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SNAKE



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A LITTLE COMIC BY TIM WALSH

REPEAT
AFTER
ME...

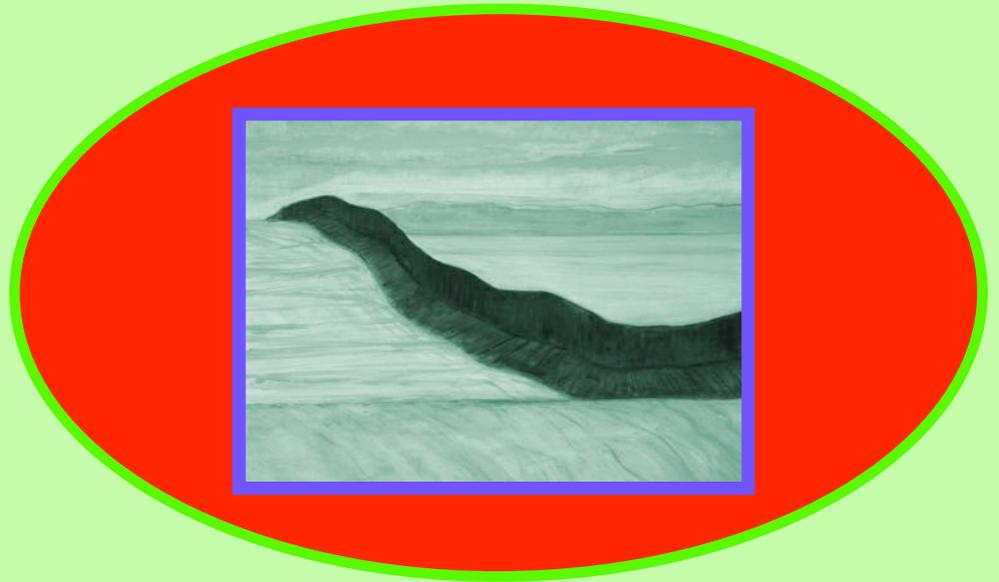
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AND...



IT WAS A HISTORY,

SEE
NEXT
PAGE...

ONCE UPON A TIME...

THE PEOPLE OF THE U.S.A.

HAD TWO SYMBOLS



THE LIBERTY TREE

AND



THE LIBERTY BELL

THE
LIBERTY
TREE



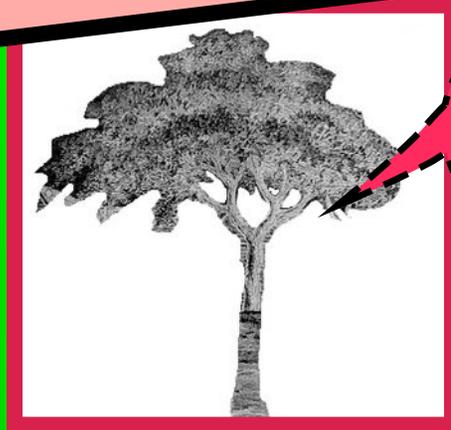
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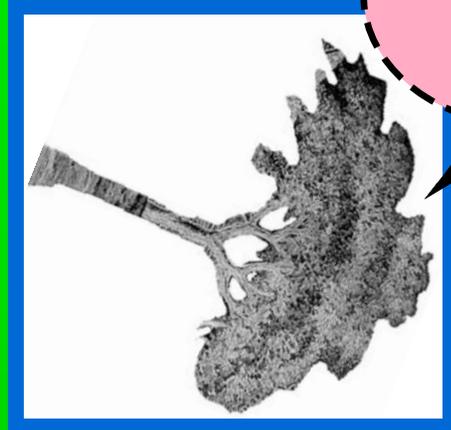
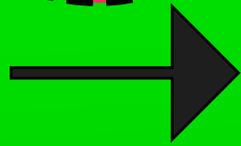


THAT'S
RIGHT....

BUT THE LIBERTY TREE DIED.

