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CONTINUITY OR CHANGE IN THE US MIGRATORY POLICY IN THE TRUMP'S ADMINISTRATION: THE IMPACT ON THE MIGRATION GOVERNANCE IN THE NORTHERN MEXICAN BORDER TOWNS

The Northern Mexican border towns are constantly impacted by the immigration policies at the national level and state/local policies towards international migration in the United States. Under the scenario of a new presidential administration, the immigration policy in the US has been expected to be extreme in a scope of restrictive immigration. To what extent the Obama's previous immigration policy and its effect on the Northern Mexican border towns are distancing from Trump's current policy

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