

“Alone, we go fast. Together, we go further” Migrants’ collective (dis-)empowerment in the Americas

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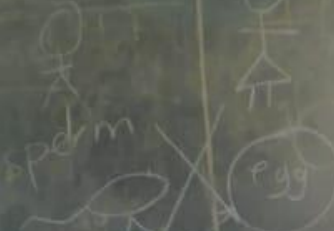
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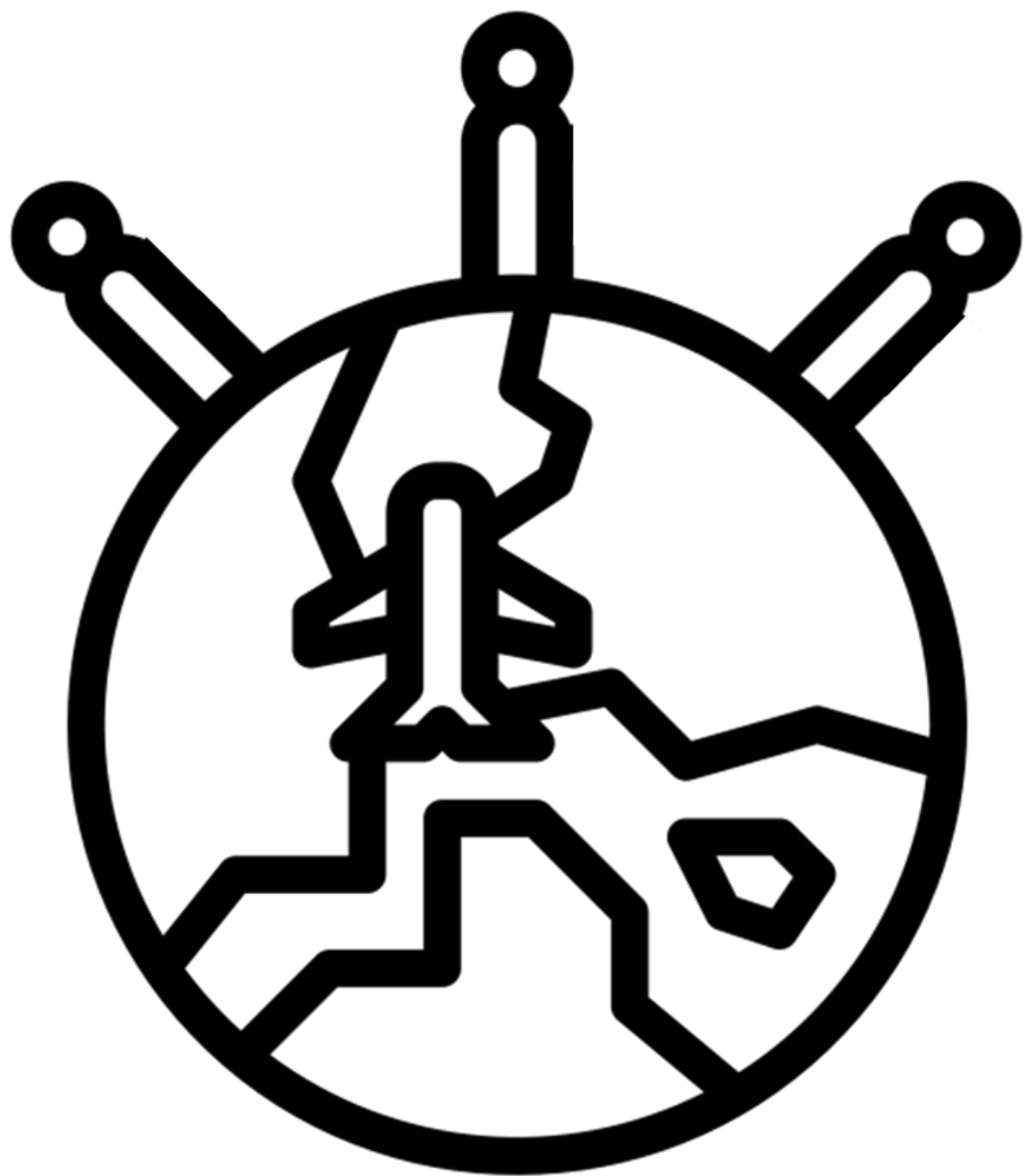
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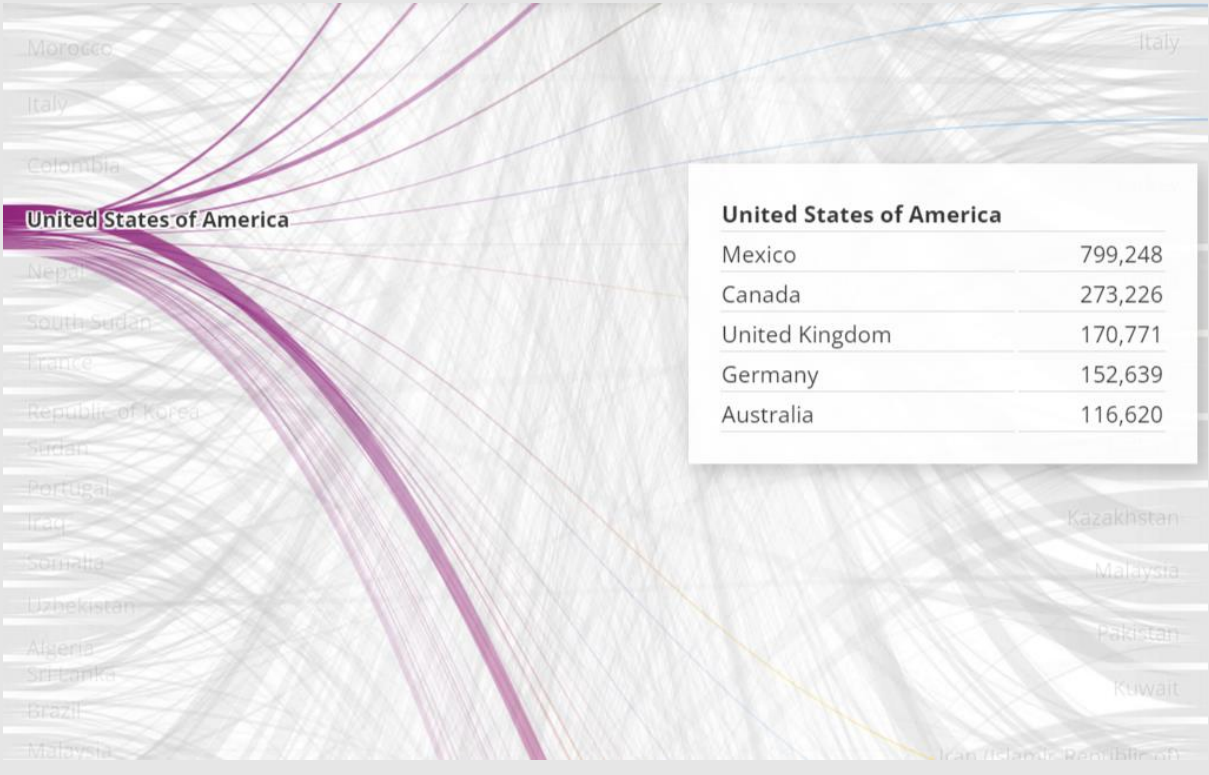


