



Patria Grande: The Case for an Open-Door Homeland in Argentina

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Why Argentina?

Regularization over Enforcement

The conception and solution to the presence of "irregular" immigrants in Argentina, contrast diametrically with the most recent approach of both the European Union and the United States.

The "Patria Grande" program


Migrations Law 25871 21/Jan/2004

CAPITULO I
DE LOS DERECHOS Y LIBERTADES DE
LOS EXTRANJEROS
ARTICULO 4º — El derecho a la migración es esencial e inalienable de la persona y la República Argentina lo garantiza sobre la base de los principios de igualdad y universalidad.

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CHAPTER I
ABOUT THE RIGHTS AND FREEDOM OF
FOREIGNERS
ARTICLE 4 — The right to migrate is essential and inalienable (cannot be taken away) to the individual, and the Argentine Republic warrants it based on the principles of equality and universality.

Some cases of regional migrations



Large impact No national legislation Varied local responses (state law, municipal ordinances)	Low impact in most areas No special legislation Some local response (supportive)	Significant impact Decisive national legislation Important local involvement	Limited impact Temporary national solution Limited local responses
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Argentina Facts

Large Country: 1.07M sq. mi. (8th)

Population: 40M

86% European, 8% Mestizo 2% Nat.

30th GDP, 23rd Purchasing Power

Buenos Aires 3M city, 13M Metro



Population Pyramids - Aging

1914

1991

Foreign Population (2001)

Total	1,531,940
AMERICA	1,041,117
Pais limítrofe	923,215
Bolivia	233,464
Brasil	34,712
Chile	212,429
Paraguay	325,046
Uruguay	117,564
Pais no limítrofe (América)	117,902
Perú	88,260
Resto	29,642
EUROPA	432,349

Source: INDEC. Censo Nacional de Población, Hogares y Viviendas 2001.

Pause: Two-Way Road

How policy responds to impacts and community climate problems?

How the community is affected by policy (or lack thereof)?

Policy Trigger: Argentina

30 March 2006: A violent fire kills six people in a clandestine garment shop in the Buenos Aires barrio of Caballito: "un hombre, una mujer y cuatro chicos de nacionalidad boliviana," reports *Clarín*.

Neighbors and government are ashamed of something like that happening in Argentina. "Slave" and children labor are denounced and rejected.

Policy Response: Argentina

Migrant Regularization (already in development since 2005) is given top priority and starts in earnest in April 14, 2006, 2 weeks after the fire.

In one year (March 2007), over 367,000 get a two-year *residencia precaria* (basically, a work permit), perhaps 50% of all unauthorized immigrants.

Government reports: 217,800 from Paraguay, 88,773 from Bolivia, 42,682 from Peru.

Stage two is to get a two-year temporary residence (national ID) and then permanent residence.

Impact of Regularization Thrust

CANTIDAD DE REGISTRACIONES INICIADAS POR NACIONALIDAD SELECCIONADA POR AÑO 2000-2008
(presentado en color se indica el año de mayor cantidad)

NACIONALIDAD	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	TOTAL 2000-2008	% del Total
ARGENTINA	2021	2182	1888	3269	4988	888	11672	8411	8489	11402	33.6%
BELGIUM	2781	2189	2042	8924	10217	1117	26712	8489	42147	24247	28.2%
BOLIVIA	5203	1713	1761	4855	8818	1114	24529	2058	21612	12610	14.1%
BRAZIL	1417	2395	2461	2783	8812	2883	3208	4891	8317	34148	3.8%
CHINA	3438	2348	1522	1441	2881	1214	2413	1781	4172	24226	2.8%
COLOMBIA	1613	1183	1707	2078	1704	1402	1717	2092	4904	21211	2.4%
CUBA	841	728	880	808	1120	1381	8643	4813	2089	21713	2.5%
DOMINICAN REPUBLIC	1392	1088	888	888	1111	888	1088	1111	481	19447	2.2%
ECUADOR	108	108	108	108	108	108	108	108	108	108	0.1%
EL SALVADOR	1449	1142	22782	1882	1142	114	114	114	114	10279	1.2%
ESPAINA	1498	22812	300	1010	104	114	840	108	108	10072	1.2%
ESTADOS UNIDOS	849	812	408	408	888	844	1019	101	101	7434	8.7%
FRANCIA	810	888	108	101	108	101	108	111	101	1010	1.2%
GERMANY	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	0.0%
HONG KONG	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	0.0%
INDIA	408	408	101	101	108	108	101	101	101	870	1.0%
INDONESIA	101	228	101	101	101	101	101	101	101	804	0.9%
ITALY	1242	801	1417	108	178	408	801	78	801	8010	9.2%
JAPAN	84	84	108	108	108	84	84	84	101	1010	1.2%
MEXICO	251	218	113	211	143	481	78	108	108	4818	5.4%
NETHERLANDS	292	840	112	101	101	817	840	801	817	4810	5.4%
PERU	108	108	108	108	108	108	108	108	108	108	0.1%
RUSSIA	108	108	108	108	108	108	108	108	108	108	0.1%
SPAIN	801	801	281	281	219	373	387	411	801	3089	3.5%
UNITED STATES	142	142	142	142	142	142	142	142	142	1421	1.6%
VENEZUELA	142	142	142	142	142	142	142	142	142	1421	1.6%
OTHER	214	4817	208	217	217	108	119	108	110	2148	2.5%
TOTAL	142	228	88	88	88	88	88	88	88	1010	1.2%
TOTAL	2007	2007	2007	2007	2007	2007	2007	2007	2007	2007	100.0%

Source: Página 12

