

Building Partnership with Mexico

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- U.S.-Mexico ties touch more U.S. lives daily than any other country via trade, border connections, tourism, and family ties as well as, sadly, illicit flows. The same is true for Mexico.
- An estimated 35 million U.S. citizens are of Mexican heritage.
- The shared 1990-mile border (3,201 km) creates overlapping security, economic and environmental interests.
- In recent years, government-to-government collaboration has been unprecedented. Security-related cooperation has grown immensely.

Managing a Massive Relationship

US-Mexico Trade

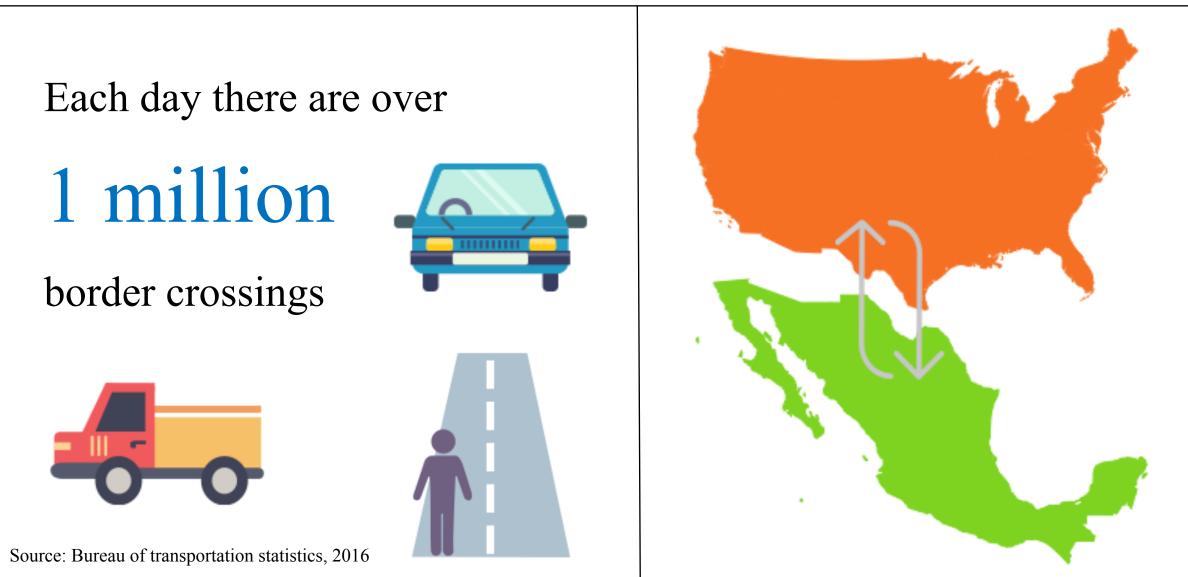


US-Mexico Trade

Mexico is the US':

- 2nd largest export market
- 3rd largest trading partner
- 3rd largest Ag export market: \$19 billion in 2017
- 1st or 2nd export market for 28 U.S. States
- 1st export market for U.S. Southern Border States

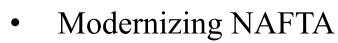
US-Mexico Border Crossings



Areas of U.S.-Mexico Bilateral Work

Trilateral Work: Canada, Mexico and the U.S.

- Economic competitiveness
- Education
- Energy
- Environment
- Border management and migration
- Public security and justice collaboration
- Fighting drug trafficking & organized crime
- Counter-terrorism
- Health issues
- Human rights
- Central America and the region
- Work in the UN, G20, OECD and OAS
- Consular issues



- Clean Energy and Environment Cooperation
- North America Caucus on regional and global priorities
- Trilateral Trusted Traveler Program
- Dialogue on Countering Illicit Drugs

Serious Challenges to Address

U.S. drug demand and cross-border criminal networks

Modernizing NAFTA

Strengthening Mexican law enforcement institutions and bilateral cooperation

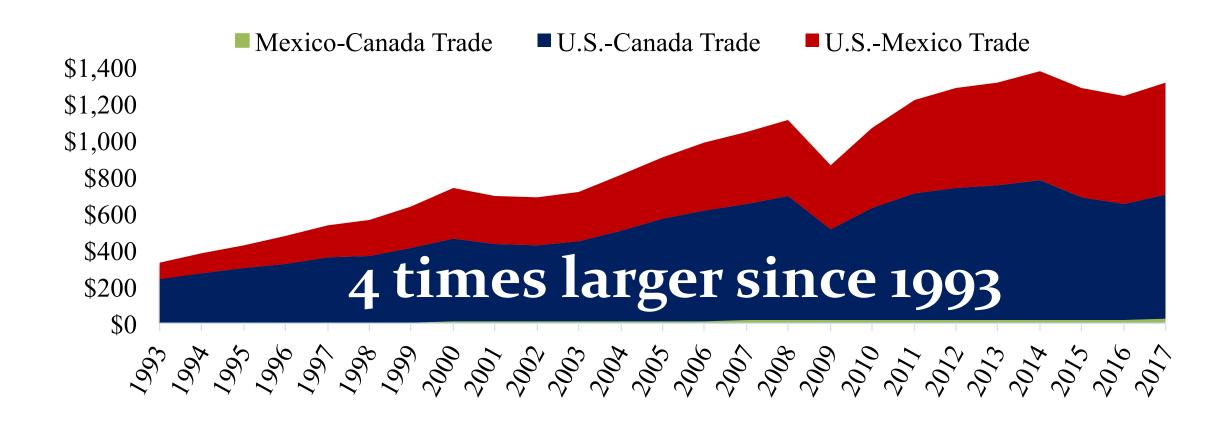
Regional migrant flows

Immigration & border Management

Surging Criminal Violence in Mexico Negative public perceptions Potential Terrorism Countering Corruption Reducing poverty in Mexico

Economic Security

North American Trade in Goods and Services



Source: Secretaria de Economia, 2017; BEA, 2017; Census Bureau, 2017.



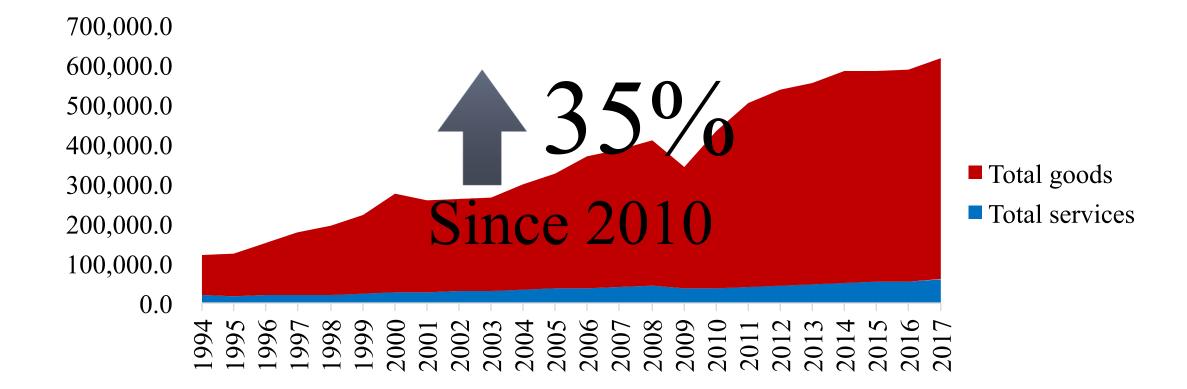
North American Trade

- Canada, Mexico and the US trade \$1.3 trillion a year,
- \$3.6 billion a day, reflecting major shared production networks.
- More than US trade with all the European Union and 1.9 times more than with China.
- 14 million US jobs are supported by trade with both neighbors.
- 50 percent of NAFTA trade is intermediate goods.

Source: Secretaria de Economia, 2017; BEA, 2017; Census Bureau, 2017, Brookings Metropolitan Policy program, 2017.

U.S. Trade with Mexico has multiplied by 6 since 1993

• The U.S. sells more to Mexico than to all the **BRICS** countries together

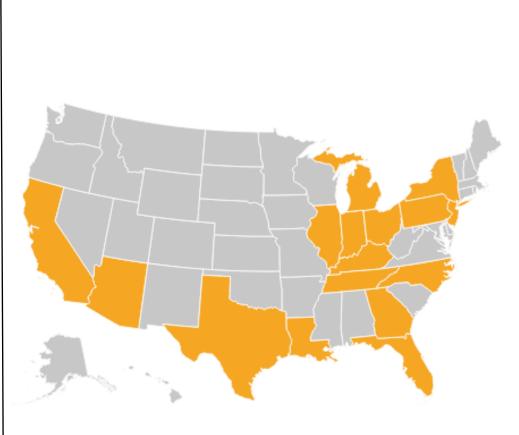


Source: The Wilson Center, "Charting a new course", 2017; US Census Bureau, 2017; BEA, 2017

Rank Order: Top US States' Trade with Mexico 2017

State	Volume \$USD (Billions)	State	Volume \$USD (Billions)	
Texas	187	Indiana	9.8	
California	73.1	Florida	9.7	
Michigan	65.5	Pennsylvania	9.5	
Illinois	22	Louisiana	8.6	
Arizona	15.5	North Carolina	8.3	
Ohio	14.7	Kentucky	7.7	
Tennessee	11.7	New Jersey	7.4	
Georgia	10.4	New York	6.4	

Source: Secretaria de Economia, 2017

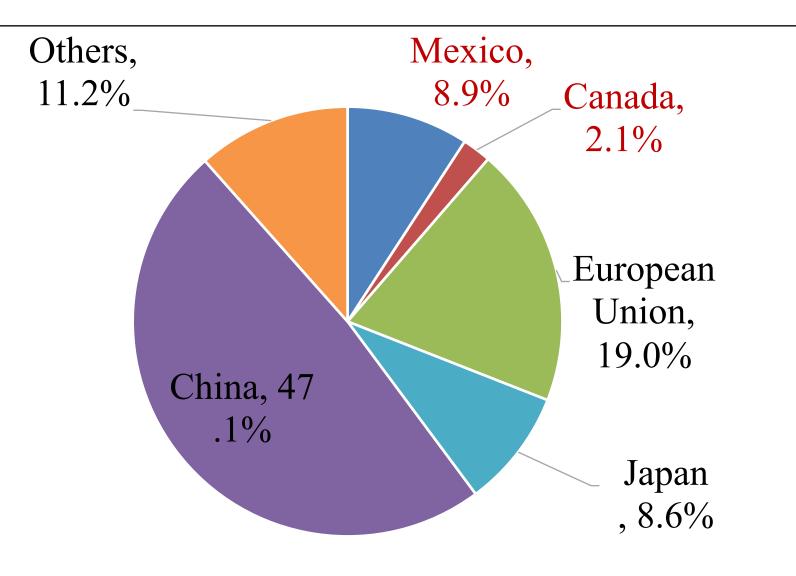


Economic Relationship between California and Mexico

Source: Secretaría de Economía, 2018

- Trade between California and Mexico was over \$73 billion in 2017.
- Mexico is California's largest export market.
 - Exports increased over 300% under NAFTA.
- 560,000 jobs in California depend on U.S.-Mexico trade.
- 7.8 million Mexican tourists visit California every year, spending over \$3 billion.