A migration crisis?





Mexico-US Migration corridor





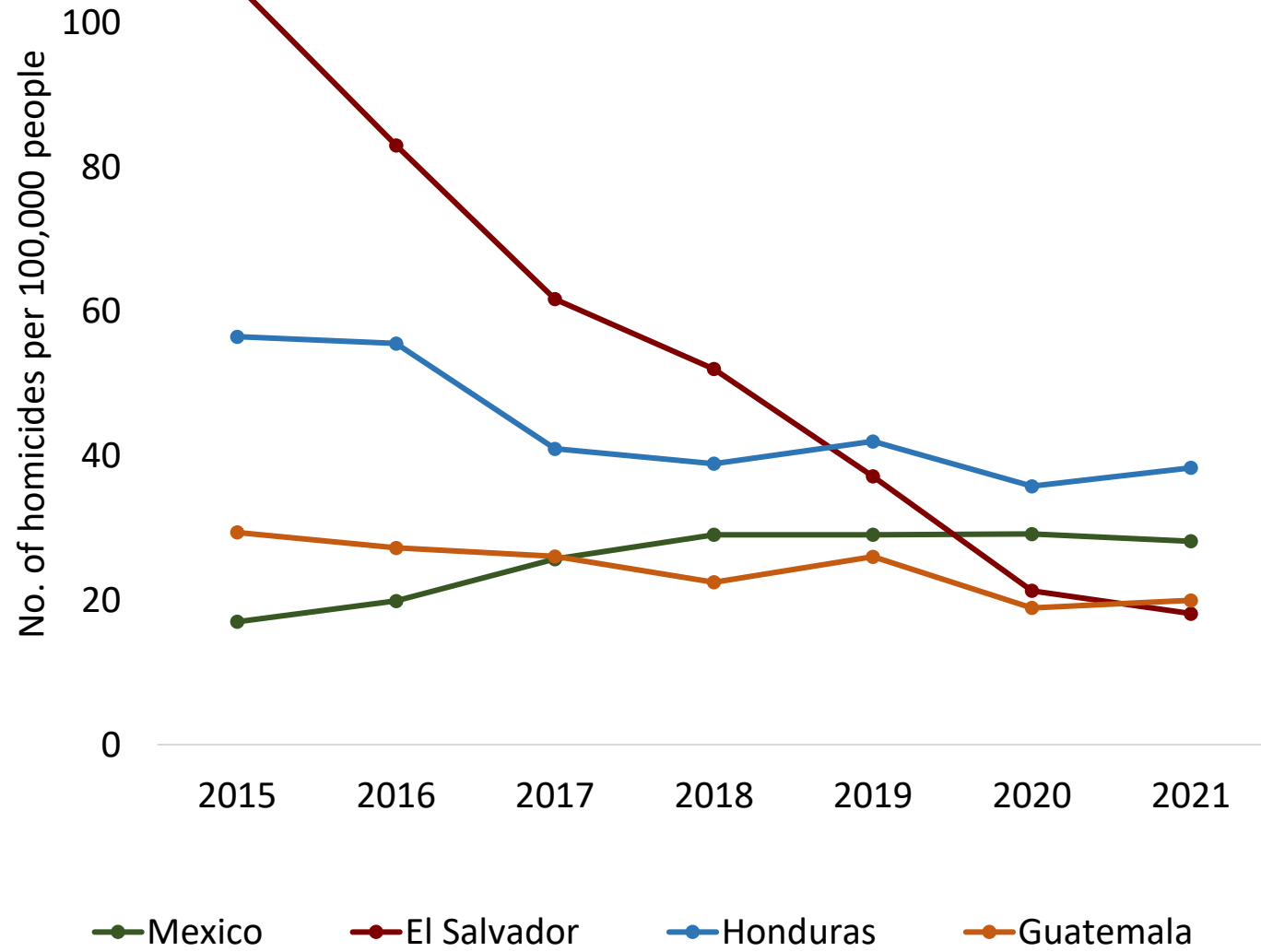
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Homicide rates in Mexico and North of Central America



