Since the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks, a shift has occurred in the discursive framing of undocumented Mexican immigrants who have entered the United States. The State has publicly proclaimed a War on Terror solidly coupling immigration and terrorism concerns and characterizing illegal aliens as potential terrorists via the Department of Homeland Security. I argue that this shift in the discourse has impacted the U.S.-Mexico border by re-framing this geo-socio-political boundary and its inhabitants as a potential terrorism threat to American National Security. This research will investigate how the State is presently constructing Latinas/os residing along the Texas - Mexico border via the Secure Fence Act of 2006 and in turn how this policy has shaped the lived experiences of Texas border residents. A multimethod approach was used in order to investigate this linkage.