

SLEEPY NO MORE: HOW RESIDENTS OF SOUTH TEXAS BUILD POWER
AGAINST THE BORDER WALL

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To the people of San Ygnacio, TX. You are not forgotten.

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ABSTRACT

A short documentary project on how the residents of South Texas build resistance against the Border Wall during the 2020 election cycle. The project follows a group of activists orchestrating a series of actions that employ art and public engagement as core strategies in their advocacy. Their fight is important as one of the nation's oldest treasures, the historic Treviño-Urbe Fort in San Ygnacio, TX, is in danger of being damaged with the construction of a wall.

FILM STILLs



POLITICS

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Homeland Security's Trump's use of military funds for border wall construction is illegal, 9th Circuit Court rules

NATIONAL

Trump's Border Wall Would Go Through Laredo's Historic Downtown

May 25, 2020 · 7:23 AM ET
Heard on Morning Edition

JOHN BURNETT

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PLAYLIST + ↻ ⌂

An unusual coalition is forming in the Texas city to oppose President Trump's border wall. The city is standing up to the Justice Department, which is trying to seize hundreds of acres of land there.

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VIDEO LINKS

1. Laredo Activists Fight and Organize for Street Sign:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1GWFtC7Tq2Thd2SyBYczOqiRq4mRr5Sw1/view?usp=sharing>

2. San Ygnacio Residents Advocate with Local Government

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/13WYERpoXrcizYb1EJNawbqSjUptHUB2p/view?usp=sharing>