

# Look the other Way.

A multimodal glimpse of intentionally ignoring acts of violence involving U.S. policing agencies in the southwest.

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# Definition of looking the other way;

Deliberately overlook something, especially something of an illicit nature.

“This expression uses the other way in the sense of “away from what is normal or expected.” (1)

When we look the other way from topics that involve human rights our whole community suffers. As a society we know shooting a 16 year old for throwing rocks, detaining children at the border and separation them from their parents, and not recording or investigating the murders or disappearance of indigenous women are all acts of violence, that is not normal or expected. When our government looks the other way from these topics they are perpetuating that violence.

# Nogales AZ 2013

This photo is from a  
Demonstration of support  
for Jose Antonio Elena  
Rodriguez.

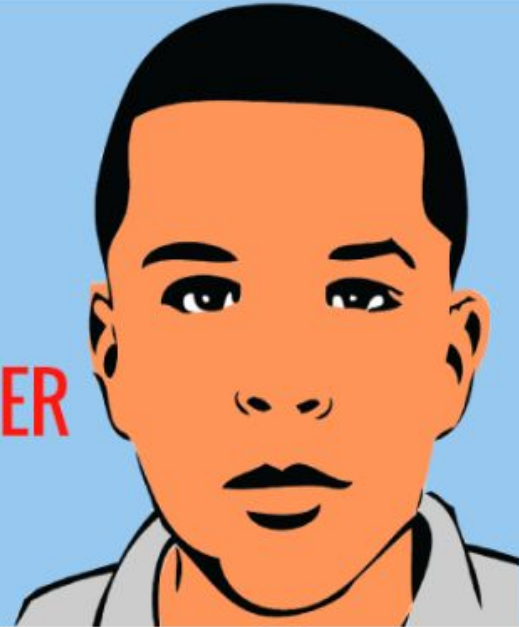


**JOSE ANTONIO ELENA RODRIGUEZ**

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Watch video; <https://www.southernborder.org/jose-antonio-elena-rodriguez>

**JOSE ANTONIO ELENA RODRIGUEZ  
WAS KILLED BY BORDER PATROL  
ON THE MEXICAN SIDE OF THE BORDER**



**WHO WAS JOSE ANTONIO ELENA RODRIGUEZ?**

This map shows the short distance between Tucson and Nogales. Jose was on his side of the border in Nogales, AZ when his life was taken by U.S. Border patrol.



JOSÉ was a 16 year old child Murdered by U.S. Border Patrol agent.  
Another video about his story; <https://www.aclu.org/video/justice-jose-antonio>



# Border Patrol agent found not guilty of murder in Mexican teen's 2012 death

**Almost six years after José Antonio Elena Rodríguez died in a cross-border shooting, activists condemn US jury's 'inconceivable' finding**



📷 A portrait of José Antonio Elena Rodríguez is displayed on the Nogales street where he was killed. Photograph: Anita Snow/AP

Link to AZ Daily Star news article;

[https://tucson.com/news/local/not-guilty-jury-acquits-border-patrol-agent-lonnie-swartz-of-involuntary-manslaughter/article\\_80be72e4-ed96-11e8-9c42-47dbfc620c32.html](https://tucson.com/news/local/not-guilty-jury-acquits-border-patrol-agent-lonnie-swartz-of-involuntary-manslaughter/article_80be72e4-ed96-11e8-9c42-47dbfc620c32.html)

