

The US Immigration System Fails to Protect Latin American Women from Domestic Violence

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2018: Jeff Sessions stated Domestic Violence and Gang Violence could no longer be a basis for asylum

US granted \$640 Million to help D.V issues and prevent outbound immigration

Current Immigration Courts are arbitrary

How Can US Immigration Protect Latin American Women Against Domestic Violence?

Specialized Courts in Guatemala: 12 courts catered towards issues of D.V and other crimes

Significant increase in women protected through these courts

The US should implement specialized Immigration Courts catered towards D.V victims

El Salvador, Guatemala, and Honduras are ranked in the top 7 of the world for having the highest rates of femicide (related to domestic abuse killings)

Pandemic Data: Brazil: 143 women murdered in the first two months (increase of 22% compared to 2019)

Peru: March 11th to June 30th, nearly 1,200 women disappeared

60% of women reported domestic abuse to law enforcement & were not protected.

40% of women didn't report abuse due to law enforcement's lack of protection

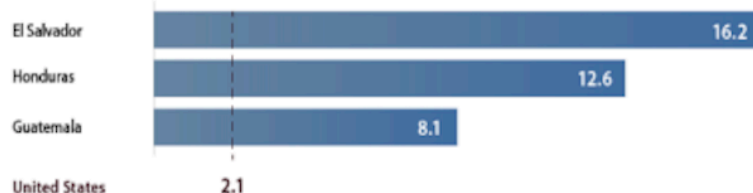
Methods:

- Analyze articles about domestic violence in Latin America
- Research case studies & data on immigration

Primary Sources:

- Children's Defense Fund- New York
- Pan American Health Organization
- UN Refugee Agency
- US News: "Violence Against Latin American Women Increases During Pandemic"

FIGURE 2
The Northern Triangle countries are still unsafe for women and girls
Female homicides per 100,000 women in 2016, by country



Source: Small Arms Survey, "Interactive Maps and Charts of Armed Violence Indicators," available at <http://www.smallarmssurvey.org/tools/interactive-map-charts-on-armed-violence.html> (last accessed May 2018).

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