

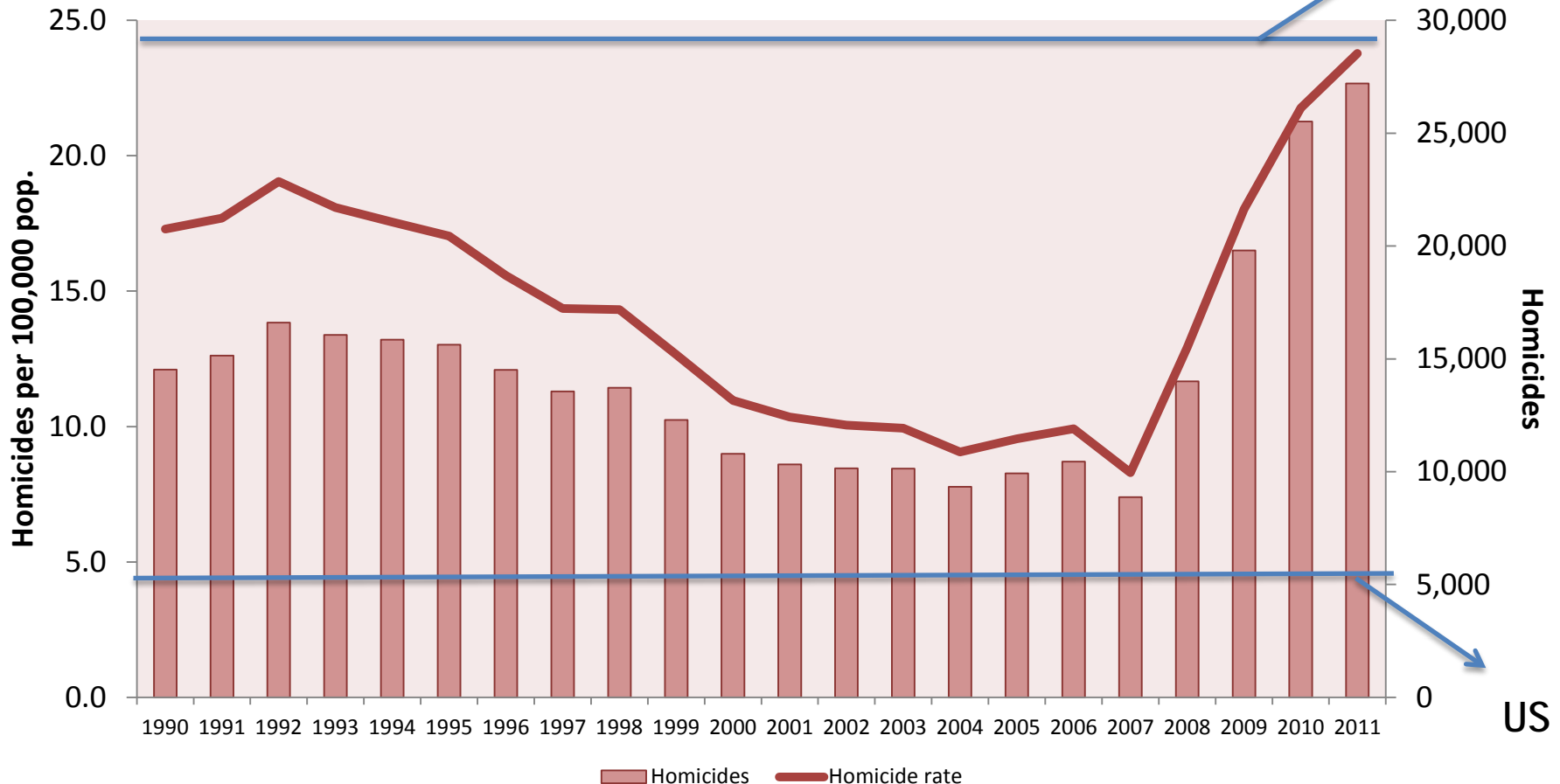
MEXICO

No quite at war, not yet at peace



Criminal violence in Mexico: reversing the trend

