

## Background Article Questions

**Deliberation Topic:** *What should the United States do to address problems along the U.S.-Mexico border?*

### The Numbers Behind a Border 'Crisis'- *Washington Free Beacon*

- Describe the trends in data relating to apprehensions along the border.
- How has the composition of people apprehended changed recently?
- What are the reasons for this change in the composition of people being apprehended?
- Describe the laws relating to these migrants. How have they contributed to the problems along the border?
- How do the current policies and laws at the border contribute to the drug crisis?
- According to the article, how does the data from the U.S. Customs and Border Protection “paint a complicated picture?”

### There Is a Crisis at the Border. It's Not the One Trump Is Describing- *Time Magazine*

- What is President Trump’s proposal for the border?
- How is the problem described in the article different from the one that the President's proposal addresses?
- What is meant by asylum? Describe the current policies of seeking asylum.
- Explain the problems associated with these new asylum policies.

### This is what the US-Mexico border looks like- *CNN*

- Describe the length and locations of the current fencing and walls along the U.S.-Mexico border.
- Explain the differences in appearance and function of the structures presented in the pictures. How do the different structures meet the geographic needs and features of that area?
- How can geographic features impact border crossings?

[Biden turns to global diplomacy to manage migration at U.S.-Mexico border](#)- PBS

Newshour

- Describe the current challenges at the U.S.-Mexico border, as discussed in the article.
- How is the Biden Administration trying to “portray” the immigration issue? Why?
- What is President Biden’s “approach” to the U.S.-Mexico border?
- How has the “makeup” of the migrants changed over time, and what new rules and policies are they experiencing upon their arrival to the border?