

In the 20th century alone, more than 20 million people died as a result of genocide. Still millions of others endured violence, oppression, and violations of their basic human rights, yet survived to tell their stories. Genocide and atrocity crimes show humanity at its worst. They lead us to question our very nature—what it means to be human. Despite their horrors, they must be documented and they must be studied. In doing so, we hope to understand them.

Human Rights Studies Online is a research database providing comprehensive, comparative documentation, analysis, and interpretation of major human rights violations and atrocity crimes worldwide from 1900 to 2010. Upon completion, the collection will include 75,000 pages of text and 150 hours of video that give voice to the countless victims of human rights crimes in the 20th and early 21st centuries.

The collection provides primary and secondary materials across multiple media formats and content types for each selected event, including Armenia, the Holocaust, Cambodia, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Rwanda, Darfur, and more than thirty additional subjects. Resources for each topic guide users through the full scope of the event, from the historical context that made such violations possible through the international response, prosecution of perpetrators, and steps toward rebuilding.

Resources to support the study of the events include:

- Contemporary personal accounts and artifacts, such as diaries, letters, individual papers, identity cards, ration cards, arrest warrants, and documentation of confiscation of property and forcible detention. Through these documents students begin to understand the impact of policies on individuals.
- Contemporaneous television footage, photographs, and NGO press releases that show how events were portrayed in the media and the efforts of NGOs to raise public awareness of these atrocity crimes.
- Government, NGO, and court documentation, including memos, reports, court transcripts, and testimonies from victims and witnesses.

"To deny people their human rights is to challenge their very humanity."

- Nelson Mandela

many of which have never before been available digitally.

- Documentaries, interviews, monographs, essays, and articles that help contextualize the primary sources and clarify the breadth of the events.
- Selected works of art and literature that memorialize those affected by

the crimes and capture efforts at reconciliation.

- Reference material such as maps, bibliographies, descriptions of the events and document questions created by experts that provide key overviews and analysis of events.
- Links to third-party Web content, including resources local and contemporaneous to the events.

These materials work together to help explore significant questions and themes, such as how these violations could have been prevented, what common patterns are associated with these crimes, and what impact can be made by government intervention.

Key Human Rights Events and Areas

- General Context:
 Human Rights
 Violations, War
 Crimes, Crimes against
 Humanity, Genocide
- Afghanistan
- Al-Anfal Campaign
- Algerian Civil War
- Argentina's Dirty War
- Bangladesh Liberation War
- Brazil Military Dictatorships
- Burma-Myanmar Conflict
- Burundi 1972
- Burundi 1993
- Cambodia
- Chad
- Chile Pinochet Regime

- Colombian Conflict
- Darfur
- East Timor
- Ethiopia-Eritrea Conflict
- Global Counter Terrorism, 2001–2010
- Guatemalan Civil War
- Herero and Namaqua Genocide (Namibia)
- Holocaust
- Holodomor
- Indonesian Massacres
- Israeli-Palestinian
 Conflict
- Kosovo War
- Liberian Civil War
- Nanking, China
- Nigerian-Biafran War
- Ottoman Empire and Armenia

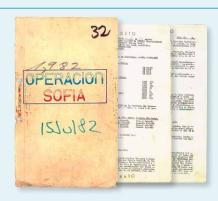
- Peruvian Internal Conflict
- Russia-Chechnya
- Rwanda
- Salvadoran Civil War
- Sierra Leone Civil War
- South African Apartheid
- Sri Lankan Civil War
- Stolen Generation (Australian Aboriginal Children)
- The Troubles, Northern Ireland
- Uganda Lord's Resistance Army
- Yugoslav Wars: Bosniaks, Serbs, Croats

CONTENT HIGHLIGHTS

LATIN AMERICA



Military Coup In Chile In 1973 Getty Images 1973-1990: Chile Seattle, WA: Getty Images.



Operation Sofia: Documenting Genocide in Guatemala District of Columbia:

National Security Archive, 1982.



Map of Bosnia

William J. Clinton Presidential Library & Museum.



Final Bosnia Statement

Hawkins, Ardenia R. Final Bosnia Statement. Records of Genocide in the Former Yugoslavia, William J. Clinton Presidential Library & Museum, 1995.

CAMBODIA



Cambodia: Genocide: A Personal Narrative

Digital Archive of Cambodian Holocaust Survivors, 2011, originally published 2011

A personal narrative about the Cambodian genocide, written by Soy Gemza.



Cambodia Dreams

London, England: SW Pictures, 2008

Eighteen years in the making, Cambodia Dreams is the stunning documentary about a Cambodian family divided by the proxy war that ravaged the country in the 1970's and led to civil war and revolution.

RWANDA



Action Plan for Voluntary Repatriation of Rwandan Refugees

Records Concerning the Genocide in Rwanda in 1994, William J. Clinton Presidential Library & Museum, 10 August



Telling Truths in Arusha (Sannhetens mange ansikter)

Oslo, Oslo County: Norwegian Film Institute, 2010

Fifteen years after the crimes were committed, Father Hormisdas, a Catholic priest from Rwanda, is ready to defend himself against charges of genocide. How does the Norwegian judge in charge of the tribunal interpret the different truths told by the witnesses?

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Point du Jour International

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Testimonials

"As compelling and challenging as it is comprehensive, Human Rights Studies Online is an immensely valuable, even unparalleled, resource not only for expanding awareness about mass atrocity crimes—genocide, war crimes, ethnic cleansing, crimes against humanity—and other human rights abuses but also for encouraging resistance against them. Its content can bring one to tears but inspire defiance as well."

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"Human Rights Studies Online is an impressive and invaluable collection that pulls together the documents, history and first person accounts of modern human rights atrocities."

- Elizabeth Becker, International Affairs Journalist

"This is an invaluable resource for any institution with programs in political science, peace studies, or just a firm commitment to educate students on social justice issues."

Kellian Clink, Reference Librarian, Minnesota
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