

## Guatemalan teen Carlos Gregorio Hernandez Vasquez writhes on floor for hours in U.S. Border Patrol custody, before dying

<https://mailchi.mp/rightsaction/guatemalan-teen-carlos-gregorio-hernandez-dies-in-us-custody>

*“Cellblock video shows Carlos writhing for at least 25 minutes on the floor and a concrete bench. It shows him staggering to the toilet and collapsing on the floor, where he remained in the same position for the next four and a half hours.”*



Here, two moving reports in the U.S. and Canadian mainstream media about the brutal death of Carlos Gregorio, with links to the video where the viewer can watch Carlos die.

- **“Inside the Cell Where a Sick 16-Year-Old Boy Died in Border Patrol Care”**,  
[https://www.propublica.org/article/inside-the-cell-where-a-sick-16-year-old-boy-died-in-border-patrol-care?utm\\_content=buffera0824&utm\\_medium=social&utm\\_source=twitter&utm\\_campaign=ProPublica+Main+](https://www.propublica.org/article/inside-the-cell-where-a-sick-16-year-old-boy-died-in-border-patrol-care?utm_content=buffera0824&utm_medium=social&utm_source=twitter&utm_campaign=ProPublica+Main+)
- **“Video shows teen in U.S. Border Patrol custody writhing on floor for hours before dying”**,  
[https://www.cbc.ca/news/world/video-border-patrol-guatemala-death-1.5385914?\\_vfz=medium%3Dsharebar&fbclid=IwAR1mQ0fWUjWuRH7yp-YA-T8Y9IzT2XXmnyyIKkf6a8IaZBTieAcnm5bfOE](https://www.cbc.ca/news/world/video-border-patrol-guatemala-death-1.5385914?_vfz=medium%3Dsharebar&fbclid=IwAR1mQ0fWUjWuRH7yp-YA-T8Y9IzT2XXmnyyIKkf6a8IaZBTieAcnm5bfOE)

Two more media reports that do not explain how the U.S. and Canada help create and benefit from the very conditions that forced Carlos Gregorio to flee home and country in the first place.

There is no investigation into how and why the U.S., Canada, the E.U. and multiple international banks and companies maintain profitable business, military and political relations with corrupt, repressive governments of Guatemala, Honduras, etc., that force tens of thousands of Hondurans and Guatemalans (recently 100s of thousands) to flee home and country, every year.

Once in exile, they are treated horribly by Mexican and U.S. authorities. Many die, like Carlos Gregorio.

*"Our privileges are located on the same map as their suffering, and may  
- in ways that we prefer not to imagine - be linked to their suffering.  
As the wealth of some may imply the destitution of others."  
(Susan Sontag)*

Until our media, politicians and societies openly address the underlying 'local-to-global' causes of so much inequality and exploitation, violence, corruption and despair, there will be no end to this pathologically violent and unjust human spectacle playing itself out inside violent, corrupt, unjust countries, and between rich, powerful exploiter countries and dominated, exploited countries.

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#### Background

- **"Why Should Immigrants 'Respect Our Borders'? The West Never Respected Theirs" - Immigration quotas should be based on how much the host country has ruined other countries**, by Suketu Mehta, June 7, 2019, [https://www.nytimes.com/2019/06/07/opinion/immigration-reparations.html?fbclid=IwAR0ZqNnuWpD3v4RbXMFQqf6xLJW-eAOEsqmQjjcld\\_Vr9DKkiZLVzEos808](https://www.nytimes.com/2019/06/07/opinion/immigration-reparations.html?fbclid=IwAR0ZqNnuWpD3v4RbXMFQqf6xLJW-eAOEsqmQjjcld_Vr9DKkiZLVzEos808)
- **"'Shithole countries': U.S., Canada & international community helping produce forced migrancy from Honduras & Guatemala"**, by Grahame Russell, October 2019, <https://mailchi.mp/rightsaction/shithole-countries>

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