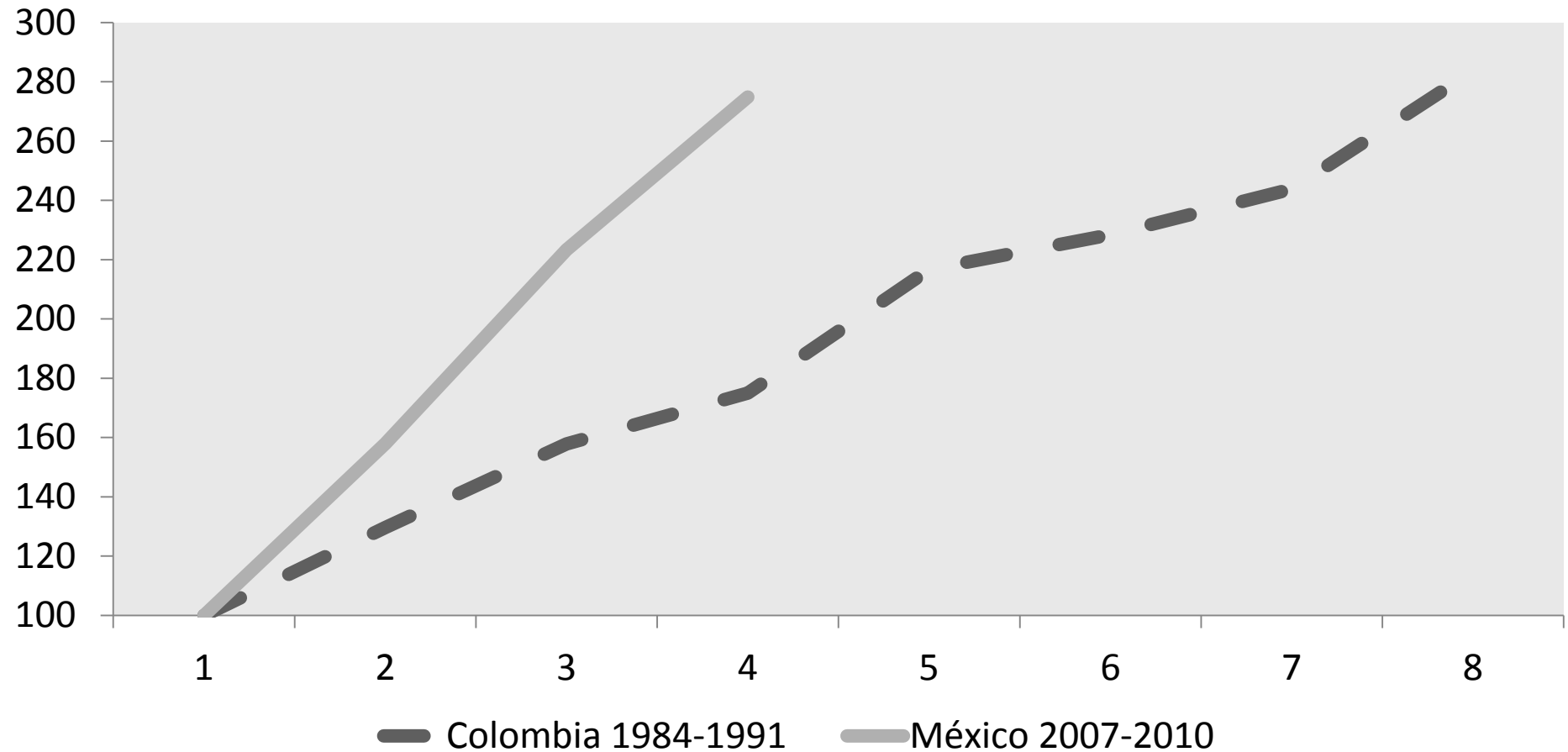
Mexico: Intentional homicides, 1990-2011
(absolute number and rate)



Source: INEGI

To put it in perspective...

