

# Overlooking Femicide



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A Photo Essay on the Abduction and Murder of Women in Ciudad Juárez and Chihuahua, Mexico



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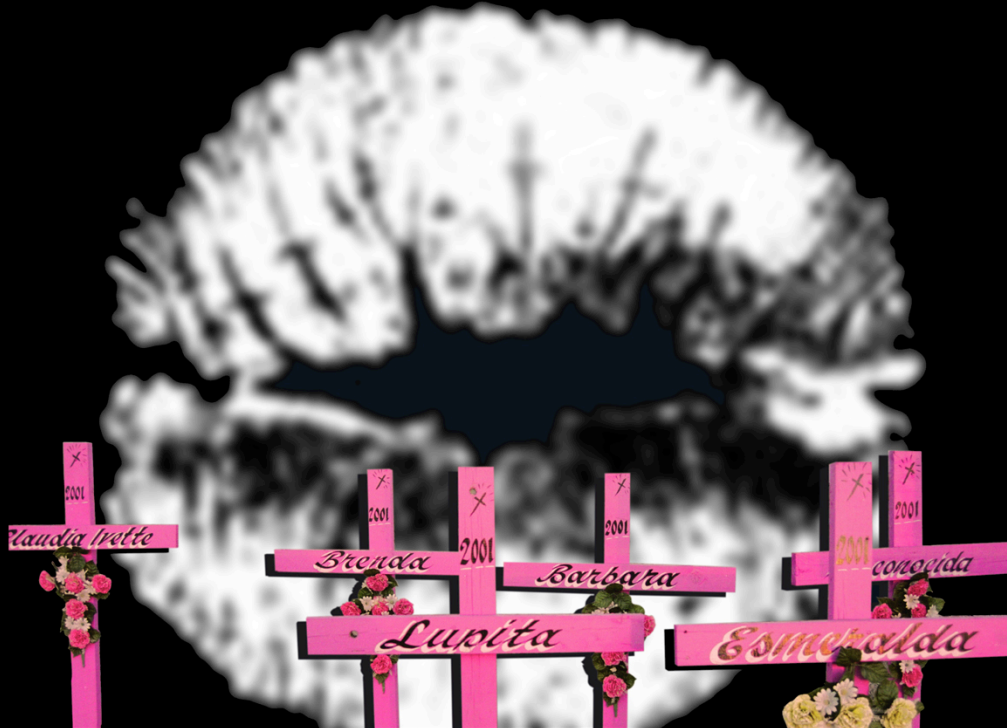
## Femicide definition

Femicide is the mass murder of women simply because they are women. It is the term that has been coined in response to the murders in the city of Juarez, just across the border from El Paso, Texas.

According to Amnesty International, more than 800 bodies had been found as of February 2005, and over 3,000 women are still missing.

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a Ciudad Juárez i Chihuahua, Mèxic.



**Dissabte 28 d'abril a les 19:00**  
**a La Barraqueta**

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**Marisela Ortiz**  
**Servando Pineda**

**de Nuestras Hijas de Regreso a Casa**

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## **Female Workers of *Maquiladoras***

According to the Organization of American States's Inter-American Commission on Human Rights:

“The victims of these crimes have preponderantly been the state of young women, between 12 and 22 .... Many were students, and most were *maquiladora* workers.

- A number were newcomers to Ciudad Juárez who had migrated from other areas of Mexico.
- The victims were generally reported missing by their families, with their bodies found days or months later abandoned in vacant lots, outlying areas or in the desert.
- In most of these cases there were signs of sexual violence, abuse, torture or in some cases mutilation.”





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# FEMINICIDI I MAQUILA A CIUDAD JUÁREZ

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## Why Have Women Been Targeted as Murder Victims?

Some people see the femicides as a product of maquiladora exploitation of women.

A *maquiladora* worker can be looked upon as a form of 'variable capital';

- the labor value of a woman *maquiladora* worker declines over time because, according to her managers, her value as a worker is used up after years of endless, exhausting hours of factory work.
- Men, on the other hand, are often seen as trainable and intelligent, and valued higher than female workers due to their *alleged* ability to constantly learn and produce value over a protracted period of time.

See: industrialization and Maquilas





**b.Population**

	<b>1995</b>	<b>2000</b>	<b>2010</b>	<b>2020</b>
	<b>Population</b>	<b>Population</b>	<b>Population</b>	<b>Population</b>
<b>Medium</b>	<b>10,585,265</b>	<b>12,145,349</b>	<b>15,397,768</b>	<b>19,460,216</b>
<b>Projections</b>				
<b>Border</b>				
<b>total</b>				
<b>US</b>	<b>5,827,439</b>	<b>6,438,616</b>	<b>7,604,430</b>	<b>8,957,028</b>
<b>subtotal</b>				
<b>Mexican</b>	<b>4,757,826</b>	<b>5,706,733</b>	<b>7,793,338</b>	<b>10,503,188</b>
<b>subtotal</b>				





