

The Soldier and the Growth Machine: An Examination of Fort Bliss Texas

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Abstract :

In 2003 Fort Bliss, located in El Paso, Texas, had approximately 10,000 soldiers stationed there, about 6,000 fewer than a decade before, a result of troops lost in the 1995 Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) process (Caldwell 2005). This outcome in 1995 had a significant impact in shaping the direction the fort would take in the coming decade and a half. In response to the loss of troops El Paso experienced, a coordinated effort emerged between fort officials, local civic and business leaders, and politicians at the state and federal levels to promote, in terms of troops stationed, the growth of the fort (Roberts 2005a)

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