

Guatemala Holds the Key to Defeating Illegal Immigration

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Guatemala may fly under the radar of US media, but how Donald Trump handles this Central American nation will be crucial to restoring the rule of law on immigration. As William La Jeunesse [proved](#) incapable of stemming the flow of illegals transiting north.

The Guatemalan government has almost no presence in the rural areas that border Mexico, as local armed gangs [pressure](#) from the Obama administration.

Naturally, rural Guatemalans yearn to escape, as they suffer from violence, lack of opportunity, and little to no confidence in their nation's future. This law of the jungle also leaves no viable way to process and impede foreign migrants on their way to Mexico and the United States.

The Obama administration's response has been the [supposed](#) to go to projects with private-sector participation.

The true objective of these funds, however, has been to garner submission from the purported beneficiaries. The lever opens the door for a collectivist foreign-policy agenda, which directly undermines the economic development of these nations and the livelihoods of the would-be emigrants. An ironic symptom of this approach is that private investors are unwilling to partner with Alliance for Prosperity projects, which do have potential to promote development.

Vice President Joe Biden made three trips to Guatemala from mid-2014 to mid- 2015, one of which was to meet only with President Otto Pérez to discuss one topic: the extension of the UN-appointed Anti-Impunity Commission ([CICIG](#)

[commissioner](#) and the US ambassador even [Committee of United Campesinos](#) (CUC).

The Obama administration's policies in Central America have been driving those countries toward the anti-American autocrats that run Bolivia, Cuba, Ecuador, Nicaragua and Venezuela.

Reuters [mini-documentary](#) "From Hillary With Love" that details the Clinton-Obama role in imposing a collectivist regime on Guatemala.

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