



How did trade blockades in World War One cause starvation in Lebanon?

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1. Playing on distrust and fear

The Mexican-American border: a permanent symbol of distrust and fear.

In 1848, after two years of bitter warfare, Mexico lost half of its land to neighbouring America. Some seventy years later, a distrust lingered between the two countries.

Germany saw this tension as an opportunity – perhaps even the key to winning the First World war, but it ended as a catastrophic diplomatic blunder.

The plan backfired so badly, not only did it help bring America into the war, it also poisoned relations between the US and Mexico, helping lay the foundations for the building of this border fence.