

Borders

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Why do States Build Walls(Study)[2015]

Borders constitute the international system of states. Accordingly, states will, from time to time, take assertive measures to secure the border, with among the most aggressive strategies being the construction of physical barriers, which we refer to as “border walls.” Using original data on man-made border wall construction from 1800 to 2014, we theorize and find that in many cases, wall construction is about economic security. Significant economic disparities between the states will create incentives to illegally transport people or move goods readily available in the poorer country but highly regulated in the richer country. We find that economic disparities have a substantial and significant impact on the presence of a physical wall that is independent of formal border disputes and concerns over instability from civil wars in neighbors. In other words, “prominent examples such as the Maginot Line”, constructed largely out of fear of attack, is an exception, not the exemplar, of the reasons states construct border walls.

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Name	Countries affected	Built and maintained by	Date built	Length (km)	Type	Deaths during crossing attempts	References
Argentina-Paraguay	Argentina and Paraguay	Argentina	2014	1.3	Anti-illegal immigration		[4]
Austrian border barrier	Austria , Italy , and Slovenia	Austria	2015	3.7	Anti-illegal immigration		[5]
Belize-Guatemala	Belize and Guatemala	Belize	Proposed, agreed	N/A	Disputed territory and anti-illegal immigration		
Botswana-Zimbabwe	Botswana and Zimbabwe	Botswana	2003	500	Protection of livestock against disease (Botswana), anti-immigration (purported from Zimbabwe officials)	8	[6]
Brunei-Malaysia	Brunei and the city of Limbang , Malaysia	Brunei	2005	20	Anti-illegal immigration		
Bulgaria-Turkey barrier	Bulgaria and Turkey	Bulgaria	2014	30	Anti-illegal immigration		[7]

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Calais border barrier	United Kingdom and France	United Kingdom and France	2016	1	Anti-illegal immigration		[8]
Ceuta border fence	Spain and Morocco	Spain	2001	8	Anti-illegal immigration	13-18 depending on estimates. [9]	
Costa Rica-Nicaragua	Costa Rica and Nicaragua	Costa Rica	Proposed	N/A	Anti-illegal immigration		
Green Line (Cyprus)	Cyprus and Northern Cyprus	Cyprus and the United Nations	1964	180	Buffer Zone		
Chinese-Korean border fence	China and North Korea	China	2011	1,416	Anti-illegal immigration		[10]
Denmark-Germany border fence	Denmark and Germany	Denmark	2019	70	Wildlife control (official), Anti-immigration (third party claims)		[11] [12] [13]
Dominican-Haiti border fence	Dominican Republic and Haiti	Dominican Republic	Announced 2021	N/A	Anti-illegal immigration and crime		[14]
Egypt-Gaza barrier	Egypt and Gaza Strip	Egypt	1979, subterranean barrier under construction	3.1	Anti-terrorism and anti-illegal immigration		[15]
Estonia-Russia barrier	Estonia and Russia	Estonia	2018	110	Against Russian intrusion, illegal trade and illegal immigration		[16]

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Greece-Turkey border	Greece and Turkey	Greece	2012, expanded 2021 [17] [18]	200	Anti-illegal immigration		[19] [20] [21] [22]
North Macedonia-Greece barrier	North Macedonia and Greece	North Macedonia	2015	30	Anti-illegal immigration		[23]
Malaysia-Thailand border	Thailand and Malaysia	Thailand	Proposed	650	Anti-terrorism		
Melilla border fence	Spain and Morocco	Spain	1998	11	Anti-illegal immigration		
Hungary-Serbia barrier	Hungary and Serbia	Hungary	2015	175	Anti-illegal immigration		[24] [25] [26] [27] [28]
Hungary-Croatia barrier	Hungary and Croatia	Hungary	2015	41	Anti-illegal immigration		
India-Bangladesh barrier	India and Bangladesh	India	Under construction	3,268	Anti-illegal immigration		
India-Myanmar barrier	India and Myanmar	India	Under construction	1,624	Anti-drug smuggling and anti-terrorism		
India-Pakistan barrier	India and Pakistan	India	2004	550	Anti-terrorism		[29]
Iran-Pakistan barrier	Iran and Pakistan	Iran	Under construction	959	Anti-terrorism and Anti-drug smuggling		[30] [31] [32]

