

This Writer's Comments on Construction of Border Walls

We are constantly bombarded by the partisan debates in our Southern neighbour of effectiveness of a border wall along the 3,145-kilometre boundary between Mexico and United States of America.

I decided to access the available information on the internet to educate myself on this subject by exploring the history on walls around the world in recorded times.

For those who share my interest, you may begin by using your laptop to obtain a **List of Walls** by entering:

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_walls#

Of great interest is the longest wall, Great Wall of China (21,196.18km) with construct beginnings in the



7th century BC up to 1368 to 1644 AD.

An interesting research article on **Border Walls and Barriers** can be obtained by accessing:

Building border walls and barriers: what the research says:

<https://journalisticresource.org/politics-and-government/border-walls-barriers-migrant-research/>

What is interesting that one purpose for constructing a wall is to prevent undesired visitors to enter a country or area. What I found most interesting that the American experience is that more people enter USA with visas and stay after expiry than cross illegally over the Mexican / USA border.



The article also outlines the many natural sacrifices that take place at the border which are affected by this border.

This recent 20-mile section in Texas is currently under construction.

My contemporaries recall all the notoriety of the “Cold War Days” when with the Communist decision to separate East and West Berlin, Germany.

All the lives that were lost with people crossing that border from the East to the West.

Many argue that the Socialist philosophy is greater than the Western philosophies but strangely enough, the shootings took place while many people were trying to escape to the West.

One of them was my father’s brother.

As world politics evolve, East Germany united back with the West so that Germany became whole again and the Berlin Wall was enthusiastically demolished as a result.



My opinion on this matter is that a wall does not deter those that are committed with a desire to reach a destination of their choice no matter how much resources are applied to the construction as well as the lives that were lost in constructing of the Great Wall.

I suggest that diplomacy is a better solution, but it is difficult to find an acceptable solution to the greed and mindset of some of the world’s prominent leaders and their disregard to negotiate for the “common good” of their electorate.

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