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This video video discusses the motivation and findings of a book that investigates the changes in the healthcare safety net following the 2010 Affordable Care Act (ACA), particularly as it affects undocumented immigrants. The authors focused on U.S. cities along the Mexico border, exploring how organizations and clinics have adapted to new challenges posed by the ACA.

They emphasize the emergence of what they term the "third net," an informal safety net that provides care to those excluded from the formal healthcare system due to stringent policies that arose after the ACA was implemented. This video video third net, made up of volunteer-based organizations, plays a crucial role in supporting undocumented immigrants who have limited access to healthcare, especially as formal safety nets have become increasingly selective in who they serve.

The authors assert that the healthcare system is not broken but intentionally designed to exclude certain populations, highlighting the importance of recognizing the lives and needs of undocumented migrants within healthcare discussions. They hope their work prompts policymakers to acknowledge the destructive impact of exclusionary practices on families and communities.

Lastly, they warn that the deterioration of the healthcare safety net threatens not only non-citizens but all individuals, suggesting that the conditions of the third net could foreshadow future healthcare challenges for the broader population.