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, [ECLAC: At least 2,795 were victims of femicide in 23 countries of Latin America and the Caribbean in 2017](#) [1], Gender Equality Observatory for Latin America and the Caribbean, 2017

Stressing the need to create inter-agency agreements, the 2017 Economic Commission for the Latin America and the Caribbean's report on femicide shows that Brazil topped the list of femicides (with 1,133 victims confirmed in 2017). In 2016, Honduras recorded 5.8 femicides for every 100,000 women. In Guatemala, the Dominican Republic and Bolivia, high rates were also seen in 2017, equal to or above 2 cases for every 100,000 women. In the region, only Panama, Peru and Venezuela have rates below 1.0. In the Caribbean, four countries accounted for a total of 35 femicide victims in 2017: Belize (9 victims), the British Virgin Islands (1), Saint Lucia (4) and Trinidad and Tobago (21). In the same year, Guyana and Jamaica — which only have data on intimate femicides — reported the deaths of 34 and 15 women, respectively, at the hands of their current or former partners. In 2017, the rates of intimate femicides in Latin America ranged between a maximum of 1.98 for every 100,000 women in the Dominican Republic, to a minimum of 0.47 in Chile.

, [Across Latin America, women fight back against violence in politics](#) [2], UN Women, 2018

Reports on how women in Bolivia, Brazil, Honduras and Mexico who are willing to hold public offices experience violence and do react against intimidation.

Relevant document on political violence against women for each of these countries can be found below.

International: INCLUDE PDF; <http://archive.ipu.org/wmn-e/classif.htm> [3]

Bolivia: <http://observatorioparidaddemocratica.oep.org.bo/> [4] (Spanish). For further readings, please see <http://www.unwomen.org/en/news/stories/2018/11/take-five-katia-uriona> [5]

Brazil: <http://www.brasil5050.org.br/> [6] (Portuguese)

Mexico: <https://www.gob.mx/conavim/documentos/protocolo-para-la-atencion-de-la-violencia-contras-las-mujeres-en-razon-de-genero-2017> [7]; <http://mexico.unwomen.org/es/digiteca/publicaciones/2017/10/protocolo-oaxaca> [8]

, [Bolivia revolutionises the fight against femicide](#) [9], YouTube, 2018

This short video shows Bolivian President, Evo Morales announcing the creation of a Defence Cabinet specialised in tackling violence against women and in supporting grassroots efforts. This video situates Bolivia's move within the wider international context of governments integrating women's liberation into the executive branch, taking inspiration from countries such as Cuba and Vietnam, which have done the same. In the video, RT producer, Cale Holmes, analyses how, despite an increase in femicide, violence against women and reactionary backlash in Bolivia, the government under Evo Morales was supporting women's struggle.

Albo, Xavier, [Bolivia: From Indian and Campesino Leaders to Councillors and Parliamentary Deputies](#) [10], In , [Multiculturalism in Latin America. Indigenous Rights, Diversity and Democracy](#) [11] Basingstoke, Palgrave MacMillan, , 2002, pp. 304, pp. 74-102

Albro, Robert, [The Water is Ours. Carajo!": Deep Citizenship in Bolivia's water war](#) [12], In , [Social Movements. An Anthropological Reader](#) [13] Oxford, Blackwell, , 2005, pp. 360, pp. 249-271

Beltran, Elizabeth Peredo, [Water, Privatization and Conflict: Women from the Cochabamba Valley](#) [14], Global Issues Papers, no 4, April, Berlin, Heinrich Böll Foundation, 2004, pp. 48



Boelens, Rutgerd ; Getches, David ; Gil, Armando Guevara, [Out of the Mainstream: Water Rights, Politics and Identity \[15\]](#), New York, Routledge, 2011, pp. 384

Compares struggles over water in Andean communities of Peru, Chile, Ecuador and Bolivia and Native American communities in S.W. USA, noting the combined goals of cultural justice and socio-economic justice.

Boots, Wilson T., [Miracle in Bolivia: Four women confront a nation \[16\]](#), In McManus; Schlabach, [Relentless Persistence: Nonviolent Action in Latin America \[17\]](#) (E. IV.1. General and Comparative Studies [18]), Philadelphia PA, New Society Publishers, pp. 48-62

On 1977-78 hunger strike.

Caretta, Martina ; Zaragocin, Sofia, [Women's resistance against the extractive industry: embodied and water dimensions \[19\]](#), Human Geography, Vol. 13, no. 1, 2020

This is a special issue on women's organized resistance to the extraction of natural resources that has a damaging impact on their lives and environment. Articles cover movements in Bolivia, Colombia, Ecuador, Peru and Mexico and also Ghana, focusing on the importance of water as a vital resource, and also on women's embodied experience of suffering from water pollution and scarcity. The articles also discuss gendered critiques of extraction.

Chávex, Marxa ; López, Claudia, [Women in Tariquía \[20\]](#), NACLA Report on the Americas, Vol. 50, no. 4, 2018, pp. 408-410

Explores women's fight against oil extraction in the Bolivian Tariquía Reserve and the threat against forms of self-governance, of dispossession from the land and the environment this constitutes. The authors bring into the analysis the false division between the public and the private sphere. The threat of dispossession, in fact, is projected in daily life, as when women have to endure divisions within their families, occurrence that is considered a form of private and public violence.

Collins, Dan, [The woman breaking Bolivia's culture of silence on rape \[21\]](#), The Guardian, 2018

Covers the story of Brisa De Angulo, now in her 30s, who was raped at the age of 15 and, two years after, opened the first – and only – comprehensive support centre for child survivors of sexual violence. This led to creation of the charity A Breeze of Hope and prompted support from Bolivian society and local NGOs.

See also <https://www.aljazeera.com/indepth/features/2016/07/bolivia-measures-counteract-gender-violence-160711135302912.html> [22]

Cordova, Cecilia, [Gender and politics in Bolivia. Violent repercussions of the political 'empowerment' of women \[23\]](#), Christian Aid, 2017, pp. 1-20

Analyses the reality of women's political participation in Bolivia, and the efforts towards its promotion, within the spheres of indigenous institutions, *sindicatos* (i.e. trade unions) and state participation.

Crabtree, John, [Patterns of Protest: Politics and Social Movements in Bolivia \[24\]](#), London, Latin America Bureau, 2003, pp. 117

Covers other protests over land, water and coca, but the final chapter 'El Alto and the Gas Wars' describes and analyses 2003, including brief discussion of women's organizations and the role of radio.



Crabtree, John ; Chaplin, Ann, [A New Bolivia? Change, Resistance Protest from the Bottom Up](#) [25], London, Zed Books, 2013, pp. 192

Crabtree, John ; Whitehead, Laurence, [Towards Democratic Viability: The Bolivian Experience](#) [26], ed. Crabtree, John [27], Whitehead, Laurence [28], Basingstoke, Palgrave, 2001, pp. 356

Dangl, Benjamin, [The Price of Fire: Resource Wars and Social Movements in Bolivia](#) [29], Oakland CA, AK Press, 2007, pp. 240

Dangl is an editor of <http://towardfreedom.com> [30] and <http://upsidedownworld.org> [31].

Dunkerley, James, [Rebellion in the Veins: Political Struggle in Bolivia, 1952-82](#) [32], London, Verso, 1984, pp. 385

Notes that 1952 revolution is not well covered in the literature (even in Spanish). Charts changing economic and political context, giving weight to the role of the militant working class in the mines, but also notes role of Catholic Church on human rights (pp. 128-31).

Food Empowerment Project, [Water Usage and Privatization](#) [33], Vol. 2016, Cotati CA, Food Empowerment Project, 2015

Useful summary analysis including brief case studies of corporate misuse of water and resistance to them (and further references): Nestle in US, Vivendi and Suez in Mexico, Bechtel in Bolivia and Coca Cola in India.

Franceschet, Susan ; Krook, Mona Lena ; Tan, Netina, [The Palgrave Handbook of Women's Political Rights](#) [34], ed. Ennaji, Moha [35], Sadiqi, Fatima [36], Vintges, Karen [37], London, Palgrave Macmillan, 2019, pp. 784

Covers women's political rights across all major regions of the world, focusing both on women's right to vote and women's right to run for political office. The countries explored are Afghanistan, Armenia, Australia, Bolivia, Canada, Cameroon, Chile, China, Colombia, Cuba, Czech Republic, Finland, France, Ghana, India, Indonesia, Israel, Jordan, Kenya, Kuwait, Malaysia, Mauritius, Mexico, Mongolia, Morocco, New Zealand, Myanmar, Niger, Nigeria, Poland, Russia, Rwanda, Slovenia, Sri Lanka, Sweden, South Korea, Slovenia, Switzerland, Taiwan, Tunisia, Turkey, the United States, Uganda, Uruguay, and Zimbabwe.

Galindo, Jimena ; Gaytan, Victoria, [Latin America and the Caribbean's grievous femicide case](#) [38], Global Americans, 2019

Highlights the evidence that in 32 countries in Latin America and the Caribbean at least 3,529 women were victims of femicide in 2018. According to the report by ECLAC, the five countries with the highest rates of femicide in Latin America are: El Salvador (6.8 femicides per 100,000 women), Honduras (5.1), Bolivia (2.3), Guatemala (2.0) and the Dominican Republic (1.9). In the Caribbean, Guyana leads with 8.8 femicides per 100,000 women, followed by Saint Lucia (4.4), Trinidad and Tobago (3.4), Barbados (3.4), and Belize (2.6).

Gatehouse, Mike, [To end gender-based violence \(GBV\). Children Aid's campaign in Latin America and the Caribbean](#) [39], LAB, 2018

Report on grassroots initiatives promoted by Christian Aid and Latin America civil society aimed at developing a national system of data and statistics on violence against women in El Salvador. It also discusses women's deprivation of citizen rights in the Dominican Republic; the struggle of women defending their community in the Brazilian Amazon; the need to protect the rights of LGBTIQ people in Colombia; the need to enhance the participation of women in the labour market in Guatemala, and to tackle gender based violence and its



legitimisation by the Church in Bolivia.

Hicks, Kathryn ; Fabricant, Nicole, [The Bolivian Climate Justice Movement: Mobilizing Indigeneity in Climate Change Negotiations](#) [40], *Latin American Perspectives*, Vol. 43, no. 4, 2016, pp. 87-104

The authors note that many of the groups in the Bolivian coalition mobilizing against global warming draw on indigenous philosophy and worldviews to oppose value commitments to economic development. Drawing on fieldwork in 2010, they assess the relationship between state and non-state actors and argue that the coalition has had a significant global impact, despite the failure of multilateral climate change negotiations.

See also article by the same authors: 'Bolivia vs. the Billionaires: Limitations of the "Climate Justice Movement" in International Negotiations', *Nacla: reporting on the Americas since 1967*, Vol. 46, issue 2, 2013, pp. 27-31. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1080/10714839.2013.11722008> [41]

Examine's Bolivia's role at UN Conferences in Copenhagen and Doha and notes the strength of the opposition, not only from powerful global companies blocking real reduction of carbon emissions, but 'the capitalist economy itself'. They also discuss the World People's Conference in Bolivia in 2010 and report criticisms of Evo Morales reliance on extractive industries for economic development, despite his 'anti-capitalist discourse'.

Hooker, Juliet, [Black and indigenous resistance in the Americas: from multiculturalism to racist Backlash](#) [42], Lanham, U.S., Lexington Books, 2020, pp. 340

This book is the outcome of long term research by the Antiracist Research and Action Network of the Americas into rising racial intolerance, but also increasing resistance by both Black and indigenous people throughout the Americas. It covers six Latin American countries - Brazil, Bolivia, Chile, Colombia, Guatemala and Mexico - as well as the US, and discusses the backlash against earlier gains in rights within nation states. The book argues that this nation-based strategy, pursued in a neo-liberal capitalist context, was inadequate and that the focus should now be on resisting 'racial capitalism' which bolsters white supremacy. The rise of militant anti-racial activism in the US and around the world in 2020 makes the book especially relevant.

Kingsnorth, Paul, [One No. Many Yeses: A Journey to the Heart of the Global Resistance Movement](#) [43], London, Free Press, 2003, pp. 355

Wide ranging exploration of campaigns in all parts of the world seen at first hand. Includes coverage of Sem Terra in Brazil, Cochabamba in Bolivia, township resistance to privatization in South Africa, the Zapatistas, opposition to mining in West Papua, and campaigning groups in the USA. See also his: , [Protest still matters](#) [44] *New Statesman*, 08/05/2006 , 8 May, 2006, discussing why the Global Justice Movement has dropped out of the news, the turn away from street demonstrations to social forums, and stressing that struggles still continue, especially in the Global South.

Kohl, Benjamin ; Farthing, Linda, [Impasse in Bolivia. Neoliberal hegemony and popular resistance](#) [45], London, Zed Books, 2006, pp. 224

Lora, Guillermo, [A History of the Bolivian Labour Movement, 1848-1971](#) [46], Cambridge, Cambridge University Press, 1977, pp. 380

Malloy, James M. ; Gamarra, Eduardo, [Revolution and Reaction: Bolivia 1964-1985](#) [47], Oxford, Transaction Books, 1988, pp. 244

Nash, June, [We Eat the Mines and the Mines Eat Us: Dependency and Exploitation in Bolivian Tin Mines](#) [48], New York, Columbia University Press, 1979, pp. 363



Includes material on strikes, demonstrations, hunger strikes and road blocks.

Olivera, Oscar ; Lewis, Tom, [¡Cochabamba! Water War in Bolivia](#) [49], Cambridge MA, South End Press, 2004, pp. 224

Perreault, Thomas, [From the Guerra Del Agua to the Guerra Del Gas: Resource Governance, Neoliberalism and Popular Protest in Bolivia](#) [50], Antipode, Vol. 38, 2006, pp. 150-172

Postero, Nancy Grey, [Now We Are Citizens: Indigenous Politics in Postmulticultural Bolivia](#) [51], Stanford CA, Stanford University Press, 2006, pp. 340

Sandor, John S., [Bolivia, protest and repression, 1964–2000](#) [52], In Ness, [International Encyclopaedia of Revolution and Protest: 1500 to the present](#) [53] (A. 7. Important Reference Works and Websites [54]), Wiley-Blackwell,

Shultz, Jim ; Draper, Melissa Crane, [Dignity and Defiance: Stories from Bolivia's Challenge to Globalization](#) [55], ed. [Shultz, Jim](#) [56], [Draper, Melissa Crane](#) [57], Berkeley CA, University of California Press, 2009, pp. 352

Stettner, Shannon ; Acherman, Katrina ; Burnett, Kristin ; Hay, Travis, [Transcending Borders. Abortion in the Past and Present](#) [58], Cham, Switzerland, Palgrave Macmillan, 2017, pp. 360

This volume investigates different abortion and reproductive practices across time, space, geography, national boundaries, and cultures. The authors specialise in the reproductive politics of Australia, Bolivia, Cameroon, France, 'German East Africa,' Ireland, Japan, Sweden, South Africa, the United States and Zanzibar, and cover the pre-modern era and the nineteenth and twentieth centuries, as well as the present day. Contributors draw on different theoretical frameworks, including 'intersectionality' and 'reproductive justice' to explore the very varied conditions in which women have been forced to make these life-altering decisions.

Webber, Jeffrey, [From Rebellion to Reform in Bolivia: Class Struggle, Indigenous Liberation and the Politics of Evo Morales](#) [59], Chicago IL, Haymarket Books, 2011, pp. 340

Yoon, Kate, [Towards an Equitable and Effective Climate Deal: An Interview with Mary Robinson](#) [60], Harvard International Review, Vol. 36, no. 3, 2015, pp. 35-37

In this interview Mary Robinson, former President of Ireland and UN Special Envoy on Climate Change, talks about the Mary Robinson Foundation-Climate Justice. She discusses how climate change disproportionately affects women, especially through undermining food security, and notes that many women are farmers in developing countries.

See also: Editorial spotlight: Climate action with women, *UN Women*, 13 September 2019.

<https://www.unwomen.org/en/news/stories/2019/9/spotlight-climate-action-with-women> [61]

Link to women-led initiatives in Bolivia, the Caribbean and Cambodia to tackle climate change.

See also: Empowering women on the frontlines of climate change, *UN Environment Programme*, 8 March 2019.

<https://www.unenvironment.org/news-and-stories/story/empowering-women-frontlines-climate-change> [62]

Brief introduction to "Promoting Gender-Responsive Approaches to Natural Resource Management for Peace", a Sudanese project implemented by UN Environment, UN Women and the United Nations Development Programme.



Zibechi, Raul, [Dispersing Power: Social Movements as Anti-State Forces](#) [63], Oakland CA, AK Press, 2010, pp. 163

The state, argues Zibechi, 'is not the appropriate tool for creating new social relations', and therefore Morales' presidency represents a challenge to popular emancipation. Instead, he looks for inspiration to the social struggles in Bolivia and the forms of community power instituted by the Aymara people, especially in El Alto.

Zunes, Stephen, [The Role of Strategic Nonviolent Conflict in Bolivia's Transition to Democracy, 1977-82](#) [64], Paper for biannual meeting of the International Peace Research Association, July 2010, 2010

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