

Opinion: California has issues with its neighbors

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There's always been an incongruity about California's having three disparate states on its borders.

As California's population exploded during the 20th century, those of Nevada, Arizona and Oregon remained relatively sparse and today, collectively they have just one-third of California's population.



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The economies of California and its neighbors developed differently, but they once shared a generally conservative political outlook. Recently, however, we've shifted to the left, and Oregon has as well, while Nevada and Arizona still lean rightward.

The California-Nevada relationship has been particularly frosty. There's a long-running conflict over environmental issues around Lake Tahoe, for instance. And in recent months, Nevada has tweaked California by seemingly luring away California firms.

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