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# No Place To Hide: Gang, State, And Clandestine Violence In El Salvador (International Human Rights Program Practice Series)



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Gang, State, and Clandestine Violence in El Salvador

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## Synopsis

Seventeen years after the civil war in El Salvador came to an end, violence and insecurity continue to shape the daily lives of many Salvadorans. This book examines the phenomenon of youth gangs, as well as related police abuse, clandestine violence, and their collective impact on the rule of law. Beginning with an evaluation of the historical legacy of violence in El Salvador and the limitations of postwar efforts to construct functioning democratic and judicial institutions, No Place to Hide analyzes the dynamic evolution of violent street gangs and the Salvadoran stateâ <sup>™</sup>s responses to gang-related and other forms of violence. The bookâ <sup>™</sup>s findings are based on primary research conducted in El Salvador between 2006 and 2008.

#### **Book Information**

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This is a good, comprehensive report on the situation of gang and criminal violence in El Salvador. If you don't need a hard copy, you can download a copy for free from the Harvard website (just google the title of the book and you will find it)

I was very disappointed by this purchase. Seeking to save about a dollar, I ordered this as a used book, through a link to the 2010 edition on . I assumed I'd get the 2010 book. Surprise! What I got was a much shorter report issued by a Harvard Law School clinic, rather than the full-length book written by the clinic professors. This seemed a bit of a bait-and-switch tactic, though because the

work is relatively obscure, possibly the dealer was unaware of this. When I reported the problem in response to an emailed request for product assessment, however, I got no response back. The booklet did arrive timely and it is in good condition. It just isn't what it purported to be.

This is a very comprehensive and well written book on the phenomena of gangs in El Salvador. I found it very useful in my research as it has current statistics, graphs and testimonials. A must read for anyone in the field of political science, literature or history specializing in Central America or Latin American Studies.

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