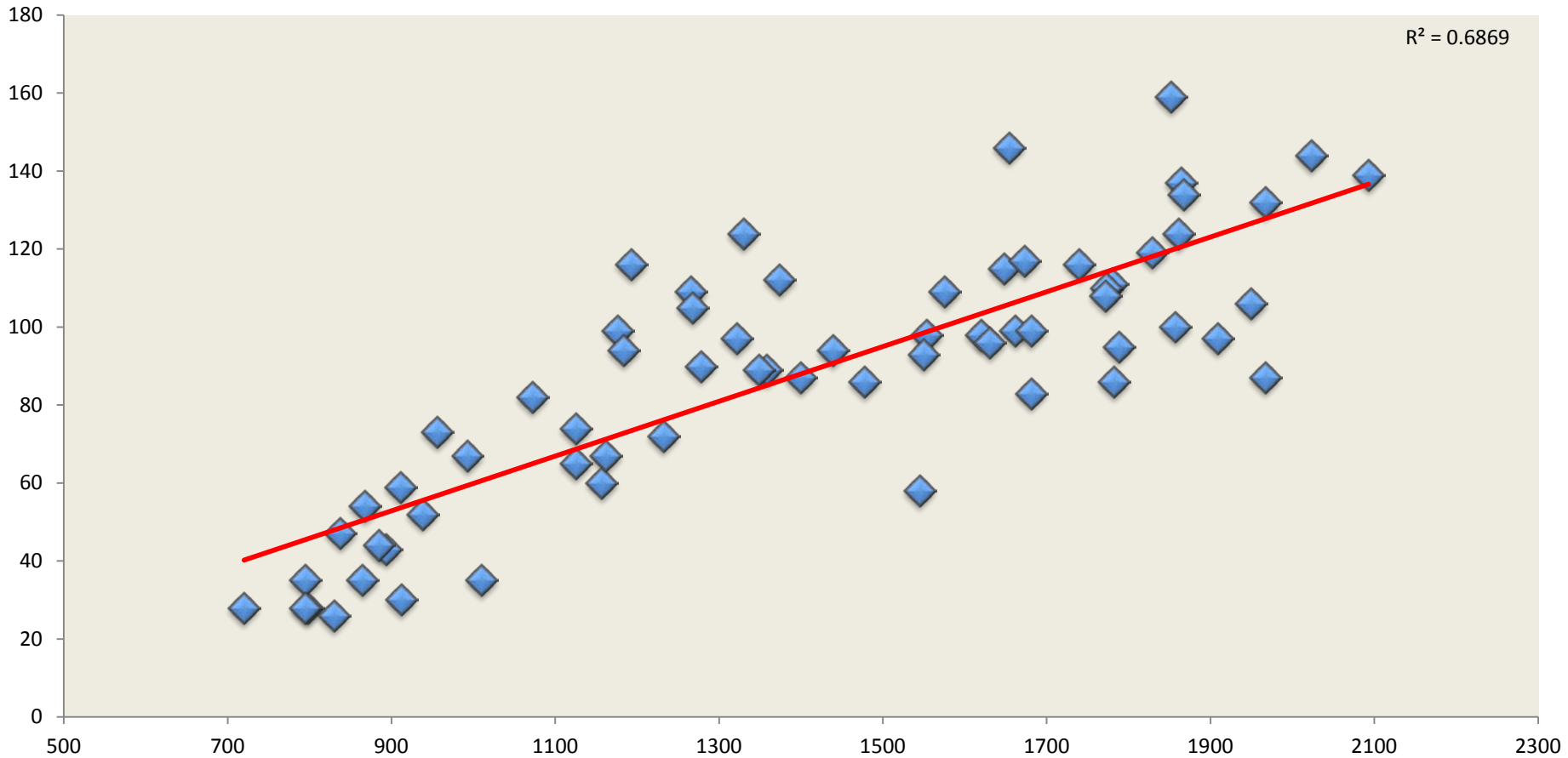
INTENTIONAL HOMICIDES: MEXICO 2007-2010 VS COLOMBIA 1984-1991
Normalized series (100=first year)



Source: INEGI and Instituto de Medicina Legal (Colombia)

Not only homicides

Homicides and kidnapping reports
Monthly totals. January 2006-June 2012



Source: SNSP

Enrique Peña Nieto: something new...



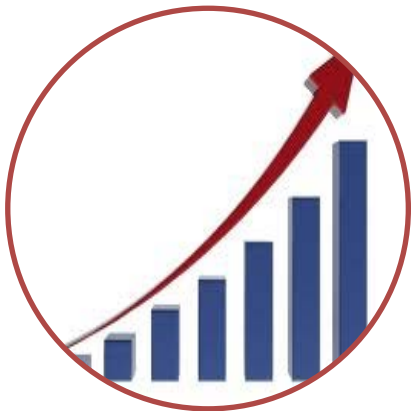
Violence reduction as goal

Centralization of security apparatus

New communication policy

“National Gendarmerie”

...lots of old, borrowed, and blue.



