

# 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	<a href="#">Argentina</a> and <a href="#">Paraguay</a>	Argentina	2014	1.3	Anti-illegal immigration		<a href="#">[4]</a>
Austrian border barrier	<a href="#">Austria</a> , <a href="#">Italy</a> , and <a href="#">Slovenia</a>	Austria	2015	3.7	Anti-illegal immigration		<a href="#">[5]</a>
Belize-Guatemala	<a href="#">Belize</a> and <a href="#">Guatemala</a>	Belize	Proposed, agreed	N/A	Disputed territory and anti-illegal immigration		
Botswana-Zimbabwe	<a href="#">Botswana</a> and <a href="#">Zimbabwe</a>	Botswana	2003	500	Protection of livestock against disease (Botswana), anti-immigration (purported from Zimbabwe officials)	8	<a href="#">[6]</a>
Brunei-Malaysia	<a href="#">Brunei</a> and the city of <a href="#">Limbang</a> , <a href="#">Malaysia</a>	Brunei	2005	20	Anti-illegal immigration		
Bulgaria-Turkey barrier	<a href="#">Bulgaria</a> and <a href="#">Turkey</a>	Bulgaria	2014	30	Anti-illegal immigration		<a href="#">[7]</a>

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

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

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

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

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Serbia-North Macedonia barrier	Serbia and North Macedonia	Serbia	2020	240	Anti-illegal immigration		<a href="#">[57]</a>
Turkey-Syria border barrier	Turkey and Syria	Turkey	2018	828	Anti-terrorism, anti-illegal immigration and smuggling		<a href="#">[58]</a>
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		<a href="#">[59]</a> <a href="#">[60]</a> <a href="#">[61]</a> <a href="#">[62]</a> <a href="#">[63]</a> <a href="#">[64]</a> <a href="#">[65]</a> <a href="#">[66]</a> <a href="#">[67]</a> <a href="#">[68]</a>
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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