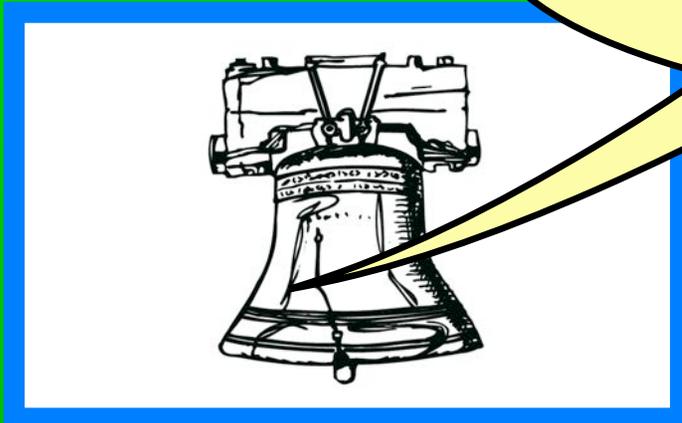


LIBERTY!
LIBERTY!



TIMBER-
r-r-r!

AND THE LIBERTY BELL BROKE...



BIG CRACK HERE.
NO MORE DING, DONG, DING
DONG.

FOR A WHILE, A
NEW SYMBOL
EXCITED
AMERICANS...



THE **STATUE** OF **LIBERTY**

SOME AMERICANS DIDN'T LIKE THE STATUE—
OR IMMIGRANTS. THESE PEOPLE WERE
CALLED "NATIVISTS."

NATIVISTS THOUGHT THE STATUE
DIDN'T SYMBOLIZE "THEIR"
AMERICA.

DESCENDANTS OF
IMMIGRANTS THEMSELVES,
NATIVISTS THOUGHT
IMMIGRANTS WERE A
THREAT TO THEIR JOBS AND
THEIR SECURITY.



THEY HAD A PROBLEM WITH
WORDS, TOO—LIKE THESE...

Give me your tired, your poor,
Your huddled masses, yearning to breathe
free,
The wretched refuse of your teeming
shore,
Send these, the homeless, tempest tost to
me,
I lift my lamp beside the golden door.
—Emma Lazarus

THESE
WORDS ARE
ON A PLAQUE ON
THE BASE OF THE
STATUE...

NATIVISTS
NEEDED A
NEW SYMBOL.

NO WORDS
THIS TIME,
PLEASE.

SO NATIVISTS STARTED THINKING...

COULD THEY COME
UP WITH SOMETHING
NEW?

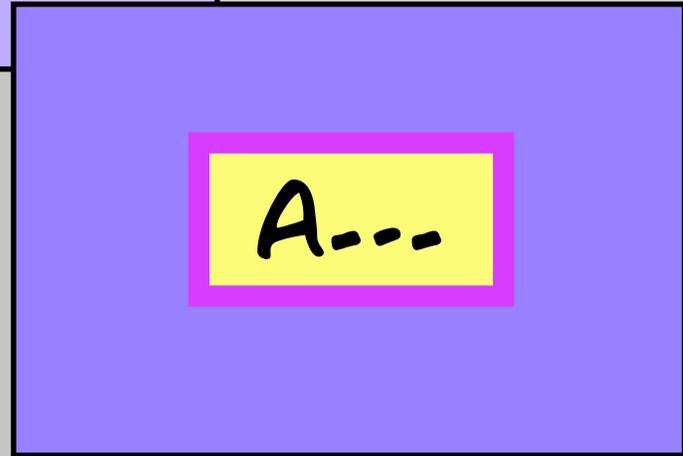
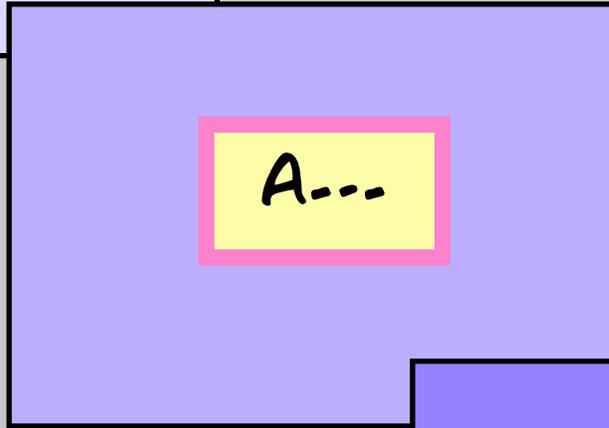
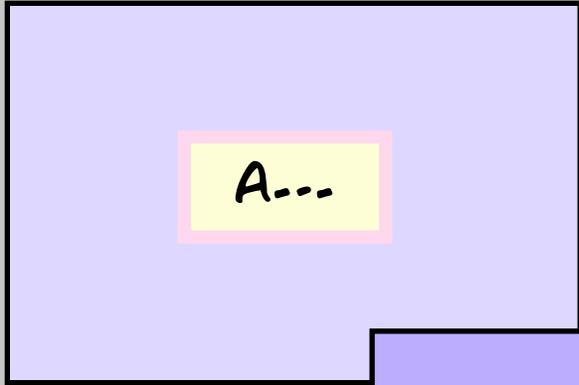
A NEW
SYMBOL,
PLEASE.