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Extreme Severity (4 out of 4)	High Severity (3 out of 4)	Moderate Severity (2 out of 4)	Limited Severity (1 out of 4)
Colombia	Afghanistan	Bangladesh	Armenia
Haiti	Brazil	Cameroon	Azerbaijan
Mali	Burkina Faso	Ethiopia	Belize
Mexico	Democratic Republic of Congo	Honduras	Burundi
Myanmar	India	Jamaica	Central African Republic
Syria	Iraq	Libya	Egypt
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	Philippines	Palestine	Guatemala
	Somalia	Sudan	Indonesia
	South Sudan	Venezuela	Israel

Generalised violence, socioeconomic deprivations, discrimination...



They charged me a lot and I couldn't keep my business anymore... Honduran asylum seeker
Me cobraban mucho y ya no pude mantener mi negocio pues... Mujer Hondureña solicitante de refugio

They wanted to kill us for being a gay couple.
Salvadorian lesbian refugee woman
Nos querían matar por ser pareja gay. Mujer lesbiana Salvadoreña

There is no future for my children there. Salvadorian migrant woman
No hay futuro para mis hijos allá.
Salvadorian migrant

Nobody wants to be in Cuba. You can't be there. There's no work, there's no food, there's nothing... Cuban refugee woman
En Cuba nadie quiere estar. No se puede estar. No hay trabajo, no hay comida no hay nada... Mujer refugiada Cubana



While many migrants continue to cross Mexico headed to the USA, others stay



Asylum applications: 30,000 in 2018 → 130,000 in 2021 and 118,000 in 2022

Asylum applicants in 2023: Haiti (40%), Honduras (22%), Cuba (6%) Venezuela (5%), El Salvador (4%).

LATIN AMERICA

A deadly Mexico immigration center fire shows just a sliver of the abuse migrants see

Updated March 31, 2023 · 12:39 PM ET ⓘ



Vanessa Romo





United States

Mexico

Guatemala

Nicaragua

Costa Rica

Colombia

French Guiana

Guyana

Self-portrait without my face



I see myself just as another migrant. People migrating who are keeping quiet and repressing themselves in fear of being recognised. We are prisoners in the midst of freedom.

Carlos, Salvadoran asylum seeker trans man, 29 years old. Tapachula, December 2022.

Me veo como un migrante más. Personas migrando que se están callando y se están reprimiendo por miedo a ser reconocidos. Estamos presos en medio de la libertad.

In southern Mexico, a crush of stranded migrants clashes almost daily with authorities



The Nation.

