

Attacking migration or a business promise?



**The rosary of causes of migration to the southern border of the United States has diverse edges.
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The United States bombastically announced an investment plan by private businessmen in Central America to contain the migratory wave, but the decision falls short and is far from understanding that the phenomenon is multi-causal.

The procedure includes the insufficient amount of 1.2 billion dollars to, according to the White House, provide jobs and settle Central Americans in their homeland.

The Democratic administration sets aside other ills that afflict potential migrants.

Many Central Americans rightly claim to distrust public institutions, which are fragile and damaged by corruption, and judges are removed if they try to stop it.

Violence, insecurity and above all impunity punish the locals, for whom there is NO reversal when they are deprived of access to basic services.

The lack of protection also hits defenseless populations in the face of the rise of delinquency and organized crime, often connected to drug trafficking.

Although peace treaties in some countries have put an end to armed conflicts, they have never resolved deep social and economic differences, as well as food insecurity.

Incidentally, the number of people in that desperate circumstance in El Salvador, Guatemala and Honduras rose from 2.2 million in 2019 to 6.4 million in the current year, to which the scourge of the pandemic by the new coronavirus contributed.

All three nations depend on a meager pool of raw materials, industries are NOT diversified, and oligarchies remain wedded to old patterns of labor exploitation.

In this disadvantageous context, the inhabitants of these countries wonder if they will ever have the minimum conditions for the protection of their health and the expeditious access to inclusive educational systems.

Undoubtedly, there are many causes of migration to the southern border of the United States.

These are ignored by the current tenants of the White House, who bet on the publicized private investment that would create, they say, a flood of jobs, to contain the uncomfortable flow of undocumented immigrants.

Central Americans wonder if the shrill announcement is just an additional business opportunity for the private companies involved.

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