A SYMBOL

**OF AMERICAN
STRENGTH**

**BY AMERICAN
NATIVISTS**

**FOR AMERICAN
SECURITY**



SECURITY FENCE

ON THE BORDER WITH

MEXICO!

BY NOW, YOU MAY BE THINKING...

HUH?

ON THE BORDER...

WITH MEXICO?

OUR FRIENDLY SOUTHERN NEIGHBOR?

DOESN'T MAKE SENSE, EH?

WELL, YOU'RE RIGHT.

IT DOESN'T
MAKE SENSE.

...BUT THE PEOPLE WHO CREATED
THE FENCE DIDN'T MAKE SENSE,
EITHER.

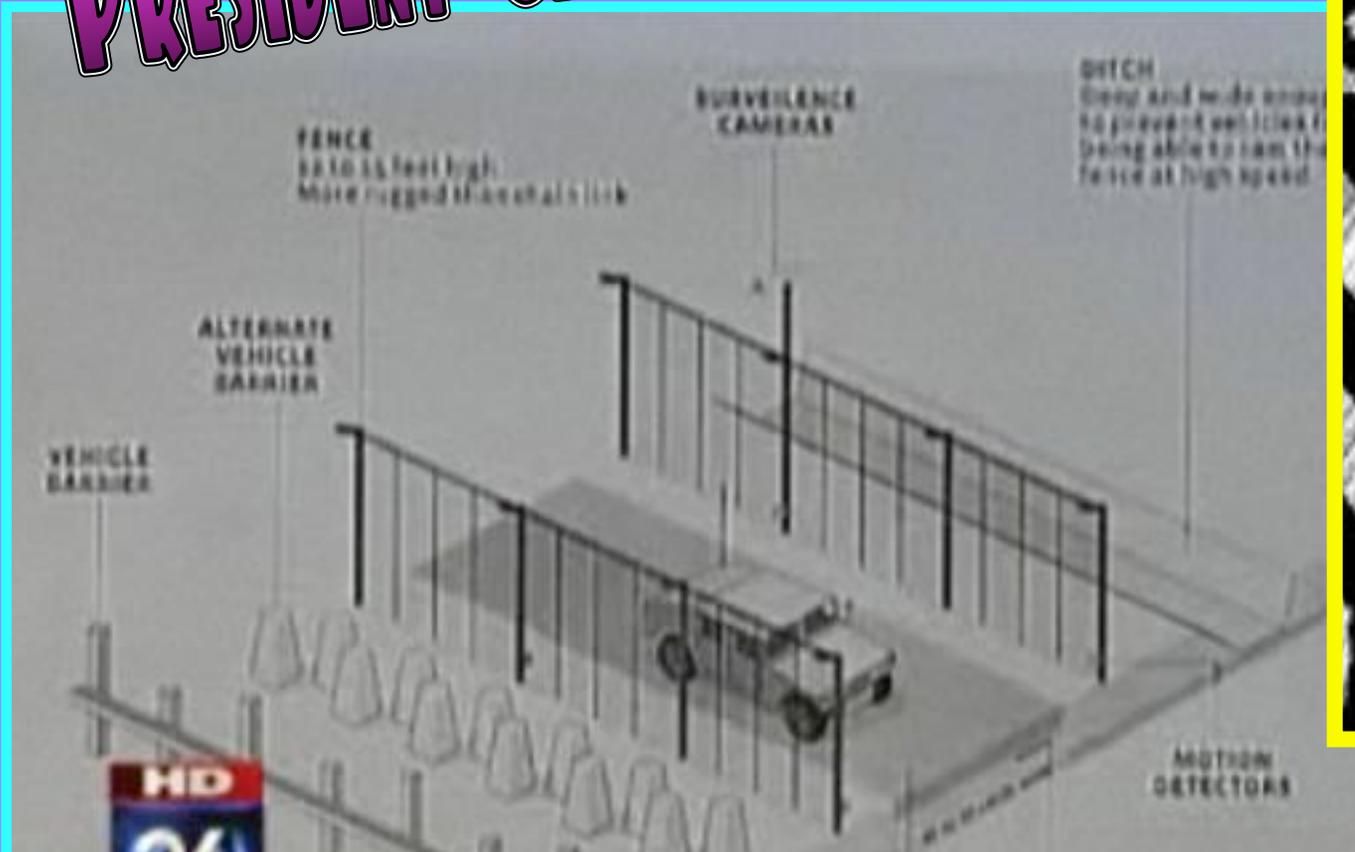
people like...

