

LATIN AMERICA AND CARIBBEAN



75 Years Championing Democracy

Freedom House helps citizens defend their rights against government abuses in several countries of Latin America and the Caribbean.

Venezuela

In response to the violent crackdown on public protests and suppression of dissent, Freedom House supported Venezuelan organizations in documenting over 1,200 human rights violations, increasing domestic media coverage of human rights issues by more than 50%, and getting their documentation cited by the United Nations and Organization of America States. We also strengthened get-out-the-vote campaigns and citizen initiatives to monitor elections.

Mexico

Mexico is among the most dangerous countries in the world for journalists; more than 76 have been killed since 2000. Freedom House has trained 1,300 journalists to better protect themselves and improve the quality of their reporting. When they come under threat, we provide emergency assistance. After receiving multiple death threats, a journalist in Guerrero was able to move with his family to a safe location, with Freedom House's support, and to continue his reporting on government corruption. Freedom House also has trained more than 270 public officials in preventing attacks on journalists and assisted with over 120 requests for Mexican government protection from journalists under threat.

Honduras

Freedom House is advising the government and civil society groups on the creation of a protection mechanism for journalists and human rights defenders, based on the Mexican model.

Cuba

Freedom House for many years has outspokenly advocated for the improvement of human rights in Cuba. As the Cuban government has lifted travel restrictions, Freedom House has brought Cuban activists to international forums, including the Summit of the Americas, for the first time in its history, to give them a larger voice in public discussions about their country.

Regional

Freedom House has assisted activists from Ecuador, Venezuela, Nicaragua, and Cuba in presenting evidence of their governments' abuses to the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights and the United Nations Human Rights Council.

