

The hearing featured top independent experts with extensive experience in Mexico and with border issues. While the U.S. is currently engaged in initiatives with Mexico aimed at strengthening existing law enforcement cooperation, intelligence sharing, and training (e.g., the MÃ©rida Initiative), the hearing asked the related question of what more the U.S. can do on our side of the border to help stop the increasing border violence.

### Witness List

**Andrew Selee**, Director, Woodrow Wilson Center Mexico Institute, which published the January 2009 report “The United States and Mexico: Towards a Strategic Partnership;”

**Michael A. Braun**, Managing Partner, Spectre Group International LLC, and former Drug Enforcement Administration Assistant Administrator / Chief of Operations; and

**Tom Diaz**, Senior Policy Analyst, Violence Policy Center, and author of “Making a Killing: the Business of Guns in America.”

### Documents and Links

- [Testimony of Mr. Andrew Selee](#)
- [Testimony of Mr. Michael A. Braun](#)
- [Testimony of Mr. Tom Diaz](#)