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Mark L. Schneider, A "New Deal" for Latin America, BOSTON GLOBE, Mar. 14, 2007, at 9A
("Recent statistics show that in the Andean countries more than 80 percent of the rural population lives in poverty. In Bolivia, Ecuador, Guatemala, Mexico, and Peru, 80 percent of the indigenous population are poor and over half are among the extreme poor.")


Hector Tobar, A Small Guerrilla Band Is Waging War in Mexico, L.A. TIMES, Sept. 20, 2007, at 1 ("Oaxaca remains one of the poorest states of Mexico: 68% of its residents live below the government's poverty line, with monthly income less than $90. And more than one-third of the population is living in 'extreme poverty,' according to government statistics.")

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"As many as 11 million illegal immigrants are thought to be living and working in the United States, though estimates vary."

"Migrants have long made the journey to California on trails littered with lonely graves. Generations of frontier settlers, Gold Rush prospectors, Dust Bowl refugees and illegal immigrants from Latin America have found themselves at the mercy of nature crossing California's wide deserts and steep mountains."
William M. Welch, Border-Crossing Deaths on Rise, USA TODAY, July 21, 2007, at 5A.

Michael Martinez, At 104 Degrees, the Forecast is Death, CHI. TRIB., Mar. 18, 2007, at C3 ("Border deaths— and efforts to alleviate them, such as installing water stations— are fiercely debated in a state that has become the nation's busiest area for smuggling illegal immigrants. Even getting an accurate toll is contentious, as a federal audit recently criticized how the Border Patrol could be undercounting border deaths, which doubled over 10 years to 472 in 2005, mostly in Arizona.").

(Migrants and activists in Agua Prieta, a small Mexican border town less than a mile south of the Arizona border, and Juarez, a town on Mexico’s border with Texas controlled by drug cartels, also reported increased violence by coyotes, including beatings and rapes of migrants.)


Edward Sifuentes, Most Day Laborers Are Illegal Immigrants with Little Formal Education, Report Says, N.C TIMES (San Diego), July 26, 2007, available at http://www.nctimes.com/articles/2007/07/26/news/top_stories/1_10_467_25_07.txt ("Day laborers have said they gather in street corners because they can’t find work elsewhere for various reasons, including their status as illegal immigrants.")

A federal judge issued a permanent injunction yesterday against restrictive anti-illegal-immigration ordinances in Hazleton, Pa., ...

Morified, but Happy to Hire: Orange County Communities Still Wage War on Day Laborers—Then Use Them.

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Broad Survey of Day Laborers Finds High Level of Injuries and Pay Violations.


Lozano v. City of Hazleton, 496 F. Supp. 2d 477 (M.D. Pa. 2007) (ordinance requiring proof of legal citizenship or residency in order to obtain occupancy permits violates the due process rights of tenants and owners).

Daniel Kanstroom

Post-Deportation Human Rights Law: Aspiration, Obversion, or Necessity?, 3 STAN. J. CIV. RTS. & CIV. LIBERTIES 195, 215 (2007) ("My husband (father of our 2 kids) was deported in 2003. My son was 11 at the time and he was in the immigration courtroom at the time the judge told Martin he was to be deported and not allowed to come back for at least ten years. I had not seen my son cry too often but I saw his heart break that day.")