

# Opinion: Why Mexico over the U.S. for Olympics

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Robby Franco thought about it long and hard, and as we have learned, these skiing/snowboarding acrobats have minds of their own. So when he recovered from doing the splits – he had one ski in Mexico, one ski in America – the El Dorado High School graduate decided to take his talents south of the border.

The one-time Cougar speedster will be one of four skiers competing for Mexico in the PyeongChang Olympics.

While that sounds more than a little crazy, it also is a neighborly thing to do. One ski glove scratches the other, so to speak. After Franco failed to qualify for Team USA's 2014 squad in slopestyle, he went with the more favorable odds and turned his attention to the 2018 Games and growing the sport as a descendant of Mexican immigrants.

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