

An aerial photograph of a valley with a river winding through it. The valley floor is densely packed with small, dark structures, likely a town or village. The surrounding hills are steep and appear to be covered in sparse vegetation or are rocky. The overall tone is somewhat desaturated, with a dark, moody atmosphere.

SIGUS DILEMMAS

El Balsamo Workshop 2011

Wise or Just Ungrateful?

A dilemma....

- In our SIGUS workshop this summer 2011, we revisiting a village we had designed with the villagers after the earthquake (*7 yrs after*)



1
Redesigned
Earthquake
destroyed
village

2
Houses
build by
self-help



3
Village built
following
plans

4
7 years after
WE
CELEBRATED
SUCCESS!



We Celebrated their success!

FROM this:

TO this:

Illegal

No water

No sanitation

No electricity

Unsafe



= Nothing



Legal title

All services

Safe

**= Everything
(FREE!)**

BUT Startling results.....



COYOTES!

Mexico Finds Tunnel On U.S. Border

- MEXICO CITY — Mexican federal police say they have found a tunnel dug into a border storm drain that leads into the United States.
- **FEDERAL POLICE SAY THE TUNNEL WAS PRESUMABLY USED TO SMUGGLE PEOPLE INTO THE UNITED STATES.**
- It appears smugglers dug a lateral tunnel into a main drain. An exit on the U.S. side was hidden by a cover piled over with dirt.
- Police said Sunday the tunnel was found Thursday in the Mexican border city of Nogales, across the border from Nogales, Arizona.

FAMILIES 'SOLD' THEIR
HOUSE TO COYOTES TO
PAY TO BE **SMUGGLED**
TO THE UNITED STATES

**Cashed in their 'free'
house for their dreams....**

??????

- A) A wise economic move?
- B) Irresponsible risk?
- C)Or just ungrateful?

*Work like a dog
But make money*



Free House



Illegal Migrant



*Arrested
Deported*



*Green Card?
Success?*



But there was a choice:



Toilet only

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'Healthy alternative'
Benefit many families

Core + Toilet

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Instant shelter
Tiny (*mean?*)

Nice house

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Apartment

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New lifestyle
(*"Where do I
keep the
chickens?"*)
Benefit few?

Which would YOU choose?

a) TOILET ONLY

b) CORE + TOILET

c) NICE HOUSE



d) APARTMENT