

WOLA WEEKLY

The Latest on Latin America

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Dear {{FirstName or 'WOLA Supporter'}},

The new year has begun with complex challenges for human rights.

In Brazil, the acts of violence and vandalism against government buildings in Brasilia at the hands of Bolsonaro supporters were a tragic illustration of the [rising attacks against democracy](#) across the Americas. They also brought renewed attention to the need for governments to take decisive action against dangerous discourses based on hatred, disinformation, and a disregard for the rule of law.

These authoritarian tendencies are increasingly affecting women as I analyze in an [opinion piece](#) published in *Hora Cero*.

Things haven't been much better in the United States, where the Biden administration announced a series of new measures that will prevent numerous asylum seekers from entering the country and is certain to endanger many of them. Read more about the implications of those measures [here](#).

That and much more in today's WOLA weekly.

Best,




Carolina Jiménez Sandoval
WOLA President



WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

- 🇧🇷 On January 8, supporters of former President Jair Bolsonaro stormed Congress, the Supreme Court and the presidential palace in Brasilia. These acts of violence and vandalism highlight the urgent need for governments to take a firm stance against extremism and work to build and protect democratic ideals. Read more [here](#).
- 🇲🇽 🇺🇸 As the North American Leaders' Summit (NALS) takes place this week, WOLA continues to [urge](#) Mexican and U.S. government officials to expand legal pathways & offer asylum seekers safety rather than expose them to danger.
- 🇺🇸 The expansion of Title 42 that was recently announced continues to highlight the Biden administration's prioritization of enforcement and

deterrence at the expense of the safety and well-being of vulnerable, protection-seeking migrants. Read our commentary [here](#).

-  Read WOLA's president, Carolina Jiménez, recent opinion piece [Women Political Prisoners in Latin America, a Reality that can be Changed](#).

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As Title 42 continues, hear from migrants who shared their stories with WOLA staff after a visit to the U.S.-Mexico border between El Paso, Texas and Yuma, Arizona.



WOLA Border Oversight

Advocacy for Human Rights in the Americas Monitoring Conduct and Accountability in U.S. Border Law Enforcement

In April 2022, WOLA launched its one-of-kind [Border Oversight Database](#), which documents hundreds of reports of human rights violations and abuses against migrants and asylum seekers at the U.S.-Mexico border.

WOLA IN THE NEWS



Dr. Jo-Marie Burt
Senior Fellow



"This is a human rights crisis of an increasingly high degree. [...] International organizations around the world have called upon the Boluarte government to cease the repression and seek dialogue..."

Dr. Jo-Marie Burt discusses the ongoing crisis in Peru on Al Jazeera.

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