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Octogenarian Time Capsule

Honduran Invasion

We ignore Latin America at our peril.

What Trump doesn't understand, and his Deplorables can't comprehend is that the US population is 325 million in a world of 7 ½ billion people. We make up 4.3% of the world's population and that percentage shrinks with each passing decade. We control 25.4% of the world's wealth and generate 21.7% of the world's Gross Domestic Product (GDP).



We protect our wealth and our exalted position in the world economy with one of the largest and best equipped military the world has ever seen. But more importantly, we share our wealth through grants and charities. We export our inventiveness. We offer military equipment and protection to friends and trading partners.

We share economic and educational opportunities to people around the world. We are dependable responders to natural and man-made disasters. We shed the blood of our youth to fight genocide and oppression across the globe.

And, yes, we have many trade deals that are less than favorable us, but they help to consolidate our economic power and bind other nations to us in friendship. Trade wars will ultimately raise the cost of everything in America and will not remake us the manufacturing giant we once were. And the price will be our friendships around the world.

Say goodbye to those blue-light specials, Walmart shoppers. No Chinese-made bargains here.

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