PRESIDENT BILL CLINTON (DEMOCRAT)



CLINTON AUTHORIZED INCREASED MILITARIZATION OF THE BORDER IN 1996. MEASURES INCLUDED BUILDING A "FENCE" TO KEEP UNWANTED IMMIGRANTS OUT OF THE USA.

PRESIDENT GEORGE W. BUSH (REPUBLICAN)



PRESIDENT BUSH SIGNED INTO LAW THE **SECURE FENCE ACT**. THE ACT ORDERED THE BUILDING OF 850 MILES OF "AT LEAST" TWO LAYERS OF "**REINFORCED FENCING**," WITH **PATROL ROADS** BETWEEN THE LAYERS, AT VARIOUS POINTS ALONG THE U.S.-MEXICO BORDER.

President Barack Obama (Democrat)

NOT A BIG FENCE BUILDER (HE CANCELED A BILLION DOLLAR PROJECT TO MAKE A HIGH TECH WALL). HOWEVER, HE INCREASED THE NUMBER OF AGENTS WHO PATROLLED THE EXISTING FENCE..

"I believe as strongly as ever that we should take on illegal immigration. That's why my Administration has put more boots on the border than ever before," Obama said during his State of the Union. "That's why there are fewer illegal crossings than when I took office" —Politico, 1/24/2012



AND HUNDREDS OF

CONGRESS MEMBERS

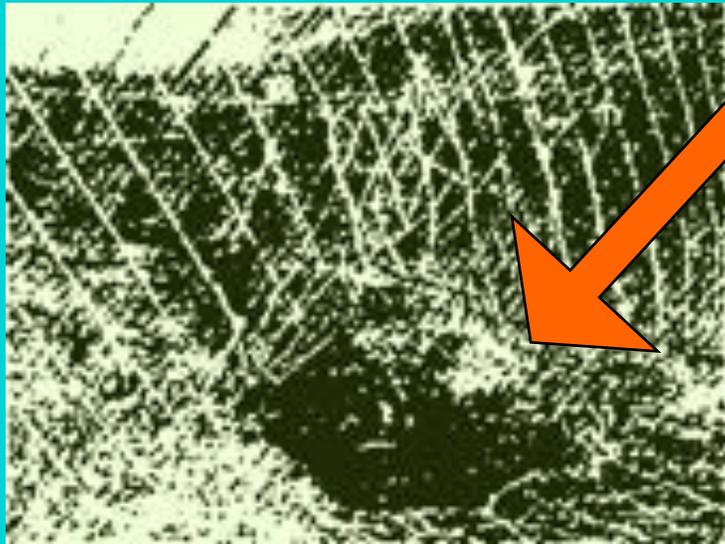
AND

SENATORS

FROM BOTH
PARTIES

BUT PEOPLE CUT

HOLES IN THE FENCE...



