started up and were publicized — even heralded — in the US press. That's when the idea of a wall became more desirable in my mind.

President Trump's position on immigration has seemed to soften in the past few months. It seems he now understands — as I've been arguing — that immigration is not only desirable but necessary for the US to thrive.

We need people who want to work, pay taxes and add to a Social Security system that'll go broke without them. Bring them on!

These immigrants just need to come to this country legally. And swarming the borders just isn't a polite way to behave, no matter how desperate a person might be.

The caravans gave Trump the excuse to declare an emergency. The opponents of the wall should have planned their strategy better.

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