THE ZERO POLICY WILL BRING DOWN THE BRICKWALLS AND HATRED

ABSTRACT: The anti-immigration walls are a paradox of the modern world. They isolate us from the world, giving us the illusion of solving a problem, while they only remove it from our sight. Walls and boundaries have not stopped migrants and, probably, have benefitted international terrorism. Industrialized nations, who keep on selling weapons in conflict areas have substantially contributed to increasing this phenomenon
Will industrialized nations be able to understand that the solution is implementing the "zero policy"?

Men have always built barriers to defend themselves from dangers. It's been centuries, but we still build walls to stop "invasions".
In the last 30 years, walls like these have grown, and to date, there are actually more than 70, but the number is always increasing. *(Aguzzi, 2017)*
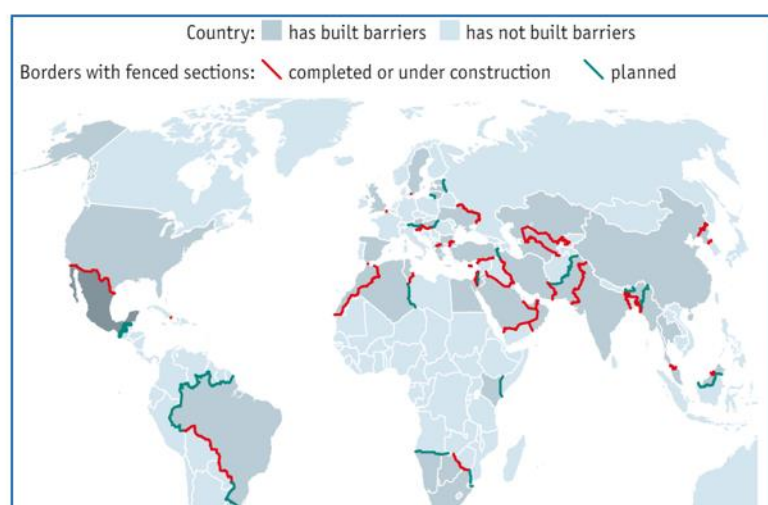

Figura 1 – Mappa dei "Muri" tratta da The Economist 2016

Building walls is based on the idea that when faced with physical barriers most people would just give up trying to trespass it. But the facts show the opposite, and it's enough to analyse some data from 2016 to understand this:

- **503.700**   The migrants that have illegally passed the boarders of Europe. (Frontex, 2017)
- **5.000**   The migrants who died while trying to cross the Mediterranean Sea.
- **90.000**   The Cubans who have left their island to seek refuge in the USA by passing illegally the border with Mexico. *(CIAI, 2016)*
- **Over 24.000**   The migrants who, during the first three months of 2017, have traversed the Mediterranean Sea.

The refugees who get to pass the borders are locked into homeless shelters, they are registered and often sent back to their country. This phenomenon generates a double feeling of hatred: the first is born into those who, repatriated, are excluded from the privileges our society can offer. The second one comes from the migrants who get accepted, but see their conational and familiars being rejected. They get to feel as strangers in a new nation they will never get really used to. Two different events, born because of the same barrier and fomented by resentment, that collide into terrorism. *(Bauman, 2015)*

"Walls" are a paradox of modern age: in a world that is getting more and more globalized, we keep on building barriers that isolate us and are meant to protect us from what we consider "different".

But hiding behind a wall is not a solution, it's a continuous illusion: the problem's still there, we just postpone the moment when we'll have to face it.

The populist politicians, aiming only to power, support the construction of walls and the diffusion of xenophobe policies, *(Hamadi, 2016)*, often indulged by citizens that cannot see how catastrophic are the effects of these barriers are. Our political leaders also forget that if we keep on producing and selling weapons in conflict areas, fomenting pollution and the consequent global warming, we'll only increment the problem of migration. *(Petruzzi, s.d.)*

The solution is not demolishing existent walls, neither building new ones. In a world ideologically multicultural, we need to start thinking critically, and broadening our minds to the foreigners. Hosting refugees, no matter if we want or not, in a few years will become an inescapable obligation. We do not have to change borders, but our way of seeing the problem. We need to actualize a policy that is often defined "Zero policy ": no poverty, no hunger, no war. *(ONU, 2016)*

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