US Trade in Goods Deficit but Service Surplus

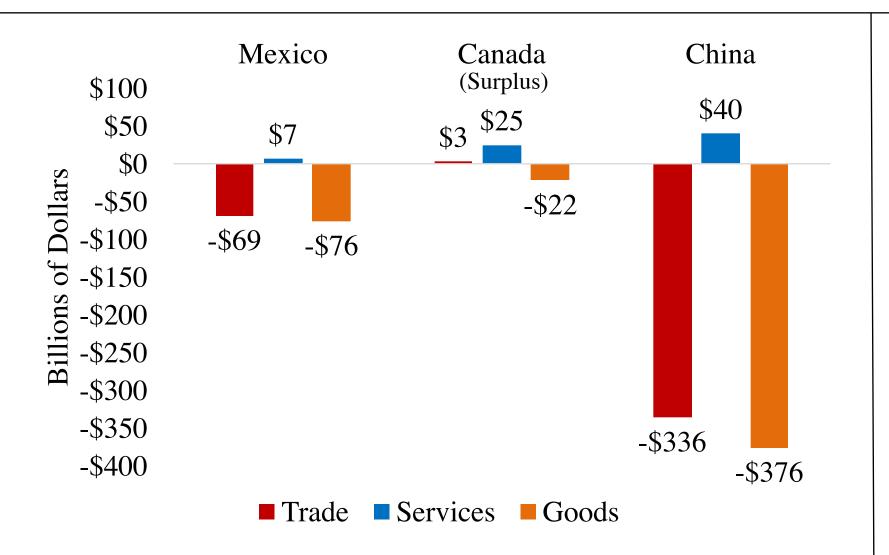


U.S. Trade Deficit with Mexico dropped

2.7%

as a portion of Total U.S.-Mexico Trade between 2010-2017

US Trade in Goods and Services

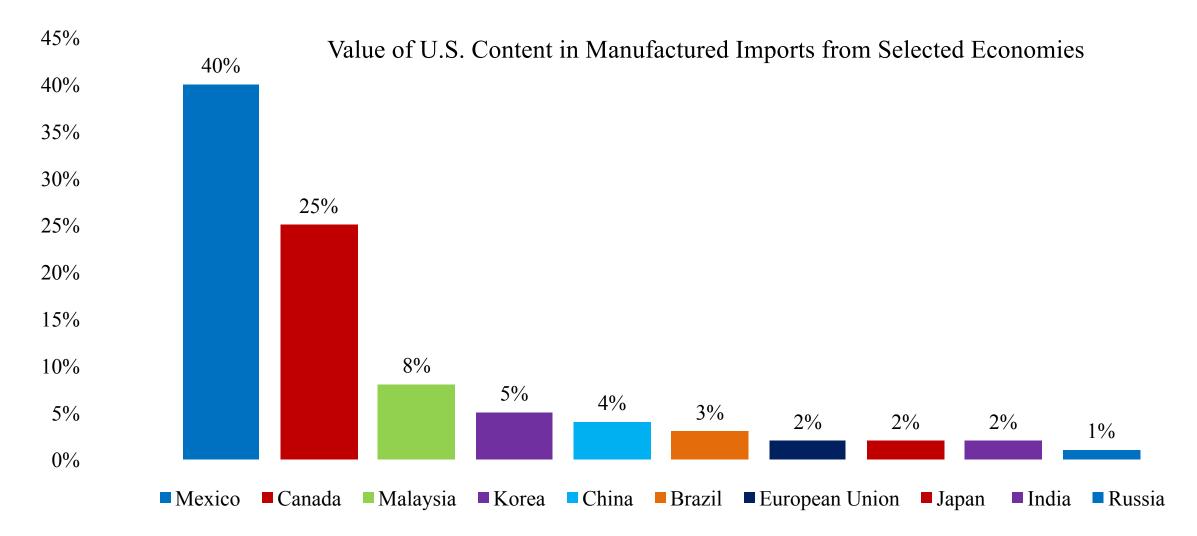


\$25 billion surplus in services & \$3 billion total trade surplus with Canada

\$7 billion surplus in services with Mexico

Source: BEA, 2017

More U.S. Content in Imports from Mexico and Canada



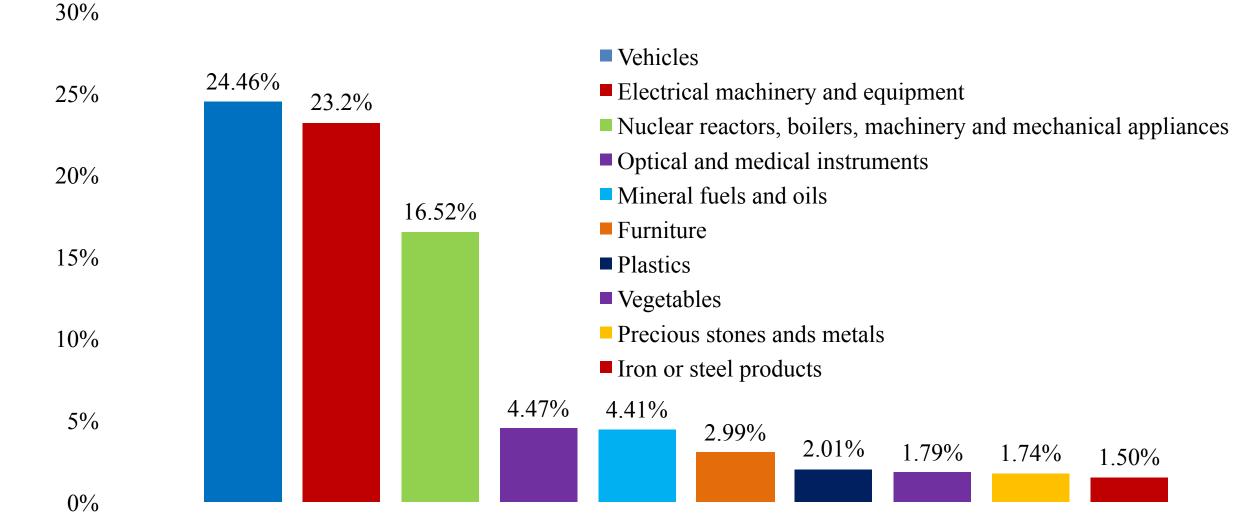
Source: Robert Koopman et al. "Give Credit Where Credit is Due: Tracing Value Added in Global Production Chains". NBER Working Paper No 16426.

Leading Mexican Products Exported to the US Manufactured Goods Dominate

1.79%

1.74%

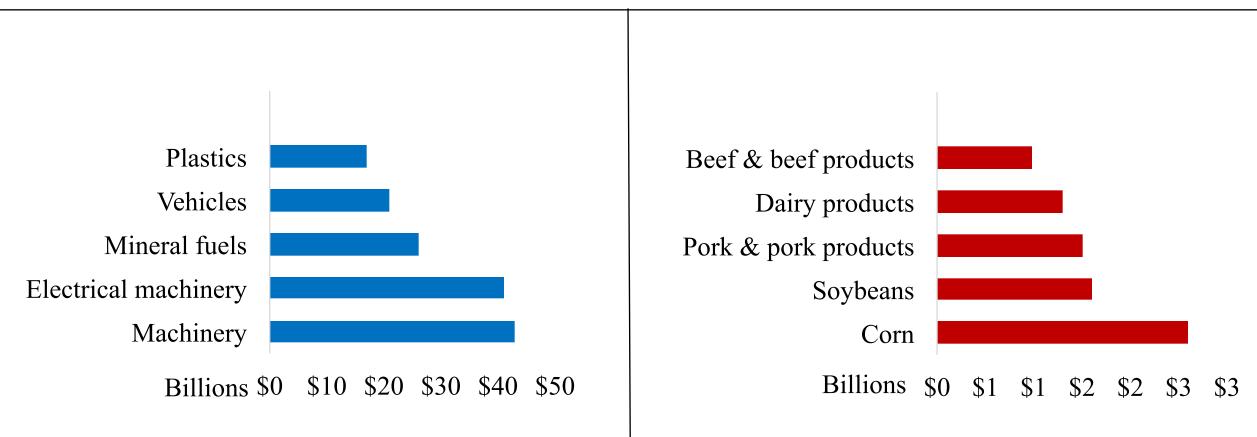
1.50%



Source: OECD Stats, 2015

Leading U.S. Products Exported to Mexico

Leading U.S. Agricultural Products Exported to Mexico



Source: Office of the U.S. Trade Representatives, 2017

Where have the manufacturing jobs gone?