# The Injustice Never Leaves You

## Anti-Mexican Violence in Texas

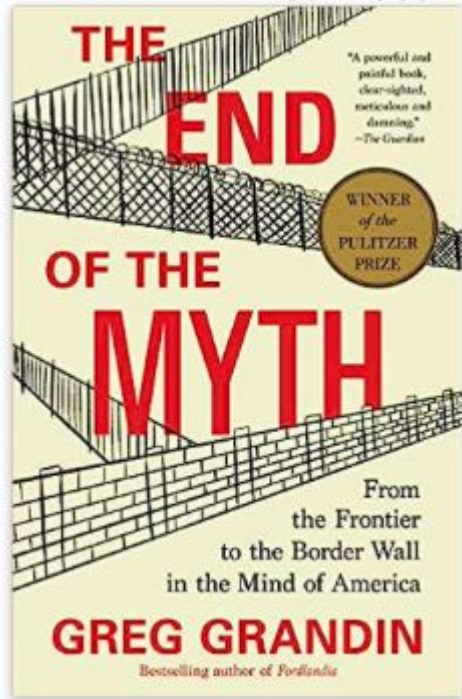


Monica Munoz Martinez utilize her own oral history to tell the story of violence against Mexicans in the southwest.



Referenced cities and towns in Texas and Mexico.





The idea that we need a border wall or that border patrol is a necessity is a myth. Check out this book by Greg Grandin for a Euro- Centric look at the border history in the United States.

Q&A on family separations at border

# Here's what's going on with family separations at the border

Perla Trevizo Jun 17, 2018 Updated Dec 30, 2018



Link to this article on Family Separations;

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[https://tucson.com/news/local/heres-whats-going-on-with-family-separations-at-the-border/article\\_1cf20cd7-c0c7-591d-9ff2-69b662b5801a.html](https://tucson.com/news/local/heres-whats-going-on-with-family-separations-at-the-border/article_1cf20cd7-c0c7-591d-9ff2-69b662b5801a.html)

# USA: Policy of separating children from parents is nothing short of torture


The sickening images of children cruelly separated from their parents and held in cages as a result of Attorney General Jeff Sessions' policy of 'zero-tolerance' will leave an indelible stain on the reputation of the USA, said Amnesty International today.

"This is a spectacularly cruel policy, where frightened children are being ripped from their parent's arms and taken to overflowing detention centres, which are effectively cages. This is nothing short of torture. The severe mental suffering that officials have intentionally inflicted on these families for coercive purposes, means that these acts meet the definitions of torture under both US and international law," said Erika Guevara-Rosas, Amnesty International's Americas Director.

# Suit for migrants subjected to family separation in Arizona will move forward

By **Alisa Reznick**

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A U.S District Court in Tucson has rejected the government's request to drop a lawsuit seeking financial compensation for migrant families separated under the Trump administration's zero-tolerance border policy.

Thousands of children were separated from their parents under zero tolerance. The ACLU filed suit in 2019 seeking compensation for a group of five families separated in Arizona. The Biden administration asked the court to dismiss it, arguing it had already condemned the policy and was working to reunite families.

Stephan Kang is with the ACLU.

"One one hand, the government is saying that they condemn what the Trump administration, but at the same time they're still defending themselves in court against our legal claims," he said. "So we'll see what they say as they try to walk that line."

The Biden administration was in settlement talks with separated families and the ACLU late last year, but talks fell apart before the end of the year.

Judge John Hinderaker is allowing the Arizona case to move forward now, but he ruled individual Trump-era officials, like Stephen Miller and Jeff Sessions, could not be held personally liable for the harm caused by family separation.

Link to listen to this story involving Family Separation in Arizona;

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[https://tucson.com/news/local/heres-whats-going-on-with-family-separations-at-the-border/article\\_1cf20cd7-c0c7-591d-9ff2-69b662b5801a.html](https://tucson.com/news/local/heres-whats-going-on-with-family-separations-at-the-border/article_1cf20cd7-c0c7-591d-9ff2-69b662b5801a.html)

The Testimonies of Children  
Detained at the Southern Border  
of the United States

# HEAR MY VOICE

COMPILED BY **Warren Bradford** for **Project Amplify**

YOUR  
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## WHEN YOU HEAR ME

YOU HEAR US

VOICES ON YOUTH INCARCERATION

FOREWORD BY SHAKA SENGHOR

# Missing and Murdered Indigenous People Crisis

Violence Against Native Americans and Alaska Natives far exceed national averages

*For decades, Native American and Alaska Native communities have struggled with high rates of assault, abduction, and murder of women. Community advocates describe the crisis as a legacy of generations of government policies of forced removal, land seizures and violence inflicted on Native peoples.*

- A 2016 study by the National Institute of Justice (NIJ) found that more than four in five American Indian and Alaska Native women (84.3 percent) have experienced violence in their lifetime, including 56.1 percent who have experienced sexual violence.
- In the year leading up to the study, 39.8 percent of American Indian and Alaska Native women had experienced violence, including 14.4 percent who had experienced sexual violence.
- Overall, more than 1.5 million American Indian and Alaska Native women have experienced violence in their lifetime.