Growing security budgets



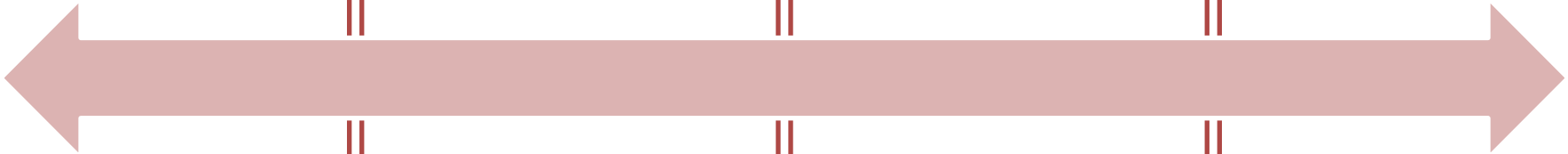
Use of armed forces



Kingpin strategy

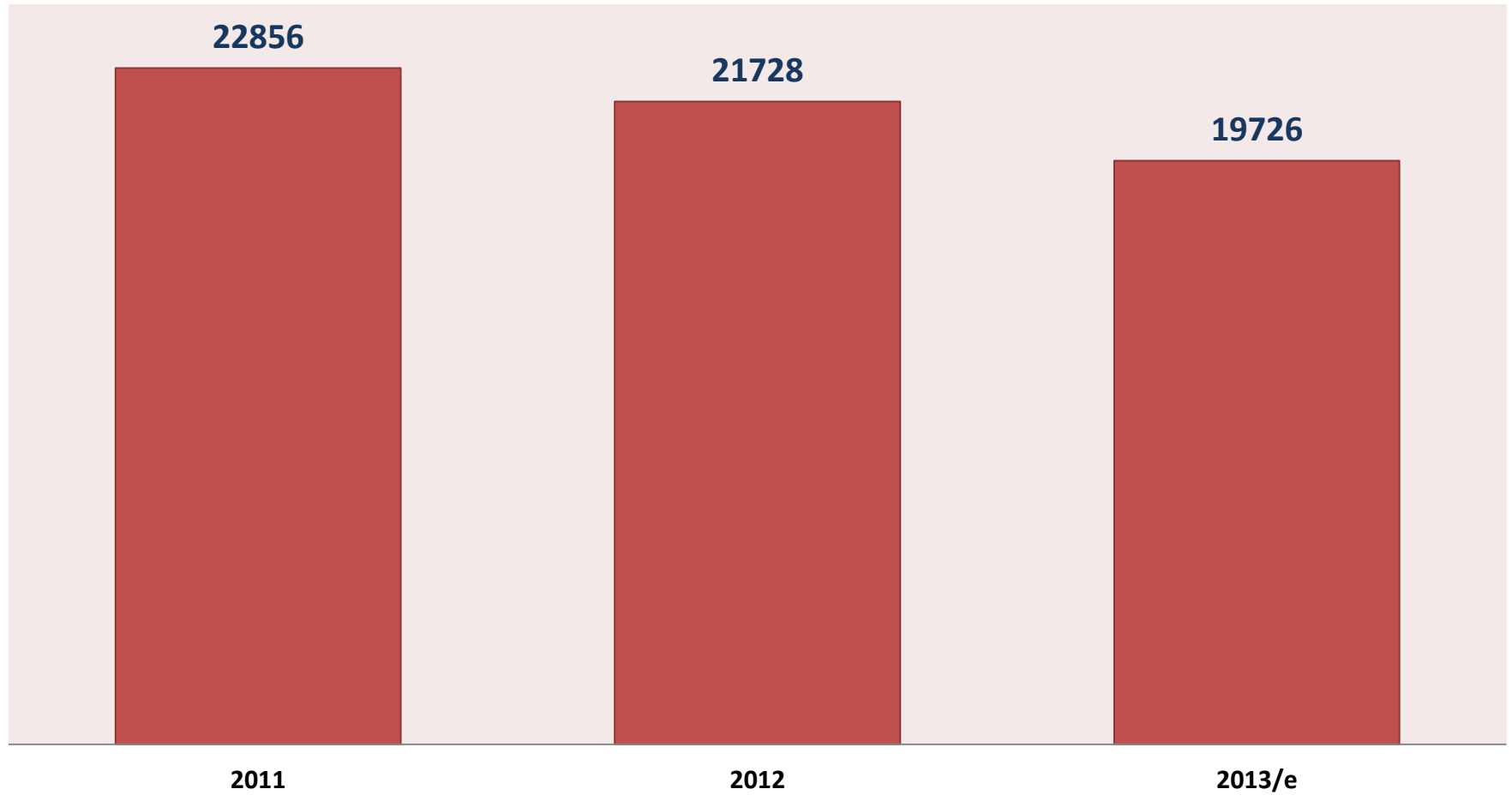


Cooperation with US



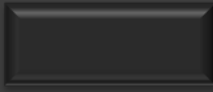
A decline in homicides...