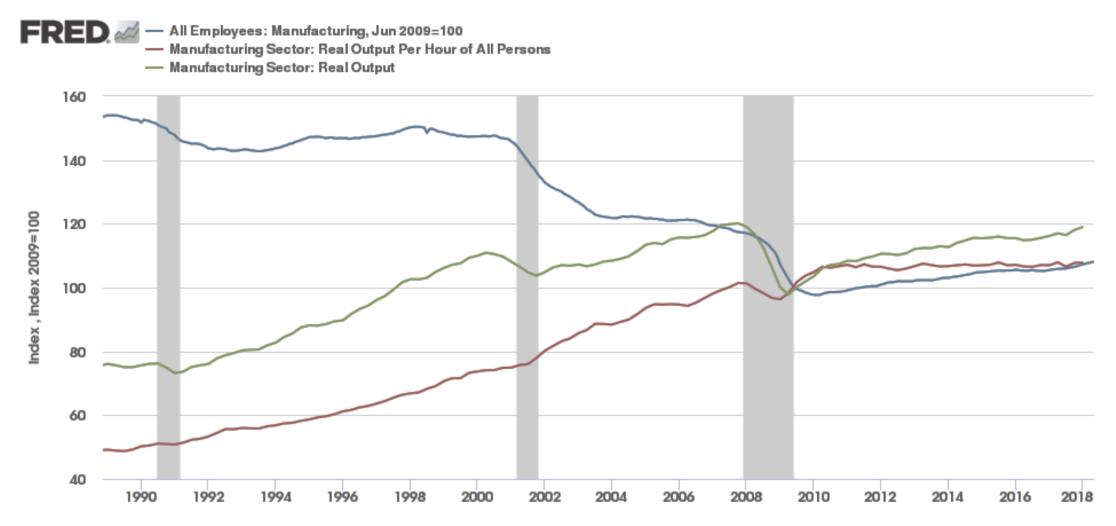
Competition from China 2 - 2.4 million

New Technology 4.7 million

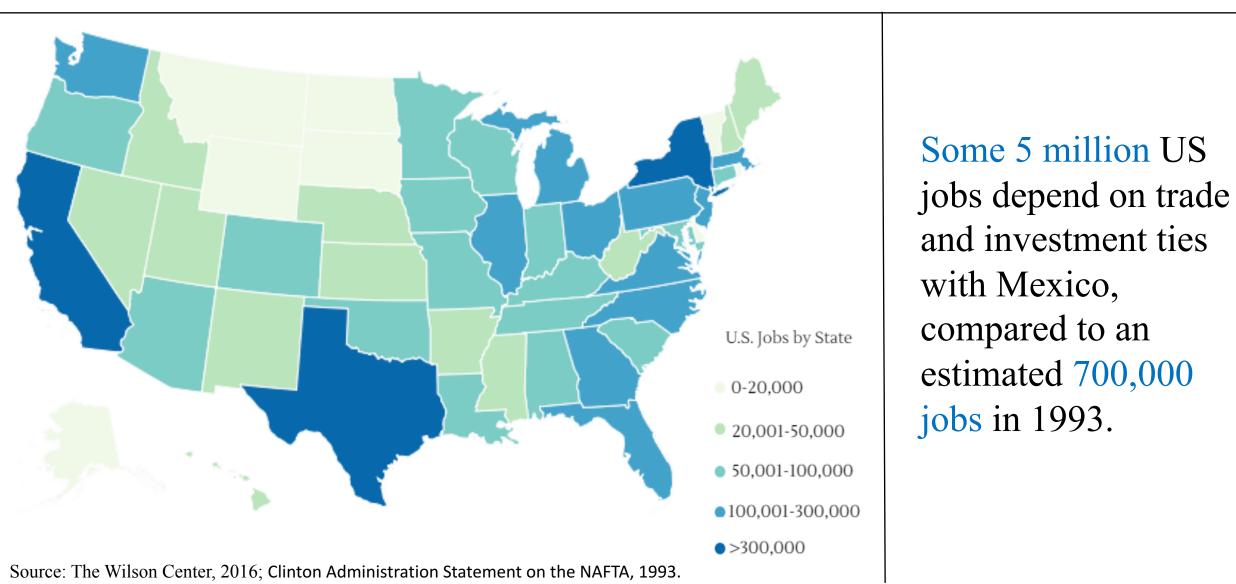


Source: Autor et. Al, 2016; Hicks and Devaraj, 2015

U.S. Manufacturing Employment and Output



Mexico trade supports some 5 million jobs



U.S.-Mexico and North American Investment

Mexico's FDI in the US \$17 billion

> US FDI in Mexico \$88 billion



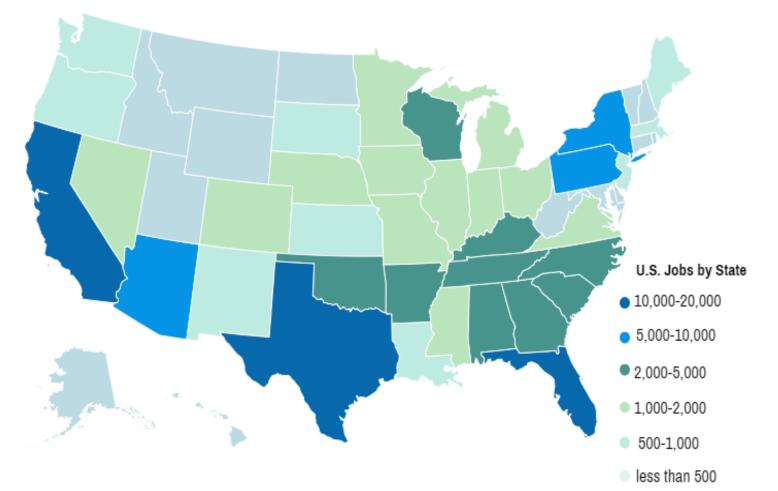
In 2015, Canada's and Mexico's FDI in the US reached \$388 billion

The US had \$452 billion FDI in Canada and Mexico.

Source: US BEA, data last published on July 25, 2016.

U.S. Jobs Created by Mexican Investment

• Mexican investment supports 123,000 US jobs; 13,000 in California.



Source: Wilson Center, 2016.

Reforms and Partnership

Mexico's Major Reforms

- Education
- Telecommunications
- Energy
- Judicial and Law Enforcement

More partnership with the U.S.

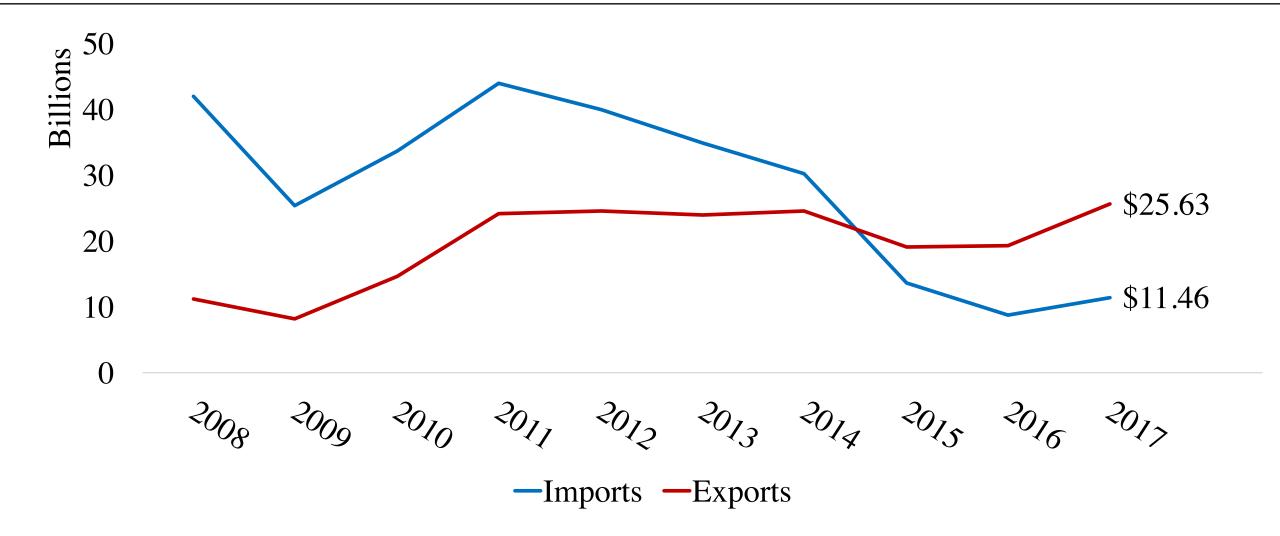


Energy and the Environment

Energy and the Environment

- Increased US investment in Mexico's energy sector following reform
- Increased US natural gas and gasoline sales to Mexico
- New dialogues between energy regulators
- U.S. and Mexico work to protect border environment, river basins, and endangered species

U.S. Energy Trade Surplus with Mexico



Investment and Cooperation in the Energy Sector

- Pemex has signed joint operating agreements with Exxon, Chevron, Shell, etc.
- Exxon Mobil plans to invest \$300 million in Mexico over the next 10 years.
- Sempra Energy is investing \$800 million: \$500 million in a pipeline project between Texas and the Mexican Gulf port of Tuxpan.
- U.S. energy equipment exports enhanced via new investment.
- In 2017, U.S. and Mexico authorities agreed to work on expanding cross-border energy infrastructure, including in electricity.
- North American cooperation, investment and trade help ensure reliable low-cost energy to power manufacturing across region and build Energy Security.

Border Management Licit and Illicit Flows

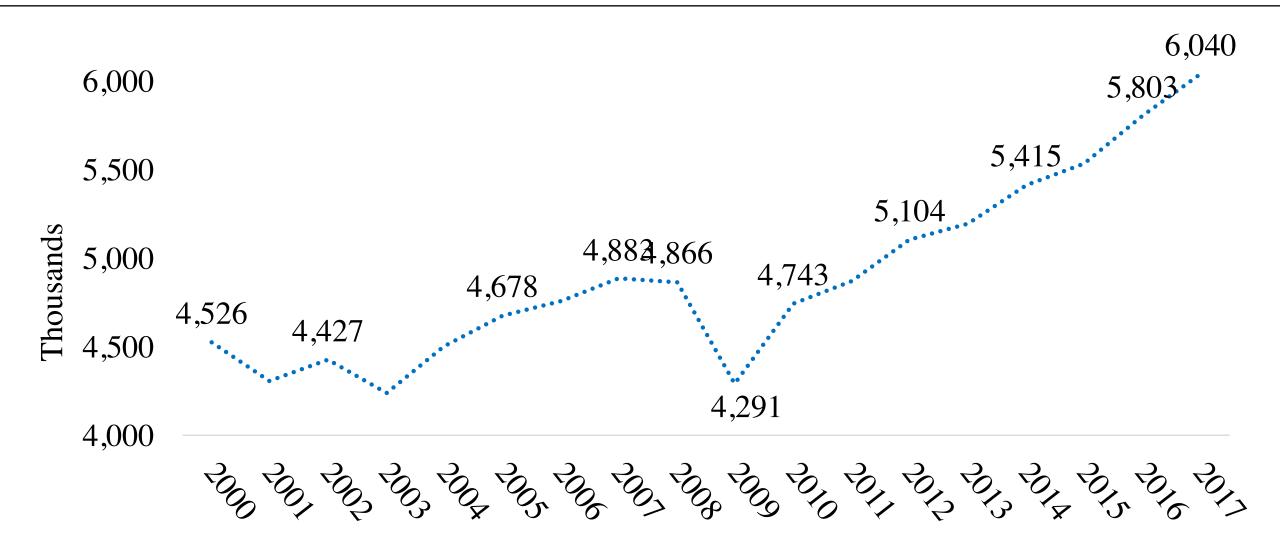
Moving toward Co-Management of the Border



Had moved from blame to "shared responsibilities"

- Making the border more open to legitimate travel and commerce.
- Working to align customs regulatory frameworks; increase joint use of customs facilities on the border.
- New mechanisms to communicate, coordinate and more effectively counter illicit trade and travel: drugs, guns, money and people.
- Steps to increase security and reduce cross-border violence.
- New programs to share information on potential border crossers.
- Working to create a Trilateral Trusted Traveler Program.

