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Documentaries

Title	Country	Year	Info
La Otra Ola [the Other Wave] Watch	Nicaragua	2022	Costa Rica has received over 180,000 Nicaraguan refugee applications since 2018. The influx of people has created a complex humanitarian situation, Nicaraguans, like the film's protagonist Xaviera, seek to integrate into Costa Rican society.
Nicaragua, Patria Libre Para Vivir [Nicaragua, free homeland to live] Watch	Nicaragua	2022	Daniel Rodriguez Moya, a Spanish academic and journalist with expertise in twentieth-century Nicaraguan history, infiltrates the resistance to Ortega and Murillo's regime to collect the testimonies of those who advocate for a free country that respects fundamental freedoms.
¡Sí Se Puede! Watch	Colombia	2023	The documentary highlights the many political killings of activists and the shocking inequality in Colombia, contrasted with the rise of the new progressive government led by Gustavo Petro.
Nicaragua's media crackdown Watch	Nicaragua	2019	Violent protest against President Daniel Ortega has led to a crackdown against the opposition - and any criticism of the government. Independent newspapers, TV channels and bloggers are being silenced, as journalists face intimidation and violence.
El Salvador: Gangs Battle for Power Watch	El Salvador	2015	After only a generation of gang wars, MS 13 and Barrio 18 are thinking of entering politics. Thanks to the 60,000 members of these criminal groups, and the 600,000 families working for them, they actually have a shot at making it in El Salvador's politics.
La Isla: Women Speak Out After Mass Arrests in El Salvador Watch	El Salvador	2023	Families on a remote island in El Salvador face profound isolation and grief when thousands of men across the country are accused of gang affiliation, in a short documentary by Amada Torruella.

<p>The Silence of Guatemala</p> <p>watch</p>	Guatemala	2022	If you listen carefully to the stories of the Maya, in Guatemala you will hear a silence in their stories that has lasted for forty years. This silence is about the genocide under the rule of General Efraín Ríos Montt. They call it The Silence of Guatemala, because the genocide has never been recognized. Has the time come to break that silence? Stef listens to the harrowing memories of victims and seeks redress from the perpetrators.
<p>When the Mountains Tremble</p> <p>watch</p>	Guatemala	1983	<i>When the Mountains Tremble</i> is the story of how the Guatemalan people came to take up arms attempting to overthrow a brutal military dictatorship and regain their democracy. Maya K'iche' leader Rigoberta Menchú was there; she tells the story.
<p>Torture, truth, justice: A forensic investigator unearths Guatemala's past</p> <p>watch</p>	Guatemala	2022	Carlos Poyon was just three years old when his father was kidnapped and disappeared in Guatemala. Forty years later, the traditional weaver studies anthropology still hoping to find his father. He records survivors' testimonies, takes DNA samples of those seeking missing loved ones and joins
<p>Burden of Peace</p> <p>Watch</p>	Guatemala	2015	Tells the impressive story of Claudia Paz y Paz, the first woman to head the Public Prosecutor's Office, who fights drug gangs, corruption and impunity.
<p>The Last Guardians</p> <p>watch</p>	Ecuador	2017	Documentary film made with the indigenous Sàpara and Kichwa tribes of the Ecuadorian Amazon. Bringing exposure to the threats they are facing from the oil industry, the film also sheds light on their philosophy and way of life, illustrating what the world stands to lose if their rights are not respected.
<p>Brazil: The Gang Prison</p> <p>watch</p>	Brazil	2018	Investigative journalist Raphael Rowe spends a few days -- both as a guard and a prisoner -- inside Brazil's gang-filled Porto Velho Penitentiary.
<p>Venezuela op de vlucht</p> <p>watch</p>	Venezuela	2023	Deals with the refugee crisis in Venezuela. Many Venezuelans are taking refuge in Cuenca, Ecuador.