Mexico: Intentional Homicides, 2011-2013

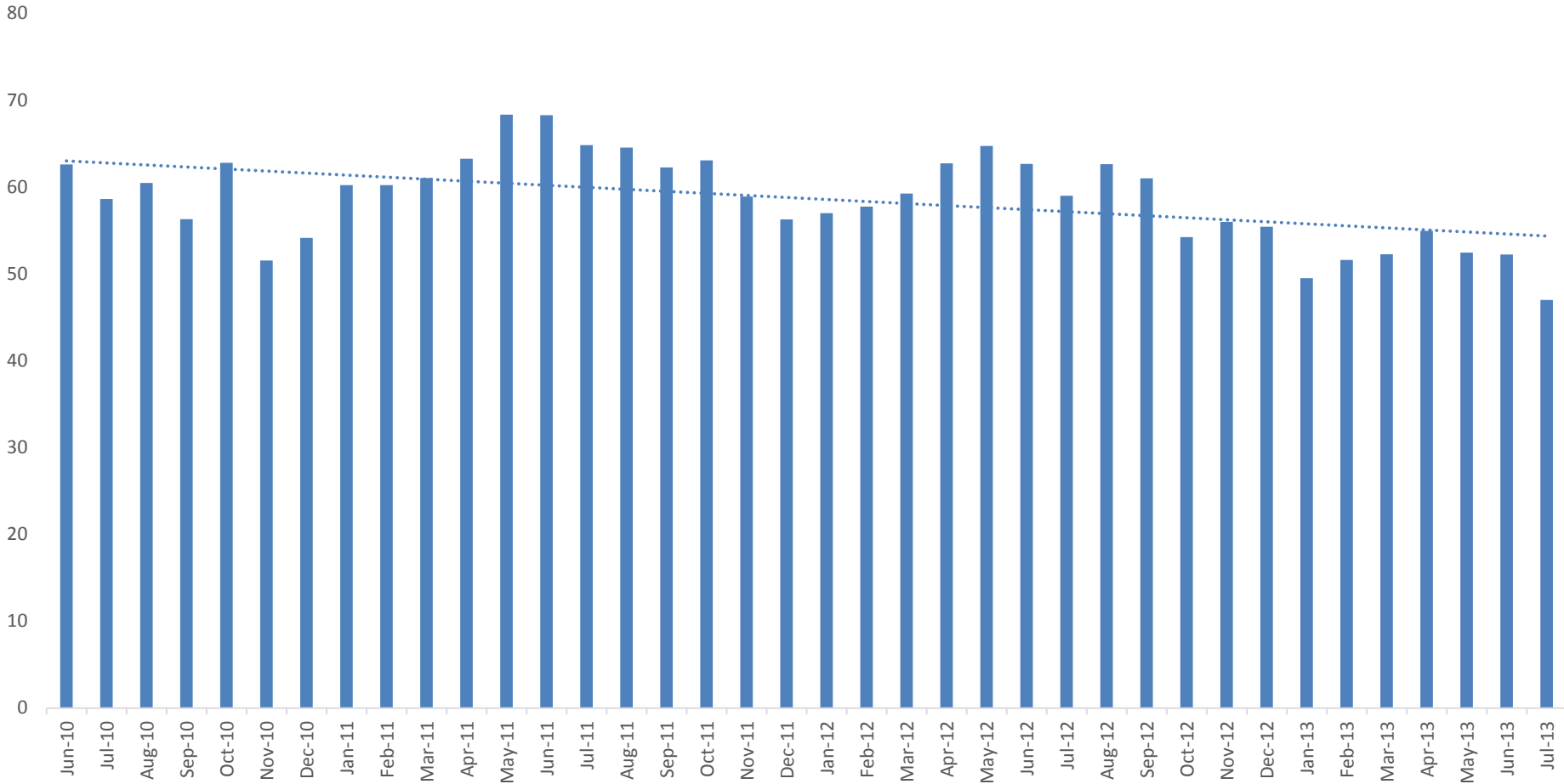


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...driven by inertia?



