



Press review on Children's rights – Americas

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Argentina - Child Suspects' Private Data Published Online

9th October - Argentina's Justice and Human Rights Ministry is regularly publishing online the personal data of children with open arrest warrants, Human Rights Watch said today. The Buenos Aires city government has then been loading the images and identities of these children into a facial recognition system used at the city's train stations, despite significant errors in the national government's database and the technology's higher risk of false matches for children.

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Canada - Nunavut's child-youth watchdog slams government complacency on child abuse

29th October - Government of Nunavut employees, including directors and deputy ministers, aren't being held accountable for failures to protect abused children in the territory, the representative for children and youth, Jane Bates, says in her annual report for 2019-20.

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Canada - Children's mental-health care neglected in fight against COVID-19, parents say

4th October - Parents of children suffering from anxiety, depression and substance use say the pandemic has made their symptoms worse -- and COVID-19 restrictions have curtailed or even eliminated desperately needed help.

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Canada - Exploitation sexuelle d'enfants sur l'internet: Les cas explosent

23 octobre - Alors que les jeunes sont plus que jamais rivés à leurs écrans depuis le début de la pandémie, les cas d'exploitation sexuelle d'enfants sur l'internet ont atteint un sommet inégalé au pays, révèlent des chiffres obtenus par *La Presse*. La COVID-19 offre un tel terreau aux prédateurs qu'ils s'en félicitent ouvertement en ligne et s'échangent des trucs sur le *dark web* pour mieux en profiter.

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Canada - Plus de 200 millions aux communautés autochtones, la jeunesse en priorité

30 Octobre - Ottawa cible surtout la jeunesse dans sa nouvelle aide octroyée aux peuples et communautés autochtones. Des 200 millions de dollars annoncés vendredi, les trois quarts sont destinés aux établissements d'apprentissage et de garde des jeunes enfants dans ces communautés particulièrement éprouvées par la pandémie.

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Colombia - La situación de las niñas venezolanas en Colombia es “para ponerse a llorar”, describe Mayerlín Vergara

7 de Octubre - La defensora de la niñez ganadora de este año del Premio Nansen, el más alto galardón entregado por ACNUR por el trabajo humanitario con refugiados, relató a Noticias ONU la aterradora situación que viven niños y niñas venezolanas víctimas de explotación sexual en el norte de Colombia, e hizo un llamado a su país y a la comunidad internacional para que dejen de ignorar una situación que le está robando la niñez a miles de inocentes.

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Ecuador - Proteger los derechos de las niñas y las adolescentes

25 de Octubre - Las prácticas nocivas suelen ir asociadas a graves formas de violencia o son en sí mismas una forma de violencia contra las mujeres y las niñas. Treinta años han pasado desde la adopción de la Convención de los Derechos del Niño, por parte de Ecuador. En ellos se pueden identificar tres momentos de reforma legislativa claramente diferenciados.

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Latin America - Maternal and child mortality worsens in Latin America and the Caribbean

13th October - The UNDP–UNICEF commissioned report, *Challenges posed by the COVID-19 pandemic in the health of women, children, and adolescents in Latin America and the Caribbean*, finds that the ongoing reduction in coverage is reversing achievements made in the past two decades on maternal and child mortality.

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México - México debe reformar sus leyes y prohibir el castigo corporal a los niños

22 de Octubre - La violencia contra los niños y adolescentes en México es un acto aceptado y que sigue ejerciéndose regularmente, por ello un grupo de organismos de las Naciones Unidas pidió a las autoridades mexicanas que, según señalan los compromisos internacionales asumidos por el Estado, ajusten sus marcos normativos para prohibir el castigo corporal y humillante contra niñas, niños y adolescentes.

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United States of America - Parents of 545 migrant children separated at U.S. border still can't be found: lawyers

20th October - Court-appointed lawyers said Tuesday that they have been unable to find parents of 545 children who were separated at the U.S. border with Mexico early in the Trump administration. Children from that period are difficult to find because the government had inadequate tracking systems. Volunteers have searched for them and their parents by going door-to-door in Guatemala and Honduras.

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United States of America - Biden on Transgender Children's Rights: 'There Should Be Zero Discrimination'

15th October - Biden's answer touched on one of the ways most significant ways that, if elected, his Education Department could diverge from the Trump administration's: civil rights enforcement.

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United States of America - Hospital to Stop Harmful Intersex Surgeries on Children

26th October - In a victory for intersex people, a hospital in Chicago pledged earlier this year to stop performing medically unnecessary surgeries on children born with intersex traits. The Ann & Robert H. Lurie Children's Hospital also became the first hospital in the United States to publicly apologize for the harm these surgeries caused intersex people, who are born with traits that don't fit conventional expectations of female or male bodies.

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United States of America - A victory for Native children's rights to remain with family and tribe

7th October - A recent, unanimous opinion of the Washington State Supreme Court authored by Justice Raquel Montoya-Lewis, the first Native American justice to serve on the court, gives critical life to the rights granted under the act by giving expansive meaning to the "reason to know" standard that invokes its protections.

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Venezuela - Derechos de niños y adolescentes en Venezuela son vulnerados

12 de Octubre - Expertos coinciden que, en líneas generales, la situación de los niños, niñas y adolescentes en Venezuela es compleja y que los indicadores de desarrollo están “muy comprometidos”, lo que les impacta de forma determinante en términos de salud, educación, familia e identidad.

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