



LATIN AMERICA WORKING GROUP

The Latin America Working Group (LAWG) advocates for U.S. foreign policy towards Latin America and the Caribbean that promotes human rights, peace, and social justice.

ABOUT



We **mobilize** grassroots. We **lobby** with Congress and the administration. We **educate** the public. We **uplift** civil society partners in the region. We **bring together** organizations with similar values to work towards the same goals.



To ensure that U.S. policies advance human rights, peace, and social, environmental, and economic justice in Latin America and the Caribbean.

MISSION

VISION

A relationship between the United States and Latin America and the Caribbean based on **mutual respect** and a shared commitment to the human rights of all the peoples of the Americas; one that values **peace**, not war, and **humanitarian assistance**, not military might; that defends the **rights of migrants and refugees**; and that protects the health of **our planet**.



CAMPAIGNS

In our 35 years, we've helped pave the way from war to peace in Central America and Colombia, successfully pushed the United States to open diplomatic relations with Cuba, defended migrants' and refugees' rights, campaigned for justice and accountability in Mexico, and demanded protections for human rights defenders.



Promote Peace

- Promoting U.S. support for a just and lasting peace in Colombia.
- Encouraging the opening of U.S. relations with Cuba and achieve an end to the travel ban and embargo.
- Advocating for humanitarian—rather than military—aid and cutting harmful counternarcotics strategies.

Uphold Justice & Defend the Defenders

- Ensuring the United States presses for advances in investigations into human rights violations and corruption, and for comprehensive reforms to strengthen justice systems.
- Encouraging U.S. government and civil society support for human rights defenders—including women's rights and LGBTQI advocates, union organizers, migrant rights' defenders, journalists, indigenous and Afro-descendant leaders, and community activists.

Protect Migrants & Refugees

- Upholding policies that defend migrants' rights to seek protection and access due process without detention.
- Promoting rights-respecting U.S. assistance and programs that address root causes of migration and forced displacement.
- Increasing understanding of the humanitarian nature of forced displacement and the refugee crisis from Central America.
- Urging protections for Dreamers and Salvadoran, Honduran, Nicaraguan, and Haitian members of our communities whose countries were devastated by natural disasters.



Advance Land, Economic & Environmental Rights

- Supporting campaigns by indigenous, Afro-descendant, and other excluded communities who are defending their environmental, economic, and land rights by conducting advocacy and mobilizing grassroots action.