

# Timeline of Major Events in Environmental and Social Justice

## Legend

	Environmental Health in Mexico
	Civil Rights
	Labor Movement
	Environmental
	Environmental Justice
	Global

USA

Mexico

1930 Congress of Industrial Organizations Formed (CIO)		1965 United Farm Workers Grape Boycott					
1940 Labor Relations Act		1962 Rachel Carlson's "Silent Spring" book is published	1971 Occupational Safety & Health Act (OSHA)	1982 Warren County, N.C. 1st major effort to prevent a PCB landfill from being sited			
1884 Emancipation Proclamation		1963 Vietnam War	1970 National Environmental Policy Act; Clean Air Act; Clean Water Act; Earth Day	1987 "Toxic Waste and Race" report published by the United Church of Christ			
1905 Jim Crow established in the South		1965 March on Washington to end the war	1971 Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, Rodenticide Act (FIFRA)	1989 Persian Gulf War		2002 California Environmental Justice Alliance is Established	
1915 National Association for the Advancement of Colored People		1960 Women's Movement	1976 Resource Conservation & Recovery Act; Toxic Substances Control Act	1984, Bhopal, India Union Carbide releases pesticides & kill 3,500 people immediately, 10,000 in ensuing months, many more have died since.		2003 California EPA Environmental Justice Recommendations adopted	
1920 19th Amendment - Women's Right to Vote		1963 March on Washington, 200,000 Activists	1978 "Love Canal" is declared a threat to human health and the environment: community evacuated	1986 Prop 65		2005 - Hurricane Katrina Government response highlights environmental racism	2010 White House holds Environmental Justice Forum
	1954 "Brown vs. Board of Education" Supreme Court decides that school segregation is unconstitutional	1964 Civil Rights Act	1979 Three Mile Island nuclear power plant meltdown	1986 California Right to Know Law	1991 People of Color Environmental Summit	2006 California Global Warming Solutions Act (AB32)	2010 BP oil spill in Gulf of Mexico largest in history
		1965 - Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee; Students for a Democratic Society; Blank Panthers	1970 Stonewall Uprising starts gay and lesbian rights movement	1986 Federal Right to Know Law; Chernobyl nuclear power plant accident	1994 Executive Order on Environmental Justice	2003 Iraq War	2011, Fukushima, Japan 3 nuclear reactors meltdown after earthquake damage
		1965 - Indian Civil Rights Act, Older Americans Act, Uprising in Watts, Detroit & Chicago	1972 "Roe vs Wade"- Supreme Court decides that abortion is legal	1989 Exxon Valdez oil tanker spill	1994 NAFTA	2001 War in Afghanistan	2011 Collective bargaining rights under attack across U.S.
		1966 War Against Poverty		1985 Equal Rights Amendment is defeated	1996 Welfare Reform	2008 First Africa-American elected President of U.S.	2011-Middle East Arab Spring The disenfranchised & poor demand a say in government
	1955 Montgomery Bus Boycott	1969 - 1st Women's Studies Program - SDSU			1999 Anti-WTO Actions in Seattle	2006 Massive marches for immigration reform	2010 Census California becomes a "Minority Majority" state (59% of population are people of color)
Pre-1950	1950's	1960's	1970's	1980's	1990's	2000's	2010's
1931 Federal Labor Law		1968 Tlatelolco massacre against students	1971 Federal law to prevent and control pollution	1988 Current judicial framework is established	1997 - RETC Registry of Pollution Emissions and Transfers	2005 Law of Civil Responsibility for damages and deterioration of the environment	
1917 Mexican Constitution Art. 27 establishes that the nation has the right to regulate the use of natural resources				1983 La Paz Agreement		2002 Law for Transparency and Access to Public Governmental Information	