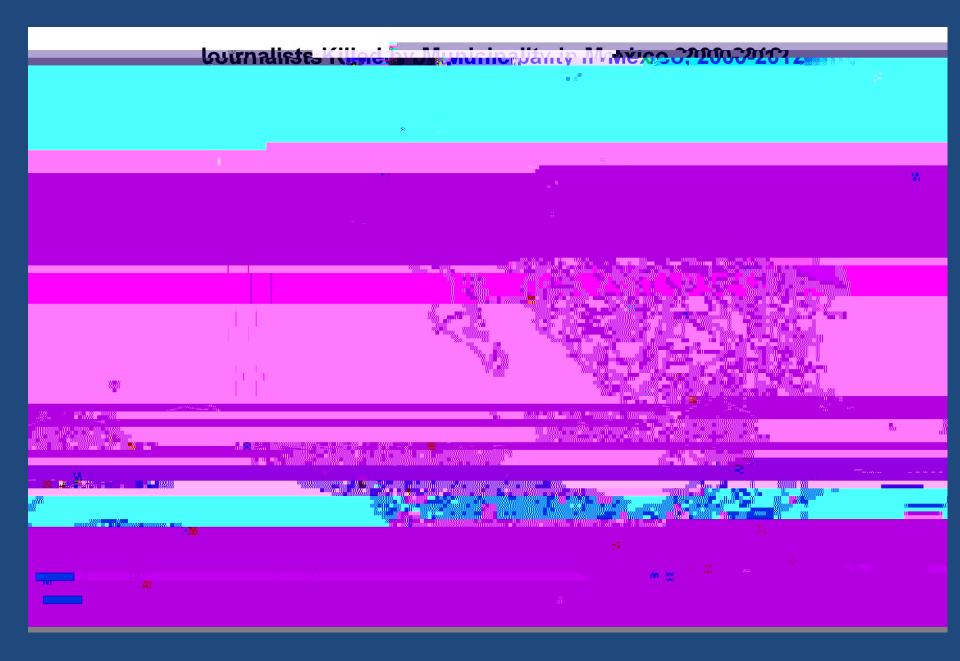
# The Effects of Drug-War Related † 'U 'h ' ' Democracy

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# Journalists Killed in Mexico 2000-2014

#### 110 Victims

# Consequences of Violence Against Journalists

Instills fear among journalists/editors who begin to self-censor

### Mexican State Responses

Slow and largely ineffective Creation of Special Prosecutor FEADLE (2006) New Legal Protections (2012) Protection Mechanism (2012)

No new measures at state/local level

# Societal Response

Journalists Media Owners Mexican NGOs (Animal Político, Red de Periodistas de a Pie, Artículo 19 Citizen Journalists/Netizens

## International Response

International Media

Transnational NGOS (Reporters without Borders, Committee to Protect Journalists) Journalism Schools (Knight Center for Journalism)

# Policy Recommendations for the Mexican Government

Prioritize the issue and work to end impunity Strengthen existing agencies and legislation and allocate sufficient resources for them to function effectively Create a fund to provide life insurance for

Put pressure on state and local governments

# Policy Recommendations for Mexican Society

Journalists must strive for national unity

Media owners must take measures to protect and train their employees, refrain from contracting dangerous jobs to freelancers

- Editors must be creative in how they publish sensitive information
- Mexican NGOs must continue to raise awareness, offer support, and put pressure on Mexican government to end impunity

Mexican citizens must continue to serve as watchdogs and demand constitutional right to information and free experssion Policy Recommendations for the International Community

Expedite immigration/asylum cases International media must provide regular coverage/updates to broad audience Media outlets must support Mexican journalists

Transnational NGOs must continue to serve as impartial sources of information,