

3 THINGS TO WATCH IN 2021: MEXICO



1 AMLO & Migration

Mexican President Andrés Manuel López Obrador (AMLO) worked with the Trump administration to stem the flow of Central American transmigration through Mexican territory, relieving much of the pressure on the U.S. southwest border. The Biden administration will have to reckon with these migratory flows and the role in the Mexico-US bilateral relationship.

Security Cooperation & the Meridia Initiative

In 2007, Mexico and the U.S. signed the Meridia Initiative -- a framework agreement to govern cooperation on security and fight organized crime and narcotrafficking. However, AMLO has long criticized the agreement and has issued statements about ending it. The Biden administration will send a message that they will not tolerate any weakening of the struggle against organized crime.

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3 Pressure on the Economy & Energy

Biden will likely take a stronger interest in protecting U.S. interests south of the border, given Mexico's deterioration in investment climate under AMLO and complaints over Mexican treatment of U.S. companies.