

## **Positions on Current Issues Lopez Obrador**

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### **Immigration**

**Mexico has been taking a passive role on immigration. Lopez Obrador is going to change that.**

**Thousands of hard working, determined and driven Mexicans leave the country instead of contributing to Mexican development and the economy.**

**Lopez Obrador wants these Mexicans to stay in their home country.**

**Most of these Mexicans come from southern Mexico, a region that needs economic and social development.**

**Lopez Obrador will invest in and develop the underserved areas of southern Mexico, reducing poverty and therefore immigration.**

**Lopez Obrador understands the security challenges of the United States. Mexico will do more to secure its borders in North America, to increase trade and to reduce poverty and migration.**

**Lopez Obrador invites the United States to help in the development of southern Mexico through international direct investment, bi-lateral compensation funds and private sector investment in infrastructure projects.**

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### **Lopez Obrador and Latin America**

**Lopez Obrador, an impeccably honest and frugal leader, transformed the social, political and economic landscape of Mexico City. A proven and effective administrator of the largest metropolis in the world, he launched cost-cutting measures, improved security and stabilized the city's debt. His experience in dealing with the complex issues of Mexico City makes him an ideal candidate to lead Mexico with a platform based on the principles of protecting values, enhancing social responsibility, promoting economic growth, protecting Mexico's institutions and increasing the country's global competitiveness.**

**As Mayor of Mexico City, Lopez Obrador launched employment incentive programs, promoted public access laws and engaged in policies of fiscal austerity. He created social programs for the disadvantaged, children and the elderly, who had been neglected under previous governments. He professionalized the police department and brought former New York City Mayor, Rudolph Giuliani to help him reduce crime in the capital. Lopez Obrador successfully improved Mexico City's transportation infrastructure and significantly reduced traffic problems. As Mayor, he also promoted public-private partnerships to revitalize parts of the City. He partnered with Carlos Slim Helu, one of the richest men in Latin America, to transform the City's center, reducing red tape, bureaucracy and inefficiencies.**

**Lopez Obrador represents a new, pragmatic and dynamic left in Latin America. He recognizes, but is not pursuing, the models of Chile, Canada, Uruguay and Spain. Lopez Obrador's priorities are education, social development and economic progress.**

**Lopez Obrador knows that he cannot repeat the mistakes from Latin American governments in the 1980's when irresponsible fiscal policies and large deficits produced a "lost decade" and poverty in Latin America.**

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### **The Mexican Oil Industry**

**Lopez Obrador wants PEMEX (Mexico's state-owned oil company) to be able to compete globally.**

**To enhance competitiveness, he would like to increase the efficiency of PEMEX, reducing unnecessary bureaucracies, providing accountability and transparency to its operations.**

**At the same time Lopez Obrador would like to increase the productivity of PEMEX, which is currently one of the worst in the world.**

**Lopez Obrador would like PEMEX to be a reliable source of oil for its people and its partners around the world.**

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#### **NAFTA**

**Lopez Obrador supports NAFTA and acknowledges its benefits in terms of increased trade among Canada, Mexico and the United States**

**Lopez Obrador understands that Canada, Mexico and the United States should work together as an economic region in order to successfully compete with the Asian and European economies.**

**Lopez Obrador would like to strengthen the agreement and to re-examine provisions that may unnecessarily and adversely affect the lives of people in North America.**

**One example is agricultural subsidies, corn and other agricultural products. If provisions are not updated to reflect the current realities of the countries, poverty and unemployment may occur in southern Mexico thus creating a migration problem for the United States and Canada.**

**Lopez Obrador firmly believes that all changes to the current agreement should be made under current rules and procedures.**

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### **Economic and Financial Stability**

**Lopez Obrador recognizes Mexico's current administration's successes in stabilizing the economy and providing a framework for financial development.**

**However, Lopez Obrador believes that the current administration did little to increase the competitiveness of the Mexican economy and its companies.**

**The current administration also was unable to carry out reforms vital for the betterment of Mexican businessmen and micro-enterprises.**

**Lopez Obrador will continue to provide financial and economic stability for Mexico.**

**But Mexico can do better. Lopez Obrador commits to create consensus and to pass economic reforms that will enhance the competitiveness of the Mexican economy ensuring a vibrant business sector.**

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