

## CFR Resources

Andrew Chatzky, James McBride, and Mohammed Aly Sergie, "[NAFTA and the USMCA: Weighing the Impact of North American Trade.](#)"

A primer on the North American Free Trade Agreement, the new U.S.-Mexico-Canada Agreement, and their effects on the United States, Canada, and Mexico. (2,800 words)

Amelia Cheatham, "[Central America's Turbulent Northern Triangle.](#)"

A primer on the Northern Triangle countries (El Salvador, Guatemala, and Honduras) and how conditions there are driving emigration to the United States. (1,700 words)

Claire Felter and Rocio Cara Labrador, "[Brazil's Corruption Fallout.](#)"

An introduction to the Lava Jato corruption scandal that recently rocked Brazil. (1,700 words)

Claire Felter, Danielle Renwick, and Andrew Chatzky, "[Mercosur: South America's Fractious Trade Bloc.](#)"

An overview of the South American trade bloc Mercosur. (1,700 words)

Claire Felter, Danielle Renwick, and Rocio Cara Labrador, "[U.S.-Cuba Relations.](#)"

A summary of U.S.-Cuba relations. (1,300 words)

Rocio Cara Labrador, "[Haiti's Troubled Path to Development.](#)"

A primer on economic development in Haiti. (1,600 words)

Brianna Lee and Danielle Renwick, "[The Organization of American States.](#)"

An overview of the Organization of American States that includes a discussion of its strengths and weaknesses. (1,800 words)

Brianna Lee, Danielle Renwick, and Rocio Cara Labrador, "[Mexico's Drug War.](#)"

An introduction to the many facets of the drug war in Mexico. (2,100 words)

## Articles

"[The 1619 Project.](#)" *New York Times Magazine*, August 2019.

Originally published as a special issue of the *New York Times Magazine*, the 1619 Project aims to help readers see the role that

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enslaved people played in American history. (47,800 words)

Azam Ahmed, "[Inside Gang Territory in Honduras: 'Either They Kill Us or We Kill Them'](#)," *New York Times*, May 13, 2019.

An immersive feature on gangs in Honduras. (6,000 words)

Jon Lee Anderson, "[Venezuela's Two Presidents Collide](#)," *New Yorker*, June 3, 2019.

A feature on the ongoing political crisis in Venezuela. (8,700 words)

Lucien O. Chauvin & Barbara Fraser, "[South America Is Embracing Beijing's Science Silk Road](#)," *Nature*, May 8, 2019.

A feature on the effects of Chinese investment in science and infrastructure in South America. (2,300 words)

Edwidge Danticat, "[The Long Legacy of Occupation in Haiti](#)," *New Yorker*, July 28, 2015.

A short article by Haitian writer Edwidge Danticat on the legacy of foreign occupations in Haiti. (1,200 words)

Mohammed Elnaïem, "[Bolivar in Haiti](#)," *JSTOR Daily*, December 24, 2019.

A profile of Simón Bolívar that pays particular attention to his record on race. (1,300 words)

"[Evo Morales: Bolivian Leader's Turbulent Presidency](#)," *BBC News*, November 10, 2019.

A short history of Evo Morales, the first indigenous president of Bolivia, who brought tremendous change to the country before being forced into exile in 2019. (900 words)

Umair Irfan, "[Brazil's Amazon Rainforest Destruction Is at Its Highest Rate in More Than a Decade](#)," *Vox*, November 18, 2019.

A primer on ongoing deforestation in the Amazon rainforest. (800 words)

Casey Lesser, "[These 18th-Century Paintings of Interracial Mexican Families Are Based on a Lie](#)," *Artsy*, June 27, 2018.

An article on *casta* paintings, a genre of art that reveals how eighteenth-century colonists in Latin America understood race. (1,200 words)

Caroline Lieffers, "[How the Panama Canal Took a Huge Toll On the Contract Workers Who Built It](#)," *Smithsonian Magazine*, April 18, 2018.

A feature on the building of the Panama Canal, with an emphasis on the tremendous toll it took on the laborers who built it. (1,400

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Tracey Lindeman, "[‘Revolution Is Alive’: Canada Protests Spawn Climate and Indigenous Rights Movement](#)," *Guardian*, February 28, 2020.

A detailed overview of the wave of indigenous protests in Canada in early 2020. (1,300 words)

Juan Moreno, "[A Visit to FARC's Jungle Lair](#)," *Spiegel International*, September 23, 2019.

A feature on Colombia, where, despite a three-year-old peace agreement, some rebel groups are becoming restless again. (3,600 words)

Elian Peltier, "[U.N. Peacekeepers in Haiti Said to Have Fathered Hundreds of Children](#)," *New York Times*, December 18, 2019.

