

Identity at the Border: Modern Rules of Show and Tell

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*Standing Guard:
Border Security, Identity,
and Privacy*



ATTENTION

**IF YOU ARRIVE DURING
UNSTAFFED HOURS
REPORT TO VIDEO CAMERA**



**WAIT
FOR
INSPECTOR**

INSPECTOR

Border examinations

- 300,000 individuals cross daily – 200M/yr
- pre-clearance for ‘trusted’ travelers
- Risk management strategy focuses time and energy on 1% of “high risk” travelers
- 30-60 seconds for primary investigation
- Reliance on technology



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11 million illegal immigrants

Sheldon Alberts, 'Virtual fence' planned for U.S.-Canada border
National Post. Sept 21, 2006.

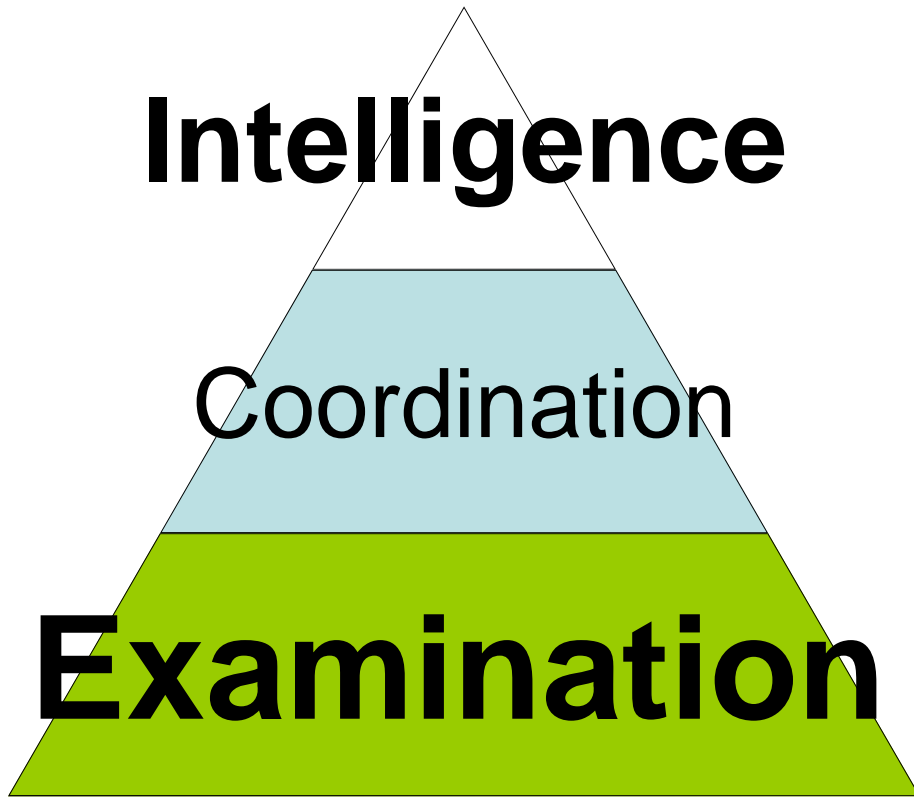
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Border Strategies

- **Delocalization of border function**
 - Preclearance
 - ACI: Advance Commercial Information
 - API/PNR data evaluation: High Threat Individuals
- **Technologization of border function**
 - Automatic risk assessment
 - CCTV, Infrared cameras, RFID
- **Surveillance of wider population**
 - New passport application procedures



Choke-points of 'risk management'



- **Intelligence**
 - Information mgt
 - International cooperation
- **Examination**
 - Identity documents
 - Interagency cooperation



Security and Risk Communication

- Public buy-in and consultation
 - **WHTI and Passport Req't**
 - **Virtual Fence (SBI-net)**
- Risk perception
- Conspicuous consumption
- Privacy and data-flows





INTERNATIONAL BOUNDARY