An Exploration of the "Boarder Crisis" and the Adoption of Children from Latin American Countries:

This study increases awareness about existing barriers regarding adopting children from Latin American countries, and common issues experienced by adoptive families as a result of the boarder crisis. The American philosophy of humanitarianism and an outpour humanitarian need would naturally lead to an increase in adoptions from Latin America. Although, the length of processing time adoptions take, strict regulations, and stigma and discrimination associated with adoptions from Latin America cause hesitation in the adoptive community. A total of fourteen Hague accredited agencies that conduct international adoptions, and the National Council for Adoption in Washington, DC. will be invited to complete a phone interview using a five question multi-part interview guide. This study will provide information on why adoptive parents choose to adopt internationally, barriers to adopting from Latin American countries, and the impact of the boarder crisis on adoptions from Latin America. This study increases awareness about adopting children from Latin American countries, and barriers adoptive families face as a result of the boarder crisis. This creates an opportunity for agencies and adoptive parents to work with policy makers to address those problems. Ultimately, this project will help identify current barriers to international adoptions, and obstacles adopting children from Latin America since the Boarder Crisis started.