

VIDEO: The 800 Mile US-Mexico Wall

U.S. border enforcement strategy violates fundamental human rights

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Award winning filmmaker, John Carlos Frey's latest documentary film, "[The 800 Mile Wall](#)," will begin a nationwide tour in February 2010 to raise awareness about the current human rights crisis caused by U.S. Border policy. The 800 Mile Wall, highlights the construction of border walls along the U.S.-Mexico border and takes an unflinching look at the failed U.S. border enforcement strategy that many believe has caused the death of thousands of migrants and violates fundamental human rights.

Since border walls have been built, well over 5,000 migrant bodies have been recovered in U.S. deserts, mountains and canals. Some unofficial reports put the current death toll as high as 10,000 men, women and children. As a direct result of U.S. border policy, migrants are forced to cross hazardous deserts and mountains in search of low skill and low paying jobs in the United States. The New York Times writes, "Current border strategy is serving as a funnel through deadly terrain." The 800 Mile Wall illustrates, in great detail, the ineffective and deadly results of this failed border policy and offers some thoughts and suggestions on how the current human rights crisis may be resolved.

"Director John Carlos Frey's powerful independent film The 800 Mile Wall sounds the alarm on the neglected human rights crisis on our nation's Southwestern border and puts on the table the life-and-death questions we must address in comprehensive immigration reform."

— Congressman Raul Grijalva (D - Arizona 7th District)

The national tour of The 800 Mile Wall will initially cover 25 cities with more to be added. The film's tour is supported by the ACLU, American Friends Service Committee, The National Immigration Forum, Reform Immigration for America, CHIRLA, Humane Borders and No More Deaths among others.

Written and Directed by John Carlos Frey

Produced by Jack Lorenz

Total Running Time: 90 min.

For more information about the tour and the film, visit: www.800milewall.org

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