Trucks Crossing the US-Mexico Border



Source: Bureau of Transportation Statistics, 2017

Americans' Views towards Border Wall

	Total	Democrat	Republican	Independent
Support building a wall along the US-Mex border	38%	18%	68%	32%
Agree that building a wall along the US-Mex border wastes taxpayer money	60%	81%	35%	57%
Agree that building a wall along the US-Mex border is necessary for national security	35%	20%	61%	29%

Source: Ipsos Poll, 2018

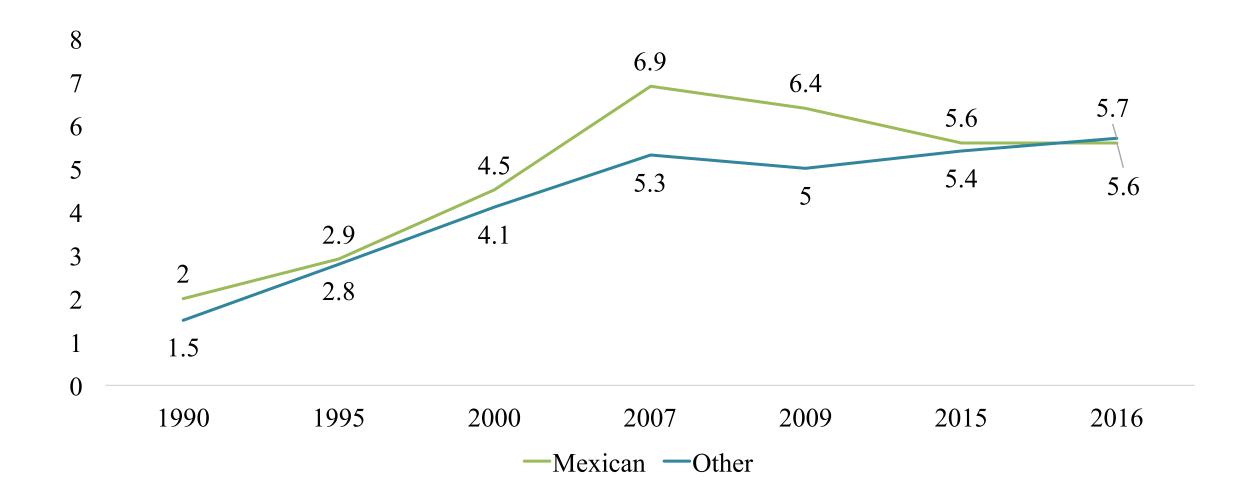
Border: Migrant Flows

Migrant Flows

- The flow of Mexican immigrants to the U.S. is at the lowest levels since the 1990s.
- The number of Mexican immigrants in the U.S. has been dropping since 2007.
- In FY 2017, apprehensions of Mexican unauthorized immigrants declined 31.22% from FY 2015.



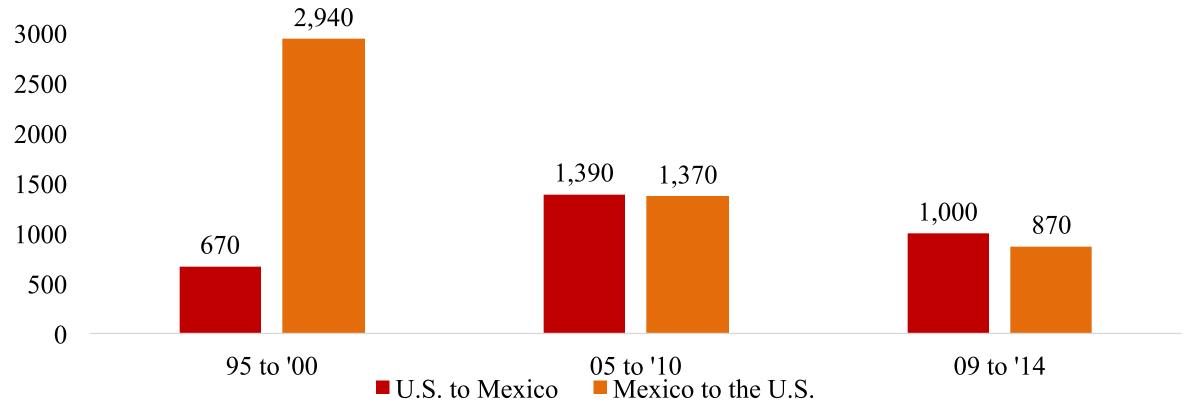
Number of Unauthorized Immigrants in the U.S.



Source: PEW Research Center, 2016

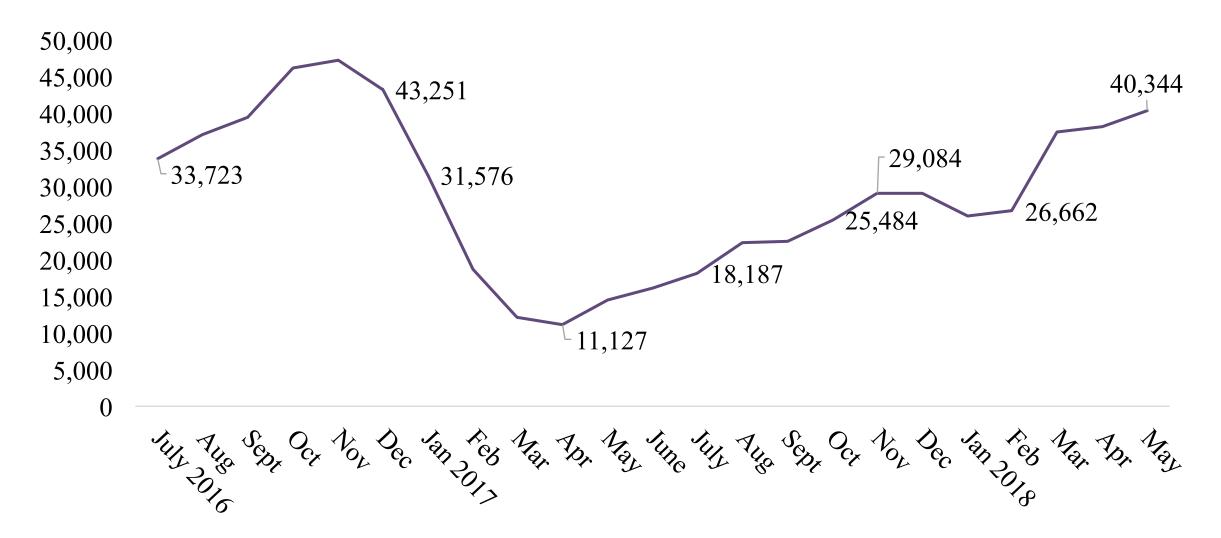
Net Migration from Mexico

• In 2016, there were 1.3 million less unauthorized Mexican immigrants in the US than in 2007



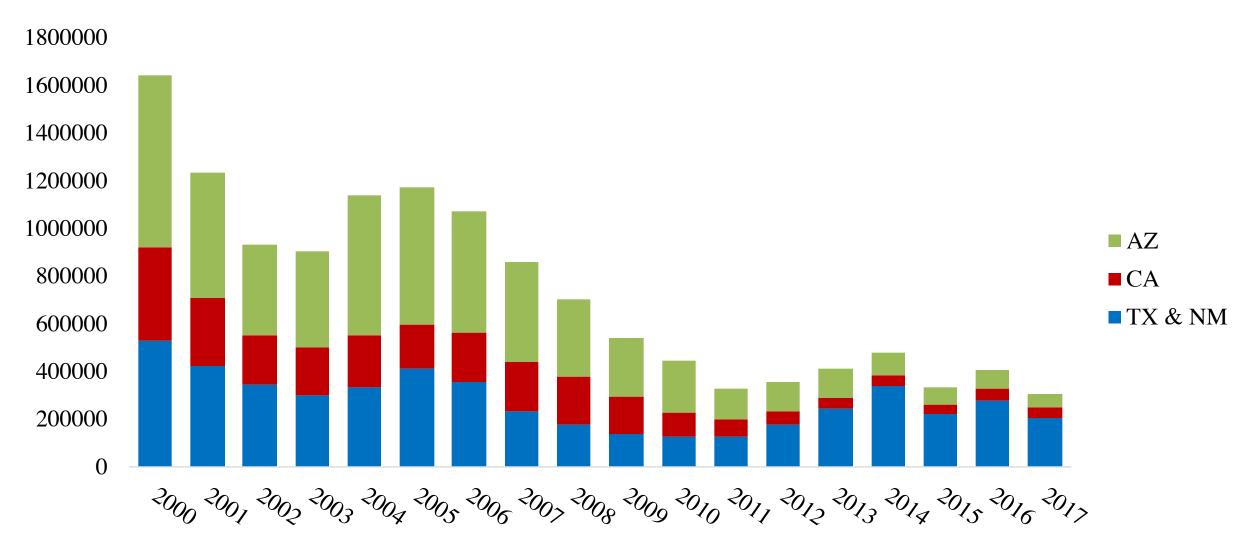
Recent Apprehensions

USBP Southwest Border Monthly Apprehensions



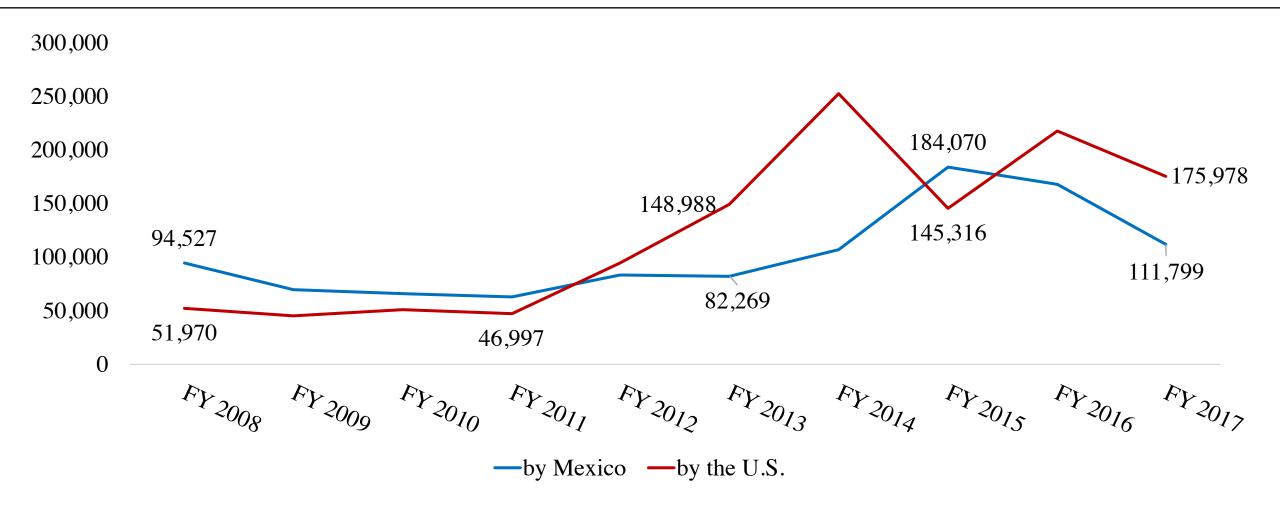
Source: U.S. Border Patrol Monthly Apprehensions (FY 2017 - FY 2018)

