

Storming the Wall: Climate Change, Migration, and Homeland Security

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Combining a serious tone with serious journalism, *Storming the Wall* dives deep into climate change from an unusual and riveting perspective.

The book operates from two premises. First, it proposes that climate change is the primary cause of modern mass migration, including that related to the Syrian refugee crisis. Second, it asserts that governments around the world are already aware of that fact and are preparing to militarily repel increasingly vast influxes of people from their borders as the storms and droughts force more people from their homes.

Miller's skill in presenting the latter makes the former point far easier to believe. Without this level of journalistic thoroughness, the book's claims about government would doubtless strike some readers as impossible, even paranoid. However, *Storming the Wall* makes its points convincingly, using both modern and historical examples of mass displacement. The author presents first-person research, including interviews, whenever possible.

The book's interpretation of mass migration and border militarization will likely spark debate from unusual quarters. Miller does not hesitate to suggest that the greatest burdens of climate change fall more heavily along race, class, and color lines. This message is not an attractive one for people living comfortable lifestyles in relatively wealthy, environmentally temperate areas. Expect controversy around this title.

Storming the Wall covers points of public interest from a new and unusual perspective. Policymakers may be miffed at the author's critical attitude toward government border policies. American citizens, however, may find this book highly relevant to the ongoing political discussion around border walls and mass refugee crises.

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