



Drug Violence & Displacement

Impacts on Outbound Migration & Asylum

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Mexico's Security Situation

High Profile Violence and Organized Crime

Official Data vs. Media Reporting