Southwest Border Apprehensions by State



Source: U.S. Border Patrol FY2000 - FY2017

U.S. Southwest Border Apprehensions from countries other than Mexico & Mexican Apprehensions from Latin America and the Caribbean



Source: U.S. Border Patrol Monthly Apprehensions (2008-2017) Unidad de Politica Migratoria (2008-2017)

Helping Northern Triangle

Addressing Central American Migration

The US and Mexico enhanced cooperation in response to the 2014 surge of child and family migrants, including work at Mexico's southern border against smuggling of people & drugs.

In June 2017, the US and Mexico hosted a Conference on Prosperity and Security in Central America in Miami. Commitments include:

- U.S. FY 2018 budget request for **\$460 million** to address economic, security, and governance challenges in the Northern Triangle (NT).
- Create a **migration observatory** to study and share information on regional migration flows.
- Improved information sharing, cooperation and U.S. assistance to combat transnational criminal organizations.
- **\$53 million from Mexico** for three **NT infrastructure projects.**

Mexico and the United States had planned to host a second conference in Washington in 2018.

Bilateral Cooperation Against Crime

US-Mexico Law Enforcement/Security Cooperation

Mérida Initiative Programs & Agency-to-Agency Cooperation

Defense Dialogues & Cooperation

Security Coordination Group

US-Mexico Mérida Initiative: Evolving

- 1. Disrupting the operational capacity of organized crime.
- 2. Institutionalizing reforms to sustain the rule of law and respect for human rights in Mexico.
- 3. Creating a "21st Century Border".
- 4. Building strong and resilient communities.

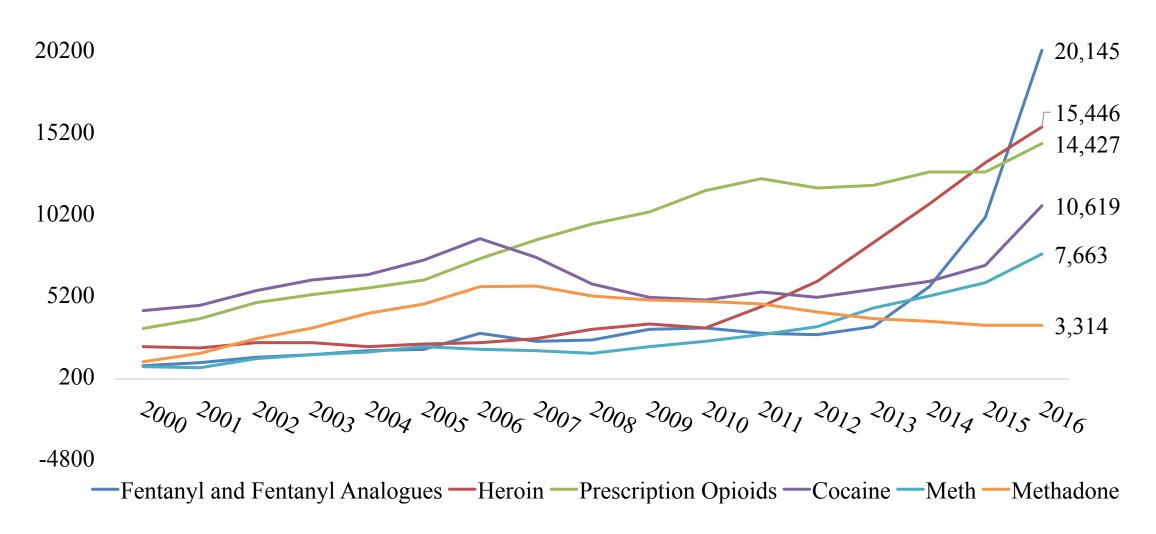
\$2.6 billion appropriated by the US since 2008.

\$1.6 billion already spent on training and equipment via over 100 programs to bolster Mexican capacity.

Mexico has spent over 10 times more.

Opioids Change the Game

Urgency: US Drug Overdose Deaths 2000-2016



Source: CDC Wonder Database; CDC Provisional Counts of Drug Overdose Deaths as of 8/6/2017

U.S. Opioid Crisis

- Opium derivatives use: over 5% of the U.S. population in 2013.
- Since 1999, overdose deaths involving opioids has quadrupled.
- Economic cost of the opioid crisis is estimated at 2.5% of GDP.
- Illegal drug border flows mostly via legal points of entry; quadrupling flows through mail and delivery services.
- Opium and heroin production in Mexico has grown substantially, as has transshipment of illicit opioids, e.g., Fentanyl, from China.
- In 2016, the U.S. and Mexico launched a working group on drugs and dismantling criminal networks.

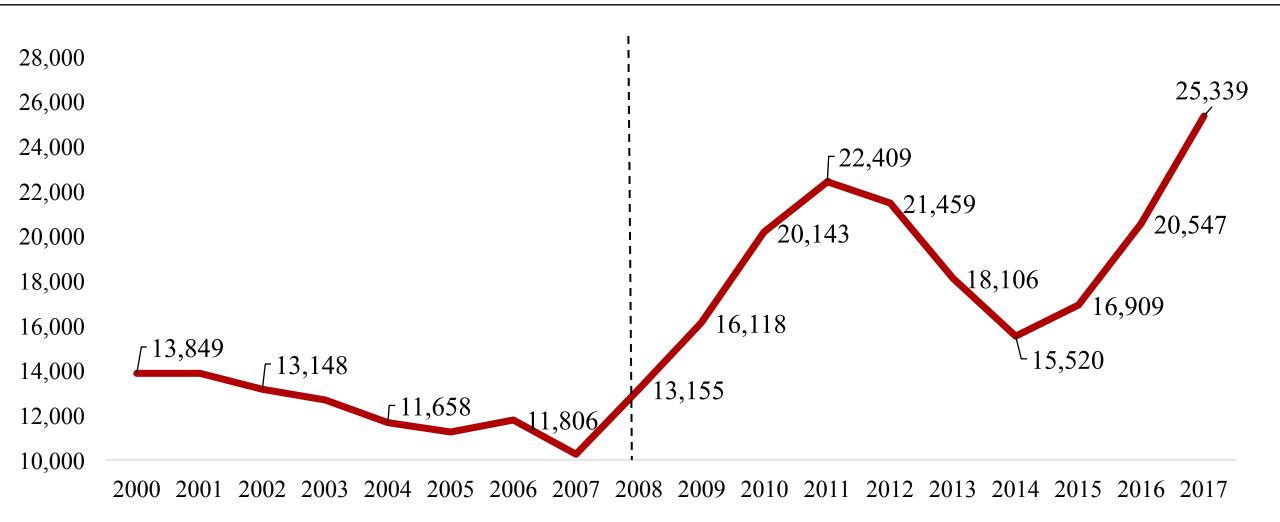
Sources: The Globalist, The White House, CDC., U.S. Surgeon General Vivek Murthy

2017 US-Mexico Agreements to Combat Illicit Drugs

- Partner to destroy criminal organizations "Unprecedented" cooperation
- Address the demand for illicit drugs among US citizens.
- Necessary tools:
 - physical barriers,
 - technology,
 - patrolling,
 - eradication,
 - enhanced law enforcement and justice actions,
 - and anti-addiction programs.
- Go after all elements in the chain: means of production, cross-border distribution networks, flows of cash and profits, weapons procurement.

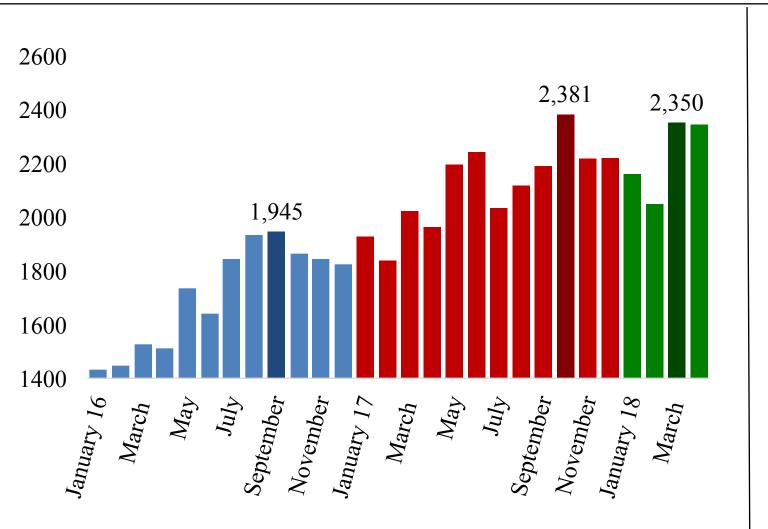
Violence up in Mexico

Urgency: Homicides in Mexico



Source: Secretaria Ejecutiva de Seguridad Nacional, 2000-2017

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Source: Secretaria Ejecutiva de Seguridad Nacional, 2017; Reuters, 2017; El Pais, 2017.

25,339 killings in 2017; the most violent year since 1997.

