Surviving Mexico: Resistance and Resilience among Journalists in the 21 Century

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Context of research

Overarching question and definitions

In the context of increasing violence toward the profession in Mexico, how did journalists survive and persist?

- Resilience – the ability to continue to function professionally and to create, adapt and resist in the face of trauma and violence.

- Resistance – conscious acts to individually and collectively oppose adverse and threatening conditions with the intent to improve safety, professional autonomy and the field as a whole.

Methods

- Historical research
- In-depth semi-structured qualitative interviews
- Oral histories
- Document analyses
- Network analysis

Findings

• Various forms of resistance often led to resilience
• Built and maintained networks at the transnational, national, state and local levels -> resilience

  • Professional networks
  • Intergovernmental-governmental-INGO-domestic NGO networks
  • Political and policy networks
  • Legal networks
  • Psychological support networks
  • Community networks
  • Academic-professional networks
  • Personal networks

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Mesas de trabajo

Mesa 1: Risks, attention to critical cases, and immediate responses
Mesa 2: Alternative ways to combat impunity
Mesa 3: Social organizations and ways to support them
Mesa 4: Solidarity among journalists, labor rights, and official advertising (propaganda)
Mesa 5: Responses to government security
Mesa 6: Societal significance of violence against journalists

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