A *New York Times* story on a report that found that UN peacekeepers stationed in Haiti fathered and then abandoned hundreds of children. (1,200 words)

Emma Turner-Trujillo, Marissa Del Toro, and April Ramos, "[An Overview of Latino and Latin American Identity](#)," *Iris*, September 13, 2017.

An excellent introduction, originally published in conjunction with an exhibit at the Getty Museum, to identity in the region, including a thoughtful discussion of the various words people from Latin America use to self-identify. (3,000 words)

Katy Watson, "[Panama Canal at 100: A Tale of Growth and Development](#)," *BBC News*, August 15, 2014.

A short primer on the Panama Canal, including excellent photos and a map. (900 words)

Jonathan Watts, "[Operation Car Wash: Is This the Biggest Corruption Scandal in History?](#)" *Guardian*, June 1, 2017.

A feature on Operation Car Wash, an investigation into corruption in Brazil that has had far-reaching consequences for politics and business in the largest country in South America. (5,700 words)

## Books

Ernesto "Che" Guevara, *The Motorcycle Diaries: Notes on a Latin American Journey* (2003).

The memoir of Latin American revolutionary Che Guevara. (175

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C. L. R. James, *The Black Jacobins: Toussaint L'Ouverture and the San Domingo Revolution* (1989).

An excellent history of the Haitian Revolution. (428 pages)

Tracy Kidder, *Mountains Beyond Mountains: The Quest of Dr. Paul Farmer, a Man Who Would Cure the World* (2004).

The story of Paul Farmer, the American doctor who founded Partners in Health, which provides medical care in rural Haiti. (333 pages)

Charles C. Mann, *1491: New Revelations of the Americas Before Columbus* (2006).

A fascinating account of what the Americas were like before European colonization. (541 pages)

Mary Jo McConahay, *The Tango War: The Struggle for the Hearts, Minds and Riches of Latin America During World War II* (2018).

A history of how World War II, which was fought largely in Europe and the Pacific, affected Latin America. (336 pages)

Rigoberta Menchú, I, *Rigoberta Menchú: An Indian Woman in Guatemala* (1985).

The autobiography of Nobel Peace Prize–winning indigenous rights activist Rigoberta Menchú. (252 pages)

Sonia Nazario, *Enrique's Journey: The Story of a Boy's Dangerous Odyssey to Reunite With his Mother* (2007).

A book based on a Pulitzer Prize–winning series of articles in the *Los Angeles Times* that traces the journey of a seventeen-year-old boy who emigrated alone from Honduras to the United States. (294 pages)

## Literature

Gabriel García Márquez, *One Hundred Years of Solitude* (2003).

A classic novel by a Nobel Prize–winning author that details the life of a Colombian family over several generations. (417 pages)

Lawrence Thornton, *Imagining Argentina* (1991).

An award-winning novel set during the so-called Dirty War in Argentina. (240 pages)

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## Multimedia

Michael Barbaro, "[Capitalism on Trial in Chile](#)," *New York Times*, November 15, 2019.

An excellent podcast on the economic history of Chile, told through the lens of the 2019 Chilean protests. (27 minutes)

"[Becoming America](#)," NPR, February 13, 2020.

A podcast on the history of U.S. expansion. (33 minutes)

"[How Walls Ended Up Along the U.S.-Mexico Border](#)," *New York Times*, July 25, 2019.

A short documentary film on the history of border fences along the U.S.-Mexico border. (7 minutes)

"[Las Sandinistas!](#)" Kino Lorber, November 21, 2018.

A documentary film on the role women played in the Sandinista rebellion in Nicaragua. (97 minutes)

"[Native Land](#)," Native Land Digital.

An interactive map that approximates where indigenous populations lived in the Americas and Oceania before European colonization.

"[The World on the Brink: John F. Kennedy and the Cuban Missile Crisis—Thirteen Days in October 1962](#)," John F. Kennedy Presidential Library and Museum.

An online exhibit from the John F. Kennedy Library about the Cuban Missile Crisis that narrates the thirteen-day crisis day by day, illustrated with archival material and recordings from the library's collections.

"[There Will Be Bananas](#)," NPR, January 9, 2020.

A podcast on the history of the United Fruit Company, one of the commercial enterprises that shaped U.S.-Central America relations in the early nineteenth century. (56 minutes)

## News Sources

[Americas Program](#)

News and analysis from a Mexico City-based nonprofit.

[Americas Quarterly](#)

An English-language magazine of news and analysis about Latin

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America, published in Washington, DC.

[Canadian Broadcasting Corporation \(CBC\)](#)

Canada's state broadcaster, similar to the Public Broadcasting Service (PBS) or National Public Radio (NPR) in the United States or the British Broadcasting Corporation (BBC) in the United Kingdom.

[Globe and Mail](#)

Canada's leading newspaper, published in Toronto.

[North American Congress on Latin America \(NACLA\)](#)

A site with a long history of offering excellent English-language news about Latin America.