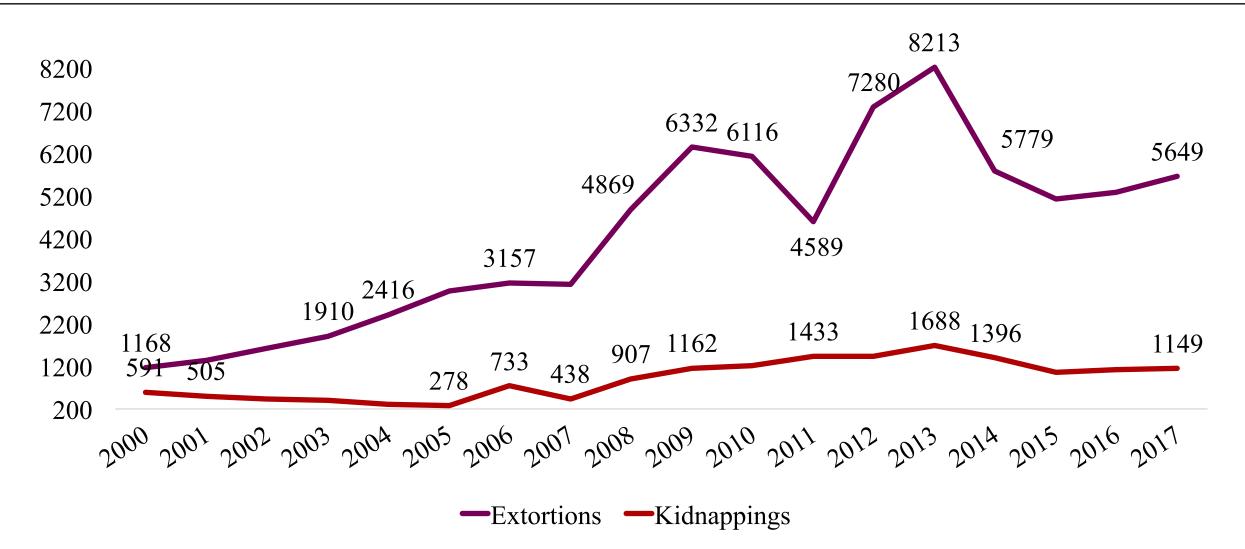
October: most violent month since 1997. Violence up in 2018 over 2017.

Law enforcement overwhelmed.

Cartels fighting; types of crime expanded; more states affected. Est. crime cost up to 17.6% GDP.

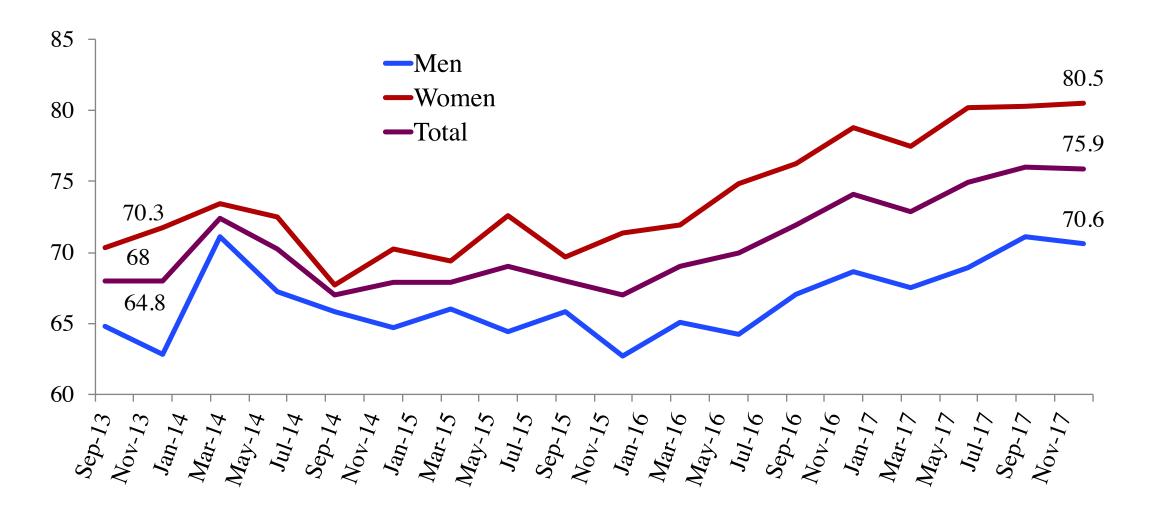
U.S. travel warning for vacation spots.

Other types of crime: serious but not like killings



Source: Secretaria Ejecutiva de Seguridad Nacional, 2017

Public Perceptions: % of the population that feels unsafe

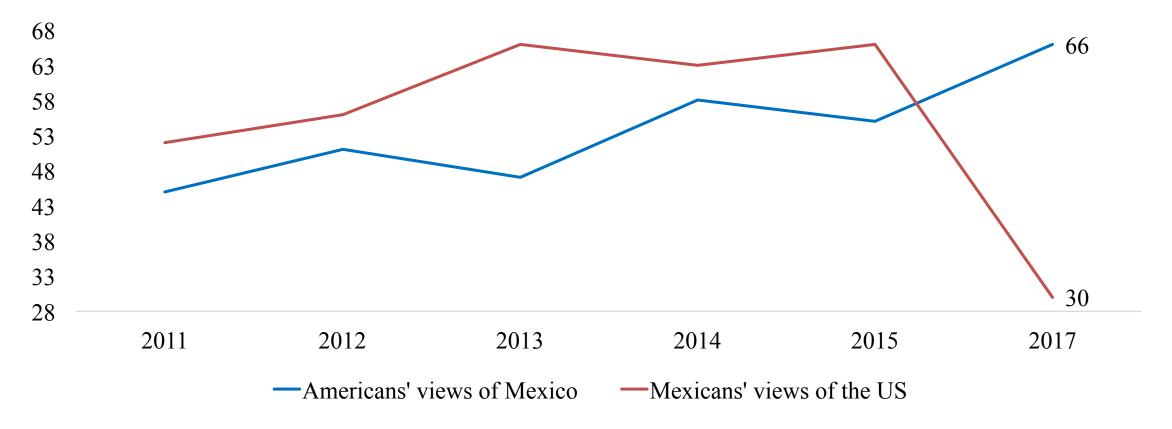


Source: INEGI, 2017

Perceptions of Bilateral Relations and NAFTA

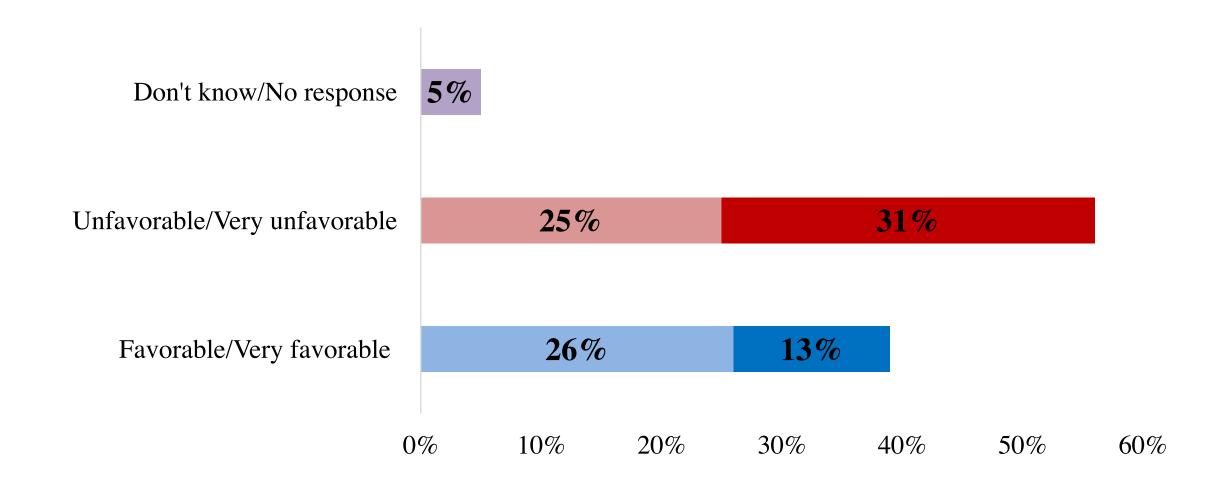
Americans' and Mexicans' Perceptions of each other (per cent favorable)

• In 2017 polling, 66% of Americans had positive views of Mexico; while only 30% of Mexicans had positive views of the US.



Source: Gallup, 2017; Pew Research Center, 2017.

Mexican Opinion of the U.S.



Source: Buendia y Laredo 2018.

Americans views of FTAs & Tariffs on Steel and Aluminum

Free trade agreements have been a Good/Bad thing for the US

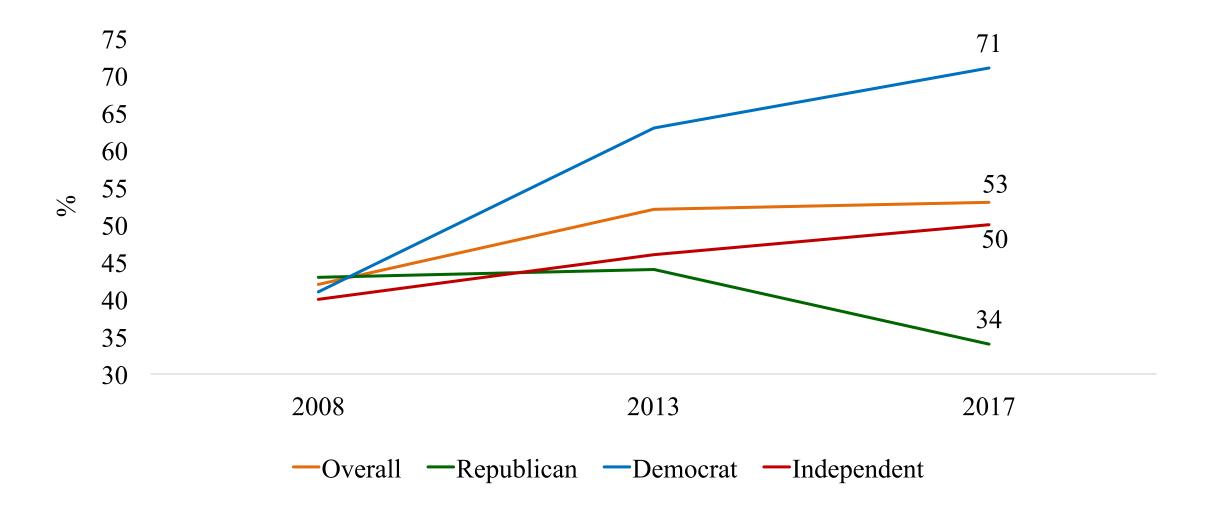


Raising tariffs on steel and aluminum would be a Good/Bad thing for the US



Source: Pew Research, May 2018.

