***[‘It Was Not My Fault’: Women in Mexico Fight Back Against Violence](https://www.nytimes.com/2019/12/26/world/americas/mexico-women-domestic-violence-femicide.html?nl=todaysheadlines&emc=edit_th_191227?campaign_id=2&instance_id=14807&segment_id=19890&user_id=c3eaadcf782adabd39a34eab0c5d264c&regi_id=653809561227) [[1]](#footnote-1)***

A new generation is demanding change, casting off the entrenched notion that women somehow provoke attacks against them.

*“A new generation of Mexican women has taken to the streets in recent months to banish the idea that somehow — with their clothing, their demeanor, their whereabouts — they provoke the violence they suffer. That attitude is so entrenched in society that it extends to the police and the courts.”*

*“One out of every three women in Latin America has experienced sexual or physical violence, according to the*[*United Nations*](https://lac.unwomen.org/en/noticias-y-eventos/articulos/2019/11/no-mas-violencia-sexual-onu-mujeres)*, but*[*98 percent of gender-related killings*](https://news.un.org/en/story/2018/09/1021022)*in the region are not prosecuted.”*

*“There is a problem of violence against women that undoubtedly is related to the continuum of violence in general, but you can’t understand femicide without analyzing the amount of sexual and domestic abuse,”* she said.

*“Forced to fend for themselves, women are forming groups to demand justice for unsolved crimes, to question long-held attitudes and to push the government into action.”*

*“Ms. Flores joined five other women — including Magda Soberanes, 28, who was assaulted by her partner and ended up in the hospital — to create a collective called* ***Women of the Periphery for the Periphery.”***

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