

Delve Deeper into "The Sixth Section"

A film by Alex Rivera

This multi-media resource list provides a range of perspectives on the issues raised by the upcoming P.O.V. documentary "The Sixth Section," which premieres September 2, 2003 at 10:30pm on PBS (check local listings)

"The Sixth Section" opens a surprising window on immigration in the twenty-first century. Following a group of Mexican immigrants from the tiny desert town of Boqueron who now work in upstate New York, the film documents their struggle to support themselves - and their hometown 2000 miles to the south. To do this, the men form a 'union' that raises money in the form of weekly donations of \$10 or \$20 from each of its members in New York. In the past few years the group has brought electricity, an ambulance and, most dramatically, a 2,000-seat baseball stadium to Boqueron. "The Sixth Section" is an intimate portrait of how the 'American Dream' is being redefined by today's immigrants. A Latino Public Broadcasting (LPB) co-presentation (TBC). A Diverse Voices Project Selection.

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WEBSITES

Immigration Issues and Statistics:

www.aifl.org/pubed/pe_mex_index.asp

The American Immigration Law Foundation provides links to resources, organizations and articles.

www.gcir.org/about_immigration/usmap.htm

Grant Makers Concerned with Immigrant Rights provide U.S. immigration Statistics.

www.nilc.org/immspbs/research/2000_Census_Foreign-Born_Data.xls

The National Immigration Law Center provided a map of the immigrant proportions in the labor force by State.

www.immigration.gov/graphics/
Bureau of Citizenship and Immigration Services

Related Organizations:

www.lulac.org/

The League of United Latin American Citizens (LULAC) works to advance the economic condition, educational attainment, political influence, health and civil rights of the Hispanic population of the United States.

www.maldef.org/

The Mexican American Legal Defense and Education Fund (MALDEF) is the leading nonprofit Latino litigation, advocacy and educational outreach institution in the United States.

www.mexicosolidarity.org/

The Mexico Solidarity Network is a coalition of 88 organizations struggling for democracy, economic justice and human rights on both sides of the US-Mexico border.

www.nclr.org/

The National Council of La Raza is the largest constituency-based national Hispanic organization, serving all Hispanic nationality groups in all regions of the country.

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"Sending Money Home... For Now: Remittances and Immigrant Adaptation in the United States," Louis DeSipio | January 2000
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