THE CORPORATIONS & HUMAN RIGHTS DATABASE (CHRD)

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The CHRD: A New Database

- Ruggie (2008)
  - 320 corporate abuses from BHRRC, 2005-2007
  - Effect of Global Compact on corporate behavior
  - Forbes Global 2000 list and 500 list, respectively
  - Lament the lack of systematic data on corporations and human rights

- Limited time frame
- Limited set of firms
  - Firm size and GC membership, strongly correlated
- Western focus
  - Primarily European and US companies
Data Collection

• Source
  • Business & Human Rights Resource Center
  • Most comprehensive online archive of allegations of corporate human rights abuse

• Coverage
  • 2000 – Present
  • All countries in the world, pilot study of Latin America
  • Focus on allegation, capture broader picture of corporations
    • Size, ownership structure, and home/host countries in which they work
Data Collection

Note: Our website has one or more sections that match your query:

- Colombia
- Oil, gas & coal

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• [PDF] Annual Briefing - Corporate Legal Accountability
  Business & Human Rights Resource Centre 20 Jun 2012
  This briefing provides an overview of corporate legal accountability for human rights, summarising trends and developments in this field. The goal is to help a wide audience understand what is happening in different parts of the world. This briefing reframes major issues and cases, but it is not a comprehensive overview. Further information is available on Business & Human Rights Resource Centre’s Corporate Legal Accountability Portal — an online hub that provides accessible, up-to-date case profiles on over 70 lawsuits in all parts of the world. The profiles link to the arguments from both sides of cases wherever available, as well as articles and commentaries. The portal is a resource for lawyers and non-lawyers — for victims, advocates, NGOs, business people and others.

• [PDF] New Briefing Highlights Human Rights Lawsuits Against Companies Over Alleged Abuses in Over 25 Countries
  Business & Human Rights Resource Centre 20 Jun 2012
Custom Coding Tool

• Unit of Analysis: Corporate Abuse Allegation

• Company Information & Allegation Description

• Violation Characteristics
  • Abuse (violations of physical integrity)
  • Environment
  • Labor
  • Poverty & Development
  • Health

• Affected Parties

• Company Response

• Judicial and Non-judicial Action
# 1. COMPANY AND ALLEGATION DESCRIPTION

1) **Company name**: Please include complete company name. If the company name was different at the time of violation, please include that name in parentheses. Example: Chevron (Texaco). *(required)*

   | BP Exploration Company |

1a) **Parent company**? If the company is part of a larger company, please list the parent company here.

   | British Petroleum |

2) **UniqueID**. Please copy and paste (to ensure accuracy) the UniqueID of this Company Abuse Allegation from the CAA Master List file. *(required)*

   | 1705BP_E0005 |

2a) **Country CAA Master List**. Please list the the Country Master List you used to find this CAA. For example: put "Colombia" if you used the Colombia CAA Master List.

   | Colombia |
Objectives

• Create a baseline
  • Build upon previous research

• Better understand patterns and trends
  • Over longer time horizon
  • Across countries
  • Across industries

• Uncover the policies and processes that incentivize changes in corporate behavior
Latin America, Oil & Gas

- Dev & Poverty
- Environment
- Health
- Labor
Allegations with abuse, by category

- Dev & Poverty: 30% (25% abuse, 5% non-abuse)
- Environment: 35% (15% abuse, 20% non-abuse)
- Health: 10% (5% abuse, 5% non-abuse)
- Labor: 20% (15% abuse, 5% non-abuse)
Affected Parties

- Workers: 57%
- Local Community: 20%
- General Public: 14%
- Other: 9%
- Affected Parties: 20%
Corporate Involvement

- Corporations are directly involved in violations in three out of four cases

[Diagram showing pie chart with categories: Direct (76%), Indirect (17%), Supporting (6%)]
State Involvement

- When corporations are directly involved, so is the state
Company Responses

- Four in ten companies responded to the allegation.
Judicial Action

- 45 percent of all cases result in judicial action, with variation across types of abuse.
Trial Activity

- 32 percent of all cases end in a trial, with variation across types of abuse
State-Corporate Linkage

• Corporate logic—reputation, competitiveness, and vulnerability
• We find strong evidence that goes beyond “silent complicity,” as states and business are both involved in human rights violations
• Dual role of the state: human rights violators and tasked with “protecting” human rights

• Need further investigation of the state-corporate linkage to improve business and human rights.
Future Research & Next Steps

• Data Collection
  • Additional sectors: mining, manufacturing, and textiles
  • Cross reference BHRRC with other sources
  • Expand regional focus

• Future Areas of Research
  • Means testing
  • Event history, propensity score matching
  • Geographic analysis

• Data Dissemination
Data Mapping
Data Mapping (cont.)

ResponseID: R_2c5KQ0y2PaX01D
UniqueID: 1705
Company: BP Exploration Company
Parent Company: British Petroleum

**Company Allegation Description:** BP Exploration Company is accused of disregarding the local communities and environments in which it works, causing pollution-related damages to the environment as well as to community health (BHRRC Wachman 19 June 2010). BP is also accused of having engaged with a local paramilitary group in Colombia to protect its pipelines (BHRRC Bader 25 January 2013).

**Location:** The region of Casanare to the port of Covenas

**Department Name:** Casanare
**ISO Code:** CO-CAS
**Latitude:** 5.958927
**Longitude:** -71.672395
Thank you!

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