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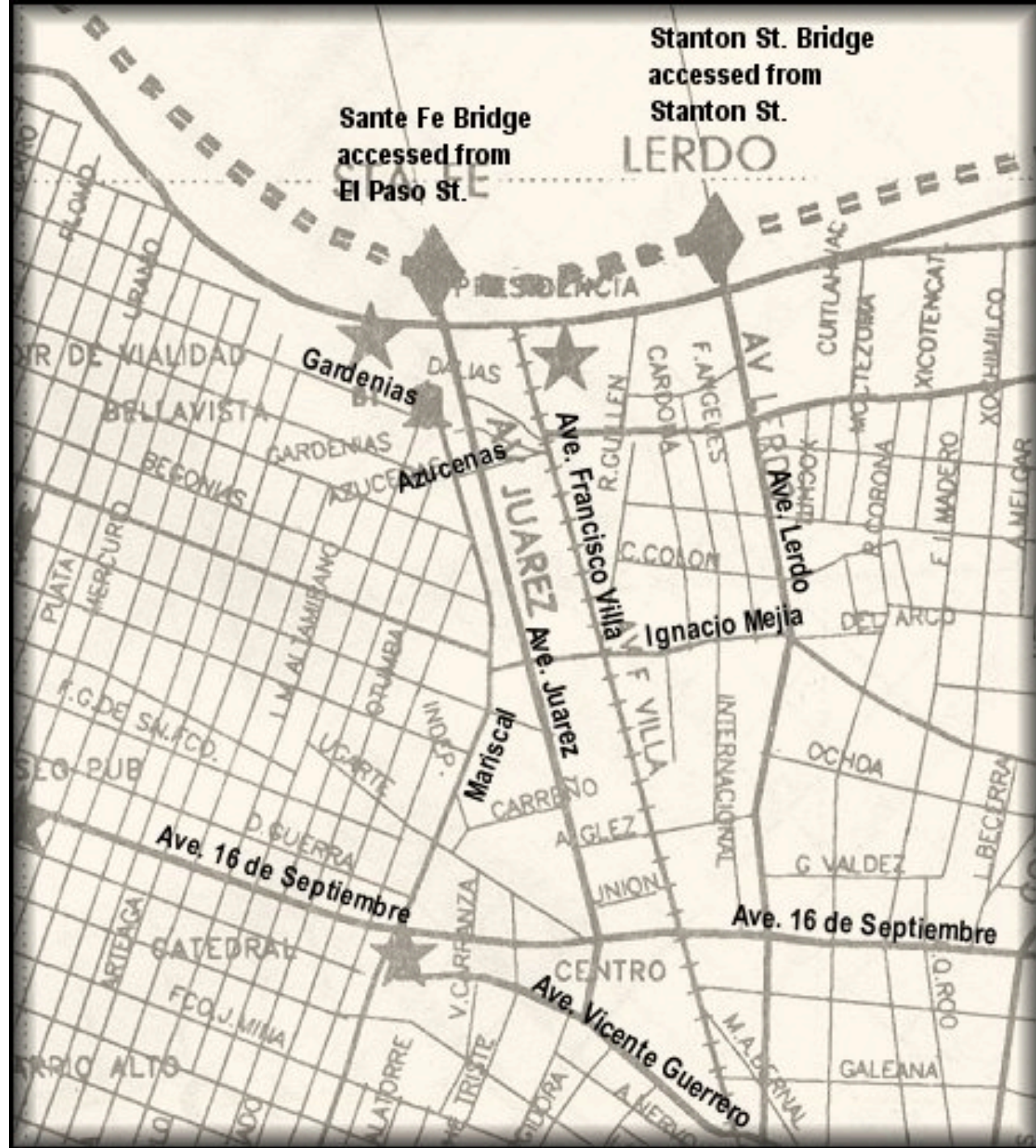




Spatiality of work  
And femicide:

Going and coming  
To work

What is a 'public  
Woman'?







Marcela Lagarde, antropóloga y diputada mexicana: la categoría feminicidio es parte del bagaje teórico feminista introducido por estas autoras estadounidenses...traducida a nuestro idioma es femicidio, término homólogo a homicidio, que sólo significa asesinato de mujeres. Sin embargo, para marcar una diferencia con ese término, Lagarde escogió la voz **feminicidio** para hablar de genocidio contra las mujeres, lo que lo convierte en un concepto de significación política.



The intrinsic value of a victim of femicide is often questioned following her death.

Members of the media and the community – particularly the ‘mothers’ movement provide evidence that these are “good girls”, fitting the archetype of a good daughter or worker,

The police and government often attempt to portray the victims as ‘fallen’ women, usually described as prostitutes, sluts, or barmaids, thereby providing a justification for overlooking or minimizing the crimes at hand, and failing to undertake timely investigations into their deaths



# Tearing Down the Walls Upholding the Culture of Impunity: Demanding Accountability

- "Culture of Impunity": The people committing the "femicides" got away with their crimes because the authorities took no drastic action against them.
- This can be translated onto a global scale...
  - culture of capitalism as ways of rewarding unethical behavior and punishing ethical behavior
  - the workers of Ciudad Juárez can not take collective action against the corporations for fear of relocation-- resulting in mass unemployment and poverty. They must resort to individual survival skills further encouraging alienation.
  - "Individual responsibility" as the key to economic growth-- while the "public good" and "community" are seen as economic hindrances...



Murdering  
Critics of  
Femicide

**Jan 13, 2011**  
**CIUDAD JUAREZ, Mexico** – Susana Chavez, 36 was a fierce critic of the failure of authorities to halt the murders of women in the city, and a well-known poet who back in the '90s coined the phrase, “Ni una más,” (Not one more)





**Fury in Mexico as brave activist mother who lost her daughter in drugs war is gunned down while demanding justice**