US Opinion: Is NAFTA Good for the US Economy?



Source: The Chicago Council on Global Affairs August 2017.

NAFTA Negotiations

What's at Stake?

\$ 1.3 trillion of North American Trade Nearly 14 million U.S. jobs & millions more in Mexico and Canada \$452 billion U.S. investment in NAFTA partners & their \$388 billion in the U.S.

46,000 U.S. trucking jobs supported by crossborder trade; \$137 billion in annual vehicle and parts exports to neighbors and the world. \$43 billion worth of food and ag goods exported to Mexico and Canada

\$88 billion in U.S. services exports & \$31.5 billion services trade surplus

Source: NBC News, "Auto Industry Declares War on Trump Over NAFTA"; US Chamber of Commerce, "The Facts on NAFTA"; IDFA, "Food and Agriculture Letter on Importance of North American Market"; Services Coalition, "Risks of NAFTA Withdrawal for US services and Digital trade".

NAFTA Countries are richer each year due to "extra" trade growth



The pure economic payoff for the U.S. is \$400 per person

Source: NAFTA 20 Years Later. Petersen Institute for International Economics, 2014

WAYS TO IMPROVE NAFTA

U.S. withdrawal from NAFTA would be incredibly costly.

However, these 5 updates to the agreement could favor both U.S. competitiveness and American workers:

Account for recent technological advances.

Now that the Internet and smartphones are everyday tools of business and commerce, issues such as cross-border data flows and exports of digital products should be included in updates of the agreement.

Revise customs processes and requirements.

Simplifying customs rules and paperwork would make it easier for small U.S. businesses to take advantage of new online platforms, like Amazon and Etsy, that have make it easier to venture into foreign trade and find buyers abroad.

Update NAFTA's rules of origin.

NAFTA includes rules about what percentage of a product must be produced within North America in order to enter the U.S., Mexico, or Canada tariff-free. A detailed analysis should be done to determine how these rules could be strengthened to incentivize investment and job growth in the U.S.

Strengthen the NAFTA side agreement on labor rights.

While the countries of North America have already agreed to abide by their own labor laws in a NAFTA side agreement, incorporating labor issues into NAFTA itself could better ensure that companies don't leave the U.S. in an effort to avoid the cost of respecting workers' rights.

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Eliminate obstacles to service exports.

Since the U.S. has an advantage in the high skill industries that make up much of services trade, like financial and educational services, special emphasis should be placed on eliminating obstacles to these exports.

Further protection of U.S. workers requires investment in workforce development:





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Trump to Announce Plans for Renegotiation of NAFTA: Five Ways to Improve the Agreement

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Improving basic education Aligning higher education with labor market demand Strengthening worker retraining programs

NAFTA Modernization Controversial Issues

Controversial topics include:

- Focus on reducing US trade deficit
- Eliminate or weaken dispute settlement provisions in Chapter 19 to preserve United States freedom to enforce rigorously its trade laws
- Eliminate or weaken the Investorto-State Dispute Settlement (ISDS) mechanism

- Proposals to strengthen rules of origin and incentives to ensure greater US sourcing of products
- Five year sunset clause for treaty
- Preserve preferential purchasing programs such as "Buy America" and cap Mexican and Canadian participation

NAFTA Progress at May 21, 2018

Issue	Progress	Distance to Settlement	Volatility Level
Anti-Corruption	Good	Closed	Low
Competition	Good	Closed	Low
Administration & Transparency	Good	Closed	Low
SPS	Good	Closed	Low
SME's	Good	Closed	Low
Regulatory Good Practice	Good	Closed	Low
TBT	Good	Closed	Low
Telecommunications	Good	Closed	Low
Competitiveness	Good	Closed	Low
Trade Facilitation/Border Issues	Good	Near	Low/Moderate
Aboriginal People	Constructive	Mid	Low/Moderate

Source: Woodrow Wilson Center's Canada Institute, 2018

NAFTA Progress at May 21, 2018

Issue	Progress	Distance to Settlement	Volatility Level
Data Localization	Good	Mid	Moderate
Digital Modernization	Good	Mid	Moderate
Energy	Discussions in early stages	Far	Moderate
Agriculture	Mixed	Far	Mixed
Intellectual Property	Little movement	Far	High
Auto Rules of Origin	Constructive not complete	Far	High
ISDS (Chapter 11)	Poor	Far	High
Other Dispute Settlement (Chapters 19&20)	Poor	Far	High
Sunset Clause	Poor	Far	High
Government Procurement/Buy American	Poor	Far	High

Source: Woodrow Wilson Center's Canada Institute, 2018

Auto Rules of Origin: US seeks Restructuring

- October 2017 study finds U.S. value added in Mexican exports is higher than figures U.S. Secretary Ross used: 38% U.S. value added for exported to the U.S.
- 2. North America's decline of value-added in total trade results from China's increasing sales to all three markets: U.S. has the most Chinese content in manufactured goods.
- 3. Canada's and Mexico's exports to U.S. have more U.S. value added than any other country.
- 4. U.S. employment in the auto and auto parts sector grew 41 percent from 2009-2016.
- 5. U.S. exports in the auto industry grew twice rate of other manufactured goods at 5 percent.
- 6. Joint production makes the North American auto industry more competitive. (Germany and Japan do this too.)
- 7. Changing auto rules of origin could cost 24,000 jobs. Scotiabank argues changes may make North American auto industries less competitive globally.

Source: Alonso de Gortari, 2017; Luis de la Calle, 2017; Brookings Metropolitan Policy program, 2016; MEMA/BCG, 2017; Anthony Wayne, 2018.

Questions about changing Rules of Origin

- 1. Will some manufacturers forgo the NAFTA benefit and pay a tariff instead?
- 2. Will measuring wage rates and content in the supply chain be doable?
- 3. Should U.S. impose wage requirements on a poorer nation? What is reasonable?
- 4. How would the U.S. respond to others, e.g. E.U., proposing a wage test for U.S.?
- 5. How much would the new rules raise the prices of vehicles?
- 6. Would U.S. sales, production and employment decrease or increase?
- 7. Would manufactures move production out of North America?
- 8. What would the effect be on U.S. consumers?
- 9. How do the proposals help develop U.S. workforce and industry for the future?

Source: Anthony Wayne, 2018.

Costs of Withdrawing from NAFTA

From 256,000 low skilled jobs lost up to 1.2 million jobs lost (3-5 years).¹ 95,000 workers would have to relocate to other sectors (3-5 years).¹

GDP decline up to 0.64% (\$120 billion).¹

Hard hit sectors: agriculture/livestock/food; motor vehicles; machinery; other manufactured; services; transportation and logistics; textiles.³ Investors see U.S. growth slowed and harm to specific sectors and equity markets.²

Strategic dangers: reduced cooperation against drug trafficking and on migration; move back to "*distant neighbors*" with revived anti-Americanism.

Sources: 1) Impact Econ; 2) Trade Leadership Council Survey; 3) ImpactEcon, Trade Leadership Council Survey, Food and Agricultural Letter, Atlantic Council, MEMA/BCG.

Costs to California of Withdrawing from NAFTA

\$5.29 billion in exports to Mexico lost

\$4.55 billion in exports to Canada lost

Decline of \$16.73 billion in state output \$2.37 billionin exports tothe world lost

Lose up to 215, 754 jobs

Sources: Trade Partnership Worldwide, 2018.

Benefits of Enhancing Economic Integration across the US-Mexico Border

STUDY	IMPACT ON EMPLOYMENT & GDP
The Perryman Group 2018 Study	US Border States Employment: +702, 421 to +1.4 million jobs GDP: +\$69 billion to +\$140 billion
	Largest impact in California Employment: +386,953 to + 780,470 jobs GDP: +\$38 billion to +\$77 billion
	Mexico Border States Employment: +95, 948 to +193, 526 jobs GDP: +\$4.8 billion to +\$9.7 billion Largest impact in Nuevo Leon

Steel and Aluminum Tariffs

Steel and Aluminum Tariffs imposed on Partners

The U.S. imposed 25% tariff on imported steel and 10% tariff on imported aluminum from Mexico, Canada and the European Union. June 1 Mexico imposed 15%-25% tariffs on \$3 billion worth of U.S. products June 6 (e.g. pork, steel and cheese). The European Union imposed 25% tariffs on \$3.4 billion worth of U.S. June 22 goods (motorcycles, cranberry juice, cigarettes, denim and peanut butter). Canada will impose 25% tariff on U.S. steel imports and 10% tariff on aluminum and other U.S. goods. Tariffs will cover up to \$12.8 billion July 1 worth of U.S. goods.

