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IMMIGRATION EXPERTS BREAKFAST BRIEFING

Border Challenges:

What Thousands of Interviews with Undocumented Migrants Tell Us About Achieving Effective Enforcement

WHAT: A briefing with experts recently featured in the PBS series “*Frontline*,” who have interviewed thousands of experienced and potential migrants, studied U.S. immigration enforcement up close at the border, and reached important conclusions about our current border-enforcement efforts.

- Read the [briefing paper](#) {PDF}
- View the [briefing presentation](#) {PDF}

WHEN: **Tuesday, June 10, 2008, 8:30 A.M. ET**

WHERE: **HC-6 (House Side Capitol Building), Washington, DC**

WHO: **Wayne Cornelius**, Director of the Center for Comparative Immigration Studies at the University of California-San Diego, and members of his research team
Tamar Jacoby, President of ImmigrationWorks USA
Kevin Appleby, Director of Migration and Refugee Policy, U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops
Angela Kelley, Director, Immigration Policy Center (moderator)

WHY: While the immigration issue remains the subject of countless hearings, speeches, and speculation on Capitol Hill, for the last 3 years researchers at U.C.-San Diego have been documenting and assessing the impact and effectiveness of the U.S. border-enforcement strategy through interviews with over 3,000 migrants and potential migrants. The U.C.-San Diego research team has conducted interviews in Mexicans’ hometowns in the states of Jalisco, Zacatecas, Oaxaca, and Yucatán, as well as in the U.S. cities that are their primary destinations. Their most recent study was conducted in Oaxaca and San Diego County, from December 2007 to February 2008. The research team’s data, gathered from the people whose behavior has been targeted by the U.S. enforcement strategy, is the most direct and up-to-date evidence of whether border-enforcement efforts are actually keeping undocumented migrants out of the United States, and reveals the border strategy's significant unintended consequences.

Policy experts will react to the survey and discuss the implications for the upcoming legislative debates over immigration.

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