---AND IT COVERED
LESS THAN **HALF** OF
THE **BORDER**---

---SO, BY THE YEAR 2012,
NATIVISTS (AND OTHERS)
JUST COULDN'T SEE THEIR
WAY OUT OF THIS MESS!

SOME SAY
THEY DIDN'T TRY
VERY HARD



I
CAN'T SEE
IT!!!

THE WAY
OUT! I MEAN
THE WAY OUT!

THEY LOOKED TO THEIR LEADERS IN **CONGRESS**...

People like the "gang of eight"

US SENATORS



Schumer: NY



Menendez: NJ



Blumenthal: CT



Durbin: IL



McCain: AZ



Flake: AZ



Rubio: FL



Graham: SC

But they couldn't see their way out either.....



Instead of proposing legislation for fair and just immigration reform, they, uh...



'D OUT...

NATIVISTS WERE DEEPLY **DISTRESSED**...

WE'RE
DEEPLY
DISTRESSED!



THEY ARE ALONG COME

A HYPERACTIVE NATIVIST

WITH A

DREAM,

HIS NAME WAS...

AND STILL IS...



Donald Trump

45TH PRESIDENT OF THE USA

HIS FOLLOWERS SAID HE WAS A "REAL AMERICAN" ---
NO FENCE FOR TRUMP ---

NO SIRREE!

YEAH!

SO TRUMP WENT TO CONGRESS...



"CONGRESS, IT'S ME.
THE
PRESIDENT."

"AND I
WANT A..."



WALL

WALL

WALL



So, they gave it to him.

WELL, NOT
EXACTLY...

REPUBLICAN NATIVISTS
HAD TO GIVE TRUMP

MONEY

FOR THE WALL

AND TRUMP
LOVES
MONEY.

BUT...

Most American Citizens

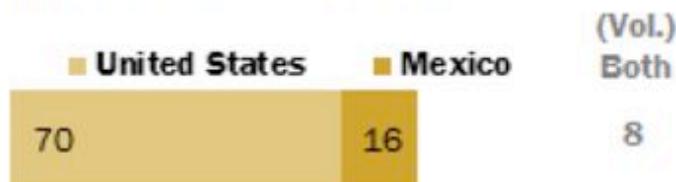
DIDN'T WANT A WALL

Most oppose building a border wall, think U.S. would ultimately pay for it

% who ___ building wall along entire border with Mexico



% who say ___ would ultimately pay if the U.S. builds a wall along the entire border with Mexico



Note: Don't know responses not shown.
Source: Survey conducted Feb. 7-12, 2017

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not on your life!

no, sirree!

BUT NATIVISTS

WOULDN'T GIVE UP...

NATIVISTS LOVED THE WALL IDEA. WHY?



WE WILL NEVER SURRENDER, OR SOMETHING

WELL...



U.S. Immigration
and Customs
Enforcement

SOME OF
THEM WILL GET
MORE **PAY** TO
PATROL A
WALL



OTHERS WILL
MAKE MONEY
BUILDING THE
WALL.



