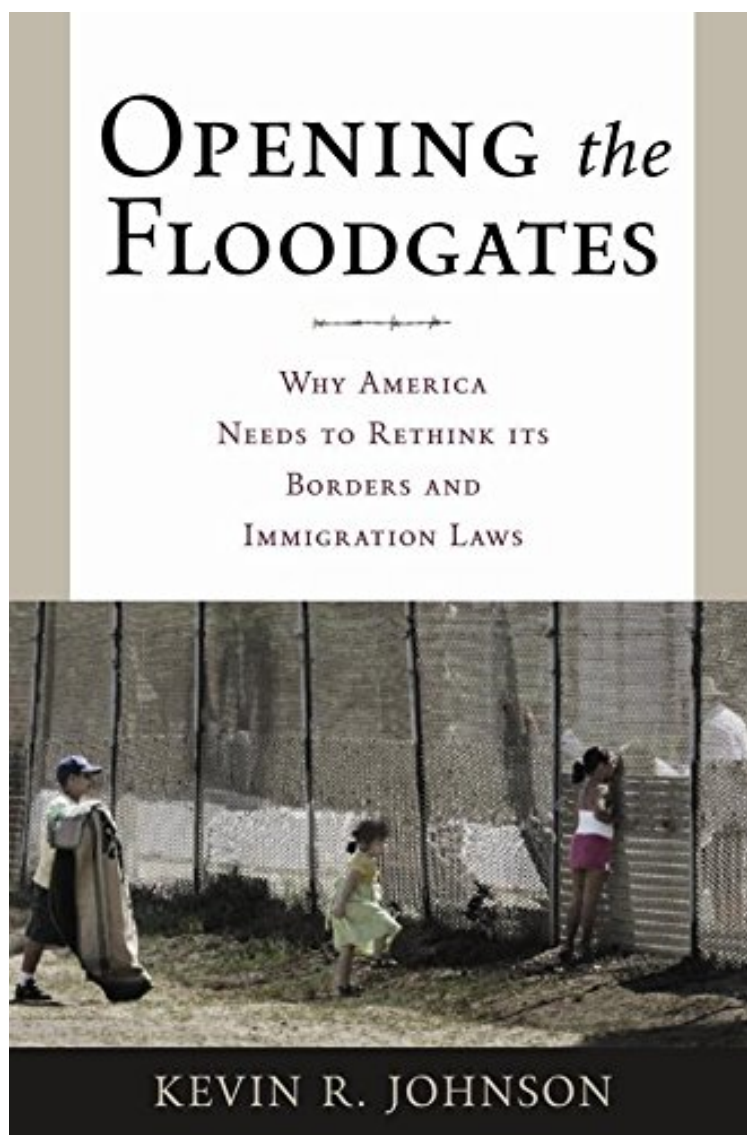


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2 of 5 people found the following review helpful. BEST work out there on this controversial topic!!!...By CaliProfUp until 9/11 there had been a growing body of work "theorizing" about the idea of "open borders." Not only did the nativism that's swept America since the terrorists attacks all but kill the thought even entertaining the notion open borders, but the weak scholarship that attempted to defend this idea was at best a slightly interesting mental exercise, at worst (which was most often the case!), just flat out not convincing. Fortunately for the Left, good hearted liberals and Chomsky radicals need fear no more about losing this debate! Kevin Johnson has single handedly not only revived the case for open borders, but has also turned the oppositions' arguments on their heads by demonstrating not only HOW free movement of people can work for the U.S. and Mexico, but also why its in America's economic, social, and security interests to do so! From here on out the main question surrounding this debate will no longer be WHY people should support this idea, or HOW would/could it be implemented, but why haven't we done it?!!!!

Seeking to re-imagine the meaning and significance of the international border, *Opening the Floodgates* makes a case for eliminating the border as a legal construct that impedes the movement of people into this country. Open migration policies deserve fuller analysis, as evidenced by President Barack Obama's pledge to make immigration reform a priority. Kevin R. Johnson offers an alternative vision of how U.S. borders might be reconfigured, grounded in moral, economic, and policy arguments for open borders. Importantly, liberalizing migration through an open borders policy would recognize that the enforcement of closed borders cannot stifle the strong, perhaps irresistible, economic, social, and political pressures that fuel international migration. Controversially, Johnson suggests that open borders are entirely consistent with efforts to prevent terrorism that have dominated immigration enforcement since the events of September 11, 2001. More liberal migration, he suggests, would allow for full attention to be paid to the true dangers to public safety and national security.

No book could be more timely than *Opening the Floodgates*. . . . [Johnson] makes a convincing argument for the policy of open borders, if not with the world, then within North America. . . . This book encourages a broader discussion that is currently circulating in American politics, one that looks to the foundations of immigration policy and imagines a major overhaul. -*Law and Politics Book* A highly readable argument for more permeable borders. . . . Johnson offers a comprehensive case for more open borders, responds to a few important criticisms effectively, and presents some thoughtful arguments along the way. -*Choice* Finally, an unflinching response to immigration alarmists! This brilliant, challenging book outlines an immigration proposal based on the reality that migration flows are not regulated by border enforcement but by social, economic, and political pressures. -*Mary Romero*, author of *Maid in the USA* About the Author Kevin R. Johnson is Mabie-Apallas Professor of Public Interest Law and Chicano/a Studies at the University of California Davis. His books include *Mixed Race America and the Law: A Reader* (NYU Press, 2002) and *The Huddled Masses Myth: Immigration and Civil Rights*.