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Trapped in Tapachula: Mexico pressures asylum seekers to stay for months at its southern border



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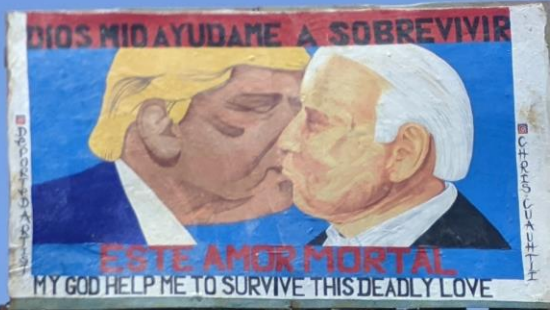
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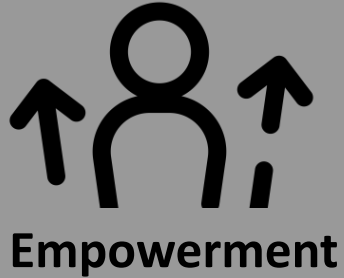
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Oppression is power. Where there is power, there is resistance



- Transformation of unequal power relations and social change.
- Multidimensional, relational, temporal, and context-specific.
- ‘Conscientisation’ and critical consciousness (Freire 1979).

“changing power relations in favour of those who previously exercised little power-over their own lives...” (G. Sen 1997, 2).



“Expansion in people’s ability to make **strategic life choices** in a context where this ability was previously denied to them” (Kabeer 1999).



Urgent Freedom of transit



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POLITICS

Reuters

Trump calls migrant caravans "invasion" at campaign rally

Posted May 8, 2019

U.S. President Donald Trump called migrant caravans on their way to the U.S-Mexico border "an invasion" during a campaign rally in Panama City, Florida. Rough cut - no reporter narration.

DONALD TRUMP · Published [October 27, 2021](#) 6:06pm EDT

Trump says migrant caravan 'must be stopped' as it moves through Mexico towards US border

The caravan set off toward the U.S. border on Saturday

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**“We don't leave because we want to,
violence and poverty expel us”**

No nos vamos porque queremos, nos expulsa la
violencia y la pobreza.

— Recorrido
de la caravana
de migrantes
de 2018



BIENVENIDOS A
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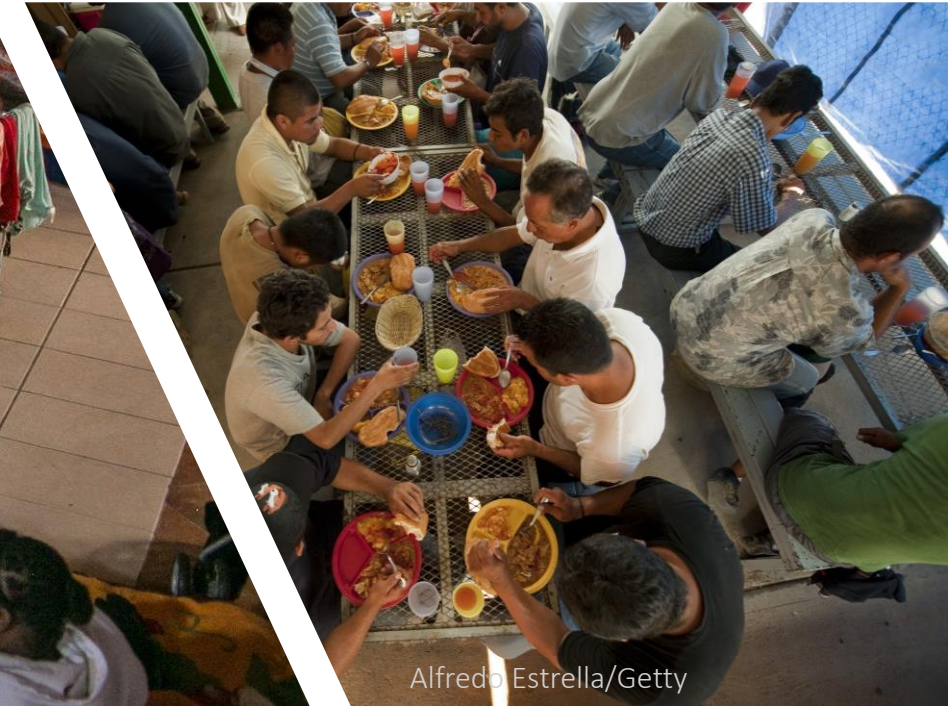




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Thousands of migrants leave Tapachula in protest caravan

MND Staff April 24, 2023





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Es momento de luchar las voces
de la comunidad migrante

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Tens of thousands of people are planning to enter EU country together, after alleged racist attacks and rising tensions



The Caravan of Light



Photographer:
Salvadorian refugee
trans woman, 24 years
old. Tapachula,
December 2022.



Photographer:
Venezuelan Asylum
seeker woman, 34
years old. Mexico
City, March 2023.

If we go together, the pain is not felt so strongly... If we cry, we cry together and help each other to keep on going...

Si vamos juntos, el dolor ya no se siente tanto...
si lloramos, lloramos juntos y nos ayudamos a seguir...



TODOS SOMOS MIGRANTES

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