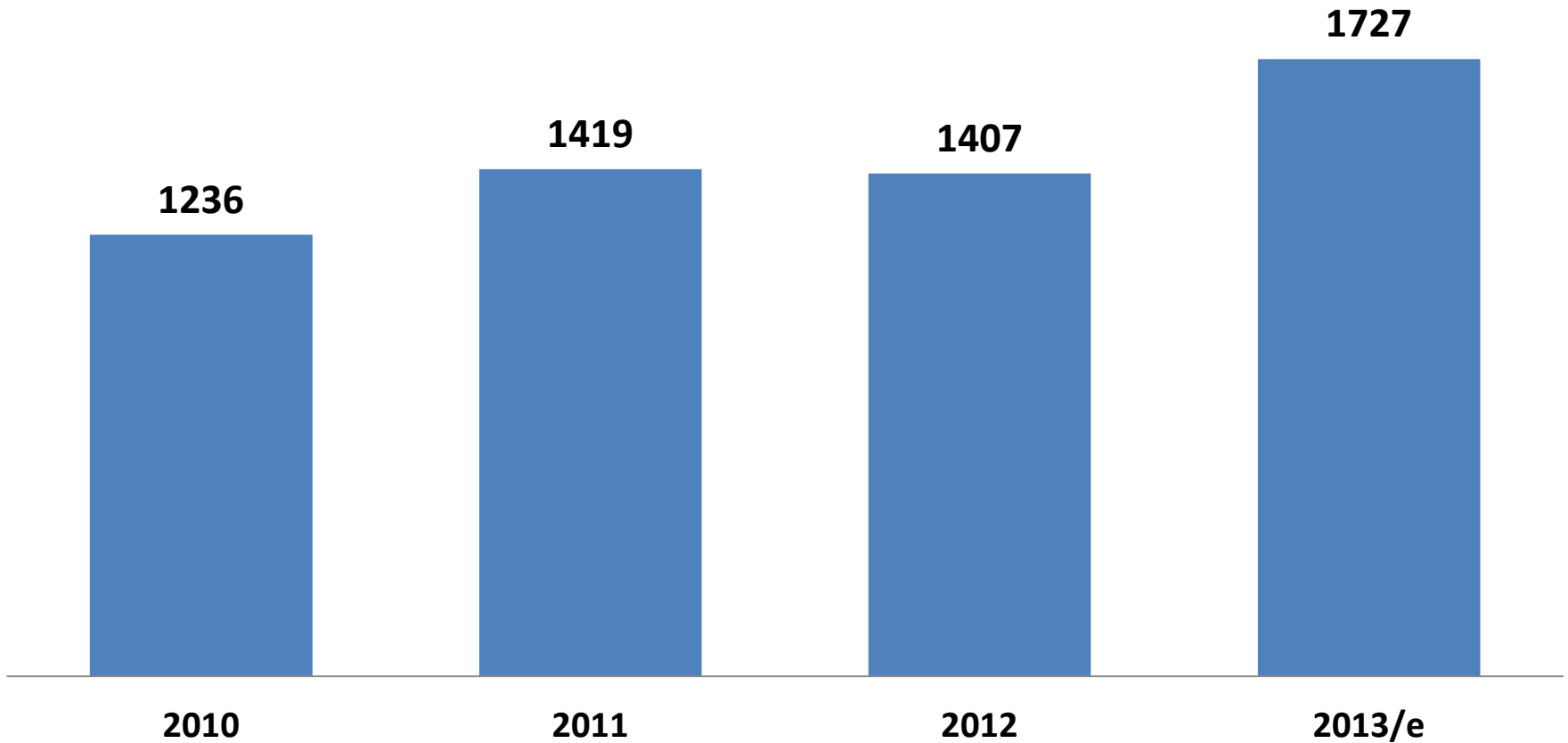
Homicides, June 2010-July 2013
(Daily average)



Source: SNSP

Exploding kidnappings....

Mexico: Kidnapping reports, 2010-2013



Source: SNSP.

How do you say quagmire in Spanish?

Michoacán



Bottom line

Few substantive changes in security policy ...at least in the short-term

Gradual, non-linear decline of criminal violence

If you are betting long on Mexico, rule of law, not violence, should be your prime concern

Thank you

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