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Israel-West Bank barrier	Israel and Palestine	Israel	Partially Completed	708	Anti-terrorism (disputed territory)		[33]
Israel-Egypt barrier	Israel and Egypt	Israel	2013	245	Anti-illegal immigration		
Israel-Lebanon barrier	Israel and Lebanon	Israel	2018	11	Conflict zone		
Israel-Gaza barrier	Israel and Gaza Strip	Israel	1994	N/A	Anti-terrorism		
Kazakhstan-Uzbekistan barrier	Kazakhstan and Uzbekistan	Kazakhstan	2006	45	Anti-drug smuggling		
Korean Demilitarized Zone	North Korea and South Korea	North Korea and United Nations Command	1953	248	Conflict zone		
Kruger National Park	South Africa and Mozambique	South Africa	1975	120	Anti-illegal immigration	89 (Army), over 200 (Various churches)	
South Africa-Zimbabwe Border	South Africa and Zimbabwe	South Africa	2000s	225	Anti-illegal immigration , anti-drug smuggling, anti-weapon smuggling		[34] [35] [36] [37]
Kuwait-Iraq barrier	Kuwait and Iraq	Kuwait	1991	193	Conflict zone		
Latvia-Russia border fence	Latvia and Russia	Latvia	2015	90	Anti-illegal immigration		[38]

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Libya-Tunisia barrier	Libya and Tunisia	Tunisia	TBA	460	Anti-terrorism, Anti-illegal immigration		
Lithuania-Kaliningrad border fence	Lithuania and Russia	Lithuania	2017	130	Anti-smuggling, anti-illegal immigration , anti-invasion		[39]
Moroccan Western Sahara Wall	Morocco and Western Sahara	Morocco	1980	2,700	Conflict zone		[40][41]
Norway-Russia border barrier	Norway and Russia	Norway	2016	200	Anti-illegal immigration		[42]
Pakistan-Afghanistan barrier	Pakistan and Afghanistan	Pakistan	ongoing	2,670	Anti-terrorism, anti-illegal immigration , anti drug smuggling		[43][44]
Poland-Belarus barrier	Poland and Belarus	Poland	under construction	186	Anti-illegal immigration	21[45]	[46][47][48][49][50]
Saudi-Yemen barrier	Saudi Arabia and Yemen	Saudi Arabia	2004	75	Anti-illegal immigration		
Saudi-Iraq barrier	Saudi Arabia and Iraq	Saudi Arabia	2014	900	Anti-illegal immigration and conflict zone		[51][52][53]
Slovenia-Croatia barrier	Slovenia and Croatia	Slovenia	2016	220	Anti-illegal immigration		[54][55][56]

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Serbia-North Macedonia barrier	Serbia and North Macedonia	Serbia	2020	240	Anti-illegal immigration		[57]
Turkey-Syria border barrier	Turkey and Syria	Turkey	2018	828	Anti-terrorism, anti-illegal immigration and smuggling		[58]
Turkey-Iran border barrier	Turkey and Iran	Turkey	2019	144	Anti-terrorism, anti-illegal immigration and smuggling		
Turkmen-Uzbekistan barrier	Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan	Turkmenistan	2001	1,700	Anti-illegal immigration		
Ukraine-Russia barrier	Ukraine and Russia	Ukraine	Under construction	2,000	Anti Weapon Smuggling and Conflict zone		
United Arab Emirates-Oman barrier	United Arab Emirates and Oman	United Arab Emirates	2018	410	Anti-illegal immigration		
Mexico-United States barrier	United States and Mexico	United States	Partially Constructed	1,000	Anti-illegal immigration and smuggling		[59] [60] [61] [62] [63] [64] [65] [66] [67] [68]
Uzbek-Afghanistan barrier	Uzbekistan and Afghanistan	Uzbekistan	2001	209	Anti-illegal immigration		
Uzbek-Kyrgyzstan barrier	Uzbekistan and Kyrgyzstan	Uzbekistan	1999	870	Conflict zone		

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