AND SOME NATIVISTS JUST LOVE WALLS



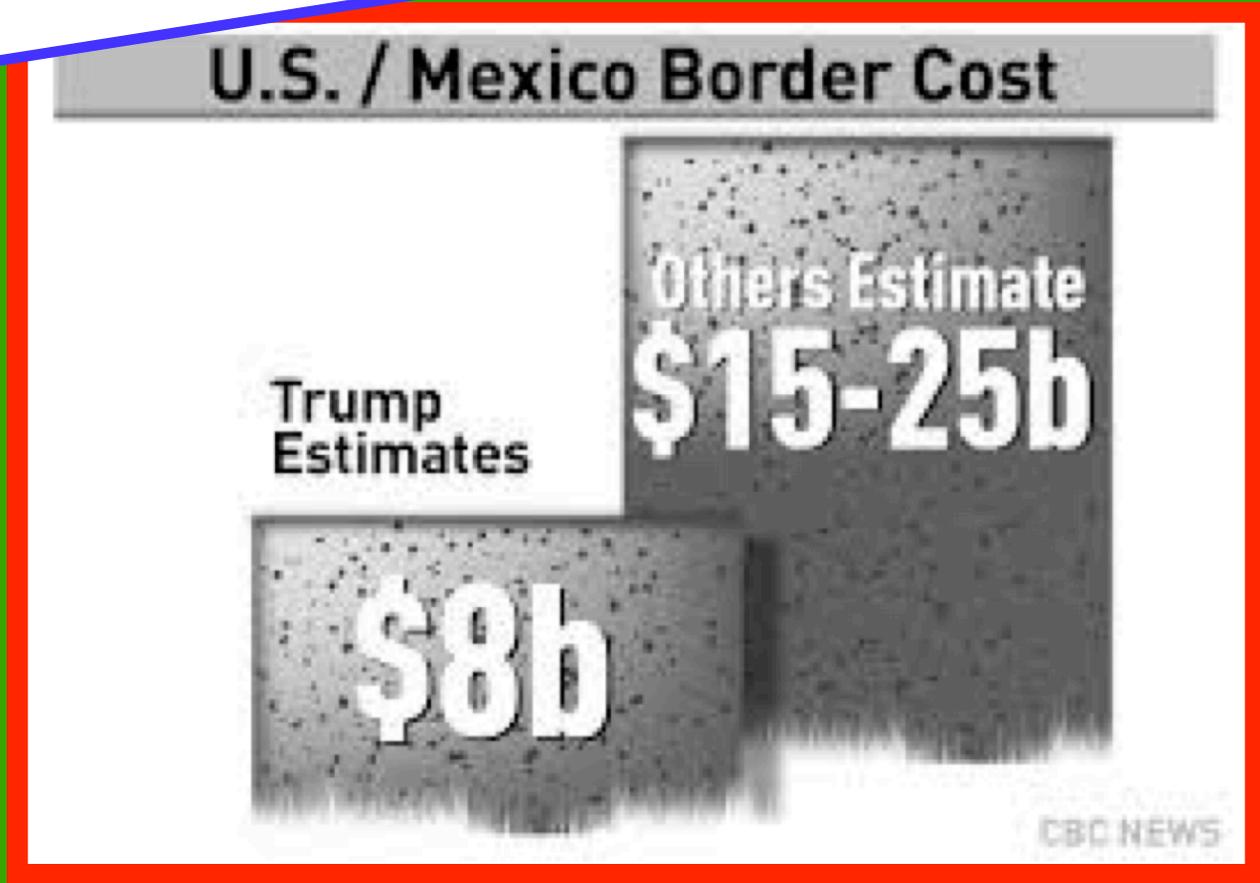
BUT THERE ARE
PROBLEMS...

TAKE
OUT YOUR
NOTEBOOKS,
NOW, PLEASE...

FIRST, A WALL IS A TERRIBLE
SYMBOL OF A DEMOCRACY, OF
AN OPEN SOCIETY, OF A
COUNTRY FOUNDED BY
IMMIGRANTS--AND OF A
COMPASSIONATE PEOPLE,
WHO TREASURE FAIR PLAY AND
FREEDOM.

REALLY!

SECOND, A WALL COSTS TOO MUCH.



WHY DOESN'T TRUMP JUST PAY FOR IT, THEN? IT'S HIS WALL.

THIRD, A WALL PROVIDES SECURITY TO NO ONE.



IT NEVER HAS. ASK THE ANCIENT ROMANS. ASK THE ANCIENT CHINESE. ASK THE SOVIETS. THEY HAD WALLS.

YOU CAN'T ASK THEM. THEY DON'T EXIST ANYMORE.

THEIR WALLS DIDN'T WORK...

SO A WALL REALLY MAKES
NO SENSE. JUST LIKE THE
AMERICAN PEOPLE

HAVE SAID

ARE SAYING

AND WILL
SAY

FOREVER



LET'S ALL SAY IT
NOW=



SORRY, MR. TRUMP,

WE WILL NOT BUILD YOUR ~~SNAKE~~ WALL

