Why are human rights violated? When and why are human rights protected? As a history course on the origins, denial, and protection of human rights in Latin America, we will use several case studies to answer these questions. For each country, we will examine the historical context surrounding the rise of military dictatorships and civil wars, the emergence of organized resistance by civil society, the efforts to enact political reform and defend human rights, and the ongoing problems posed by justice, memory and peace. One goal of the course is to ask how our reading and research can advance projects for global rights by merging cultural critique and political action.

**Prerequisite:** None.

**GE credit (New):** Arts & Humanities, Social Sciences, Visual Literacy, World Cultures and Writing Experience.

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