Costs of Steel and Aluminum Tariffs

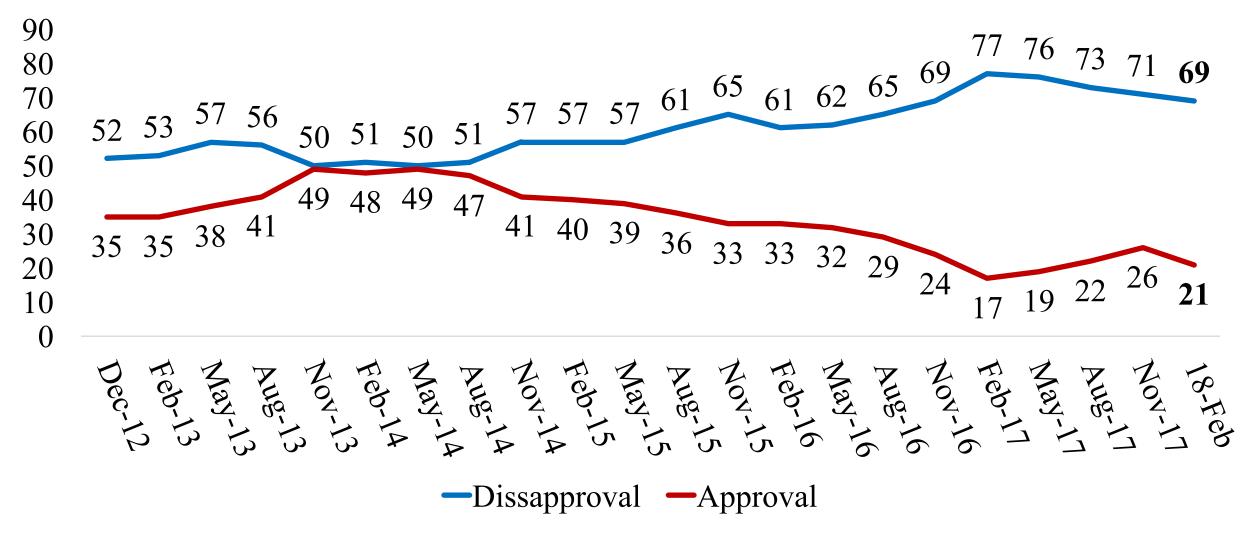


Costs to U.S. Consumers: \$7.5 billion a year, before retaliation from the European Union, Mexico and Canada²

Sources: 1)Peterson Institute for International Economics & Trade Partnership Worldwide, 2018; 2) American Action Forum, 2018

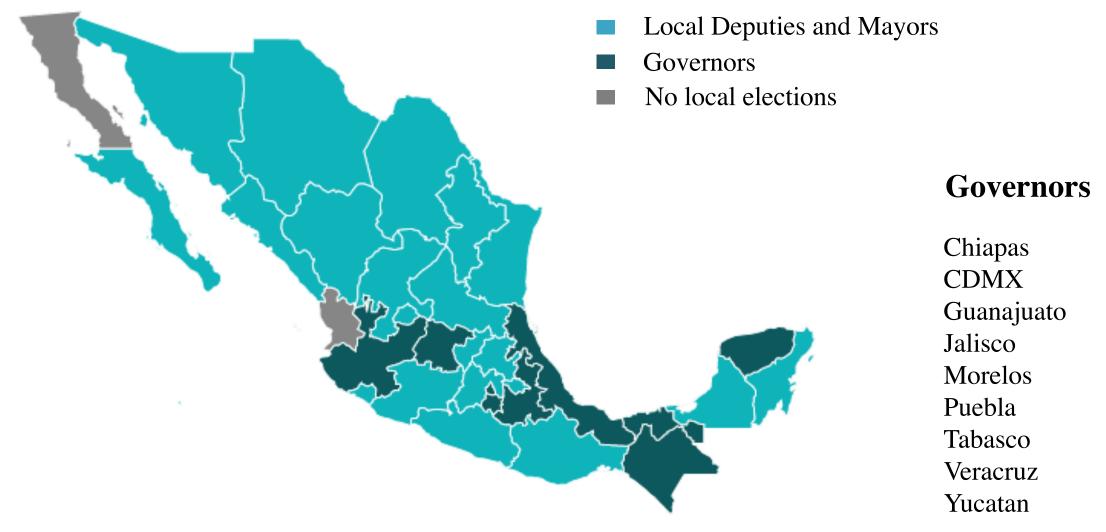
Mexico's 2018 Presidential Election

President Peña Nieto Approval Rating



Source: Consulta Mitofsky, 2017

Mexico's 2018 Elections: 3,400 positions



Source: The Wilson Center's Elections Blog, 2017

Mexico's 2018 Elections

- Sunday July 1, 2018
- Almost 88 million will vote for 2,787 local positions and 629 federal level posts in 30 of the 32 states.
 - President (6 year term; no reelection).
 - 128 Senators (96 chosen by Majority vote & 32 by Proportional Representation for a 6 year term with possible reelection).
 - 500 Federal Deputies (300 by Majority vote & 200 chosen under Proportional Representation for a 3 year term with possible reelection).
 - 9 Governors (Chiapas, Guanajuato, Jalisco, Morelos, Puebla, Tabasco, Veracruz, Yucatan and the Mayor of Mexico City for 6 year terms with no reelection).
 - 982 Local Deputies in 27 State Congresses (3 year term with reelection).
 - 1,612 mayors in 25 states (3 year terms with reelection).

Source: The Wilson Center's Elections Blog, 2017

Mexico Presidential Polls

Candidate/Party	Average	Averages with undecideds removed
AMLO (Morena)	39.1%	47.7%
Anaya (PAN)	22.5%	27.5%
Meade (PRI)	16.2%	19.8%

Source: Hxagon, June 21, 2018

Issues that the Mexican Population Care About

Violence and Security

Poverty and Low Wages

Corruption

Public Health

Inflation

Unemployment

Policy Proposals - AMLO

Poverty: Increase minimum wage. Guarantee a free of charge **universal health coverage.** Launch new **jobs programs.** Subsidize inputs for **small farmers.**

<u>Corruption</u>: Restructure government programs to **prioritize spending** with **zero corruption**.

<u>Trade:</u> Conclude the renegotiation of NAFTA. Focus on expanding trade with European and Asian markets.

Economic Policy: Focus on developing Mexico's **internal market**, especially in rural areas. **Redirect government spending** to social programs that promote this. **Attract investment**.

Education: Reform the Professional Teaching Service Law to **eliminate the teacher's evaluation component** from the 2013 Education Reform.

Energy: Review of contracts since the **Energy Reform**; **freeze** new **exploration offers**; limit **gasoline price inceases**; **build new refineries** to supply gasoline.

Policy Proposals – Ricardo Anaya

Poverty: Implement a national strategy to **reduce inequality.** Guarantee the right to a **universal basic income**. Establish a **decent and sufficient minimum wage**.

<u>Corruption:</u> Perfect and strengthen the National Anticorruption System by granting constitutional autonomy to the Federal Superior Auditor, among other steps.

<u>Trade:</u> Mexico and Canada should have a joint-strategy for NAFTA renegotiation. Establish a greater trade and investment with China and the Asia-Pacific.

Economic Policy: Boost strategies that **stimulate national production** and make Mexico **more competitive internationally.**

Education: Increase the quality of the educational content as a second phase of education reform.

Energy: Guarantee energy security by ensuring the supply, quality, price, and sustainability of the energy sector.

Policy Proposals – Jose Antonio Meade

Poverty: Eliminate extreme poverty. Provide **increased access to nutrition, health, housing and education services.** Special economic zones to reduce poverty.

<u>Corruption</u>: Maximum **penalties for corrupt public officials; better enforcement**.

<u>Trade:</u> Favors an new modern NAFTA and evaluating what can be improved from the NAFTA agreement every 5 years.

Economic Policy: Continue priority on **macroeconomic stability** and **responsible public finances** by **reviewing fiscal policy.** Encourage **foreign investment**.

Education: Significant **increase to teachers' wages**. Increased **scholarships for women**. **Prioritize gender equality**.

Energy: Effectively implement the current Energy Reform.

Critics concerns about an AMLO Presidency

Backward-looking agenda: bigger economic role for the State.

Fiscal Responsibility vs new Social Programs e.g. increase public investments and subsidies without tax and debt increases?

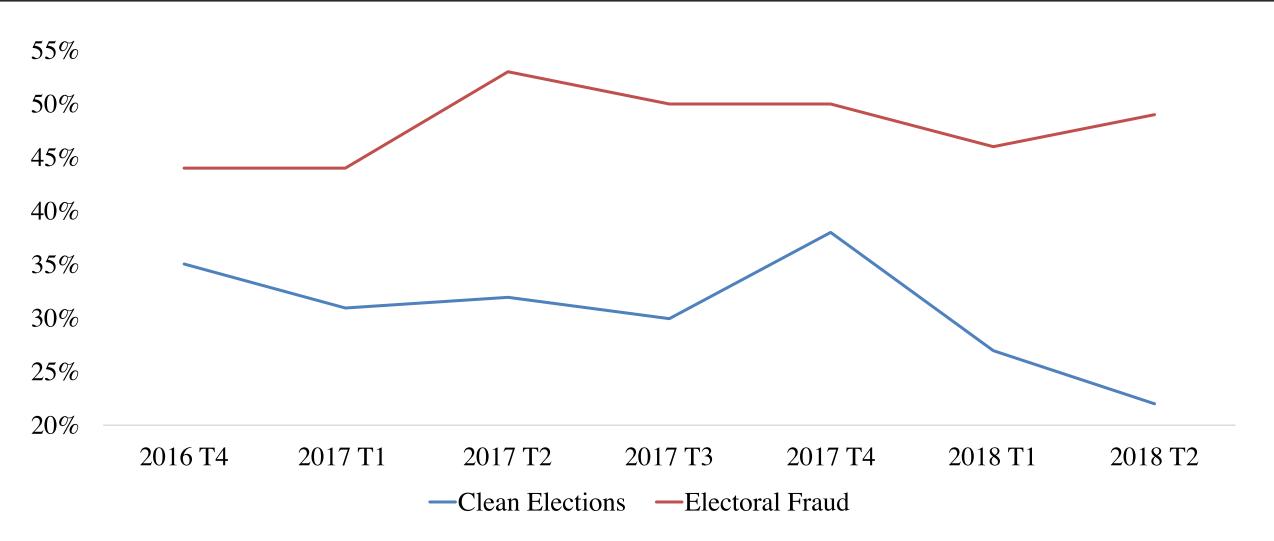
Slow the Education Reform? Weaken or reverse **Energy Reform?** What is the **Public Security Plan?**

Eradicate corruption by Presidential example, not institutional reform.

US-Mexico Bilateral relationship. No NAFTA better than bad NAFTA. Clashes over migration, border. Non-interventionist foreign policy?

Will he listen to his cabinet/others. Will he become more authoritarian?

Lack of Trust in Electoral Process



Source: Survey GEA & ISA, 2018

Maintaining a Partnership with Mexico?

U.S.-Mexico Relations: Early Months Set Tone

Trade:

• Successfully complete NAFTA modernization negotiations, so all three can claim wins.

Bilateral Security Cooperation:

- Avoid further deterioration in cooperation.
- Better manage together migration and travel issues; intercept terrorists.
- Better fight organized crime, attacking production, distribution, logistics, finance networks, arms smuggling, and addiction/demand; support Mexico in reducing related violence.
- Deepen coordinated support for Central America to address root causes of migration.

Improve Competitiveness:

- Enhance technology, information sharing and processes to improve security and facilitate of legitimate trade and travel.
- Invest in programs, including workforce development and education, to further develop the complimentary nature of the two economies, create jobs and improve global competitiveness.

Rebuilding Confidence:

• Take steps to rebuild deteriorating trust or risk becoming "Distant Neighbors" again.



Building Partnership with Mexico

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