

Dutch Global Health Film Festival 2021

A Quiet Inquisition

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News Articles

[Activists in Latin America battle to guarantee access to safe abortion in COVID-19 world \(Amnesty International, 2020\)](#)

Overview of the worsening situation across Central and South America in the access to safe and legal abortions, as well as the rising sexual violence against women.

[Legal Abortion Begins in Northern Ireland \(NY Times, 2020\)](#)

Outlines the changes to the abortion law in Northern Ireland made in March and the role of telemedicine abortions during COVID-19.

[Coronavirus: Angry MPs demand to know why home abortions switch was 'mysteriously' withdrawn \(Independent, 2020\)](#)

Discusses how the changes intending to make it easier for women to have an abortion safely during the coronavirus crisis in the UK were withdrawn by the government.

[Slovakia: Draconian restrictions on abortion would endanger the lives of women and girls \(Amnesty International, 2020\)](#)

Discusses the laws and policies introduced and proposed in the last few years to make access to timely and safe legal abortions more difficult.

[Abortion Law: Which countries have the strictest laws and what are the punishments? \(Independent, 2019\)](#)

Description of the UK abortion law as well as an overview of the situation worldwide with an outline of countries where abortion is banned with exceptions and places where there is a blanket ban on abortion.

[Latin American rape survivors who were denied abortions turn to UN \(Guardian, 2019\)](#)

Illustrates the cases of four women denied their reproductive rights in Ecuador, Guatemala and Nicaragua, all of which have taken their cases before the Human Rights court of the United Nations.

Scientific Publications

[Lavelanet, A. F., Johnson, B. R., & Ganatra, B. \(2020\). Global Abortion Policies Database: A descriptive analysis of the regulatory and policy environment related to abortion. Best Practice and Research: Clinical Obstetrics and Gynaecology, 62,](#)

Uses WHO data on abortion policies to illustrate additional barriers faced by women in countries that legally allow abortions.

[Casas, X. \(2019\). They Are Girls, Not Mothers: The Violence of Forcing Motherhood](#)

[on Young Girls in Latin America. Health and Human Rights Journal, 21\(2\), 157–167.](#)

Illustrates the harmful link between systemic sexual violence against young girls and restrictive reproductive rights, and proposes a multi-dimensional strategy based on research and evidence generation, dissemination of information and social mobilization, forging alliances, and strategic litigation.

Reports

[Protect, Defend, Extend: 2018 State of the States](#) (Center for Reproductive Rights, 2018)

Gives an overview of the most recent state legislative trends, both those restricting access to abortion and those strengthening access to reproductive health care in the United States.

[Stolen Lives](#) (Planned Parenthood Global, 2015)

Illustrates the consequences of pregnancy in very young girls (10-14 years of age) based on qualitative and quantitative data from Guatemala, Ecuador, Nicaragua and Peru.

Books

Women's health movements: a global force for change (Meredeth Turshen, 2020)

Explores the changing landscape for women's health, and their sexual and reproductive rights with detailed country case studies and abundant examples of women's activism from all over the world.

Other Resources

[Global Abortion Policy Database](#)

Interactive web resource illustrating data on the legal situation of abortions around the world, based on data collected by the WHO and the Human Reproductive Program.

[Niñas No Madres - Campaign Website](#)

Campaign by Planned Parenthood Global, aiming to draw attention to the dire consequences of sexual violence and forced motherhood in girls in Latin America and to mobilize civil society efforts to ensure that governments fulfill their obligations.

[Alliance For Choice - Website](#)

Provides information on safe abortion in Northern Ireland and campaigns for changes in the law.

[Womens Link Worldwide - Website](#)

International nonprofit organization that uses the power of the law to promote social change that advances the human rights of women and girls. Multiple reports and guidelines from around the world on the topic of sexual and reproductive rights.

[International Planned Parenthood Federation - Website](#)

[Planned Parenthood Global - Website](#)

Contains further information and a documentary video specifically on [Nicaragua](#) as well as a donation link to the [Planned Parenthood Federation of America Global Program](#).

[Vidas Robadas - Documentary](#) (Asociación de Mujeres AXAYACATL, 2017) Documentary based on the experiences of young girls undergoing forced motherhood in Nicaragua. [Accompanied by a methodological guide for reflecting on sexual violence and imposed pregnancy in girls and adolescents \(report only available in Spanish\).](#)