



# Reducing LA Oil Production Means Importing More Oil from Foreign Countries with Abysmal Human Rights Records Affecting Children, Women, and the LGBTQ Community

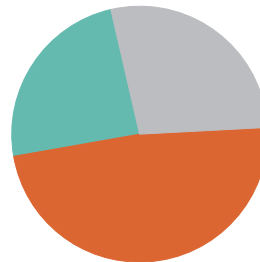
Activist groups are pushing proposals with the City and County of Los Angeles, that if enacted, will shut down oil and gas production in the City and County. California produces 28% of the oil and gas it consumes and imports the rest. A ban on oil and gas production in Los Angeles means California will need to import more oil from foreign countries with abysmal human rights records and few environmental protections to support its energy demands. California and Los Angeles lead the way in safe, affordable and environmentally responsible oil and gas production with the nation's strictest regulations. In Los Angeles, more than 20 local, state and federal agencies oversee oil and gas production.

**OIL AND GAS PRODUCTION BAN = CLOSER TIES TO FOREIGN COUNTRIES WITH GROSS HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS**

**Banning and/or hindering local oil and gas production means California will be more reliant on imports from these countries,** which are known to have committed scores of human rights abuses against women, children, and the LGBTQ community.

**WHERE CALIFORNIA'S OIL AND GAS COMES FROM:**

**28%**  
Produced in California



**24%**  
Other imports

**48%**  
Imported from 5 countries with human rights violations

**11<sup>th</sup>** "least free" country in the world  
(Freedom House, 2017)



LGBT rights are not recognized by the government of Saudi Arabia, and **sodomy and homosexuality are punishable by death.**

"The Kingdom in the Closet,"  
The Atlantic, May 2007



**Women and girls in Saudi Arabia continue to be legally subordinate with respect to marriage, child custody and inheritance,** "and could not access higher education, take paid employment or travel abroad without the approval of their male guardian."

(Amnesty International, 2017)

**SAUDI ARABIA**

Government statistics released in 2010, the latest available, indicate that **one in four females over 15 years old in Ecuador has been a victim of sexual violence.**

("Ecuador: Events of 2016," Human Rights Watch, 2017)



**ECUADOR**

**1 in 5** Iraqi women subject to domestic violence

**36%** of married women have experienced some form of abuse

(Human Rights Watch, 2017)



**IRAQ**

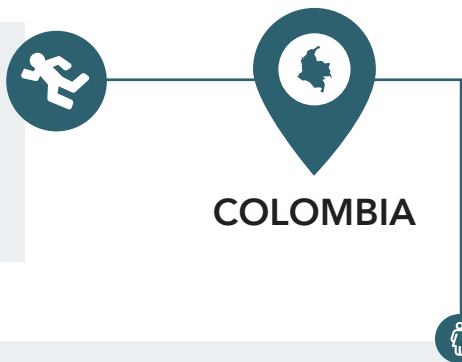
A June 2016 report by UNICEF described Iraq as **"one of the most dangerous places in the world for children."** According to the report, "3.6 million children – one in five of all Iraqi children – are at a great risk of death, injury, sexual violence, recruitment into the fighting and abduction."

(UNICEF, 2016)

Same-sex relations are de facto illegal in Iraq in that the country's penal code makes it illegal to engage in any extra-marital sexual relations. Thus, **LGBT people are "highly likely to be at imminent risk of death" if they are open about their identity.**

"When Coming Out is a Death Sentence,"  
International Gay and Lesbian Human Rights Commission, November 2014

More than **110** LGBT individuals were murdered in 2015  
(Freedom House, 2017)



**COLOMBIA**

**Gender-based violence (GBV) is widespread in Colombia.** Lack of training and poor implementation of treatment protocols impede timely access to medical services and create obstacles for women and girls seeking post-violence care. Perpetrators of GBV crimes are rarely brought to justice.  
(“Colombia: Events of 2016,” Human Rights Watch, 2017)

**LOCAL OIL AND GAS PRODUCTION = LESS FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR FOREIGN COUNTRIES WITH GROSS HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS**

Limiting our ties to these foreign countries is the responsible thing to do. Last year, as Governor Brown embarked on a trip for the United Nations Global Climate Summit, he told Politico:

“I don’t think it’s responsible to let third-world countries do the oil production so that Californians can drive around, even in their hybrids. We have to shoulder our part of the responsibility.”

-Governor Brown



There are many ways for a leader to kill his people, and although dos Santos isn’t committing genocide, he is presiding over the **systematic looting of his state and neglect of his people.**  
(“Deadliest Country for Kids,” New York Times, March 19, 2017)



**ANGOLA**

**There is no legal recognition of same-sex couples in Angola,** and LGBT people “sometimes suffer harassment.”  
(Freedom House, 2017)

**1 in 5** children in Angola do not survive to age 5  
(UNICEF, 2015)

**CALIFORNIANS OPPOSE REGIMES THAT DISREGARD RIGHTS OF CHILDREN, WOMEN AND THE LGBTQ COMMUNITY**

Supporting regimes that blatantly disregard the rights of women, children and the LGBTQ community goes against California’s core values. In fact, California, and the City and County of Los Angeles, continues to strengthen its laws and programs that protect the rights of children, women and the LGBTQ community. Recently, Governor Brown, in partnership with the Legislative Women’s Caucus, signed a package of bills to improve protections, services, and support for women and children. And, the City of Los Angeles, for its sixth consecutive year, received a perfect score on the Municipal Quality Index by the Human Rights Campaign which grades the city’s support for LGBTQ people who live and work in Los Angeles.