Link to an article covering the crisis of missing and murdered Indigenous women and girls.



# No More Stolen Sisters

A Human Rights Response to Missing  
and Murdered Indigenous Women  
#MMIW Canada

**TAKE ACTION**



Link to an  
article from  
Amnesty  
International on  
this Human  
RIGHTS  
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[https://amnesty.ca/  
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*"Missing & Murdered  
Indigenous Women,  
Children & Men  
Across Canada"*

2023

**MMIW-INDIGENOUS RIGHTS**

No More Stolen Sisters is a majorly overlooked human rights crisis all across North America.

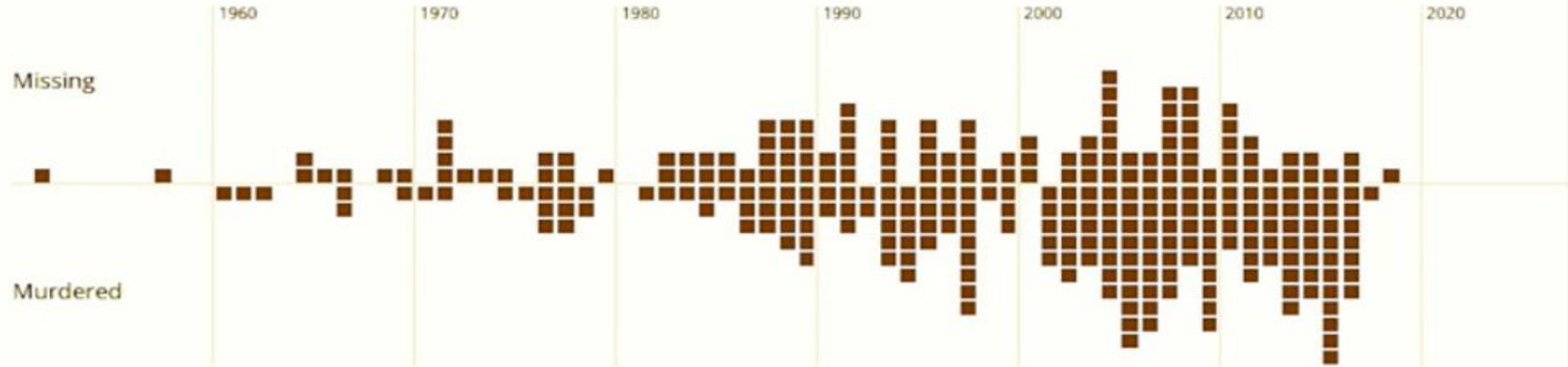
Link to a video about this crisis in Canada;

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=s4uiNlqllm8>



## THE DATA: CASE EXPLORER

The statistics about missing and murdered Indigenous women are stark and staggering. Explore the cases of these women through filtering by age, their confirmed status, the last province in which they were seen, or the year of their last sighting. Alternatively, you may search for a specific case by name.



Link to this article and video explaining the data behind this crisis; <https://www.cbc.ca/missingandmurdered/>



**Rena Fox**

38, ON, Murdered



**Rene Gunning**

20, AB, Murdered



**Rhonda G**

33, SK, Murde

Link to this video on Stolen Sister crisis;  
<https://www.cbc.ca/missingandmurdered/>



Silence is Violence. We can't keep looking the other way.

## No More Stolen Sisters: Stopping the Abuse and Murder of Native Women and Girls

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<https://bioneers.org/no-more-stolen-sisters-stopping-the-abuse-and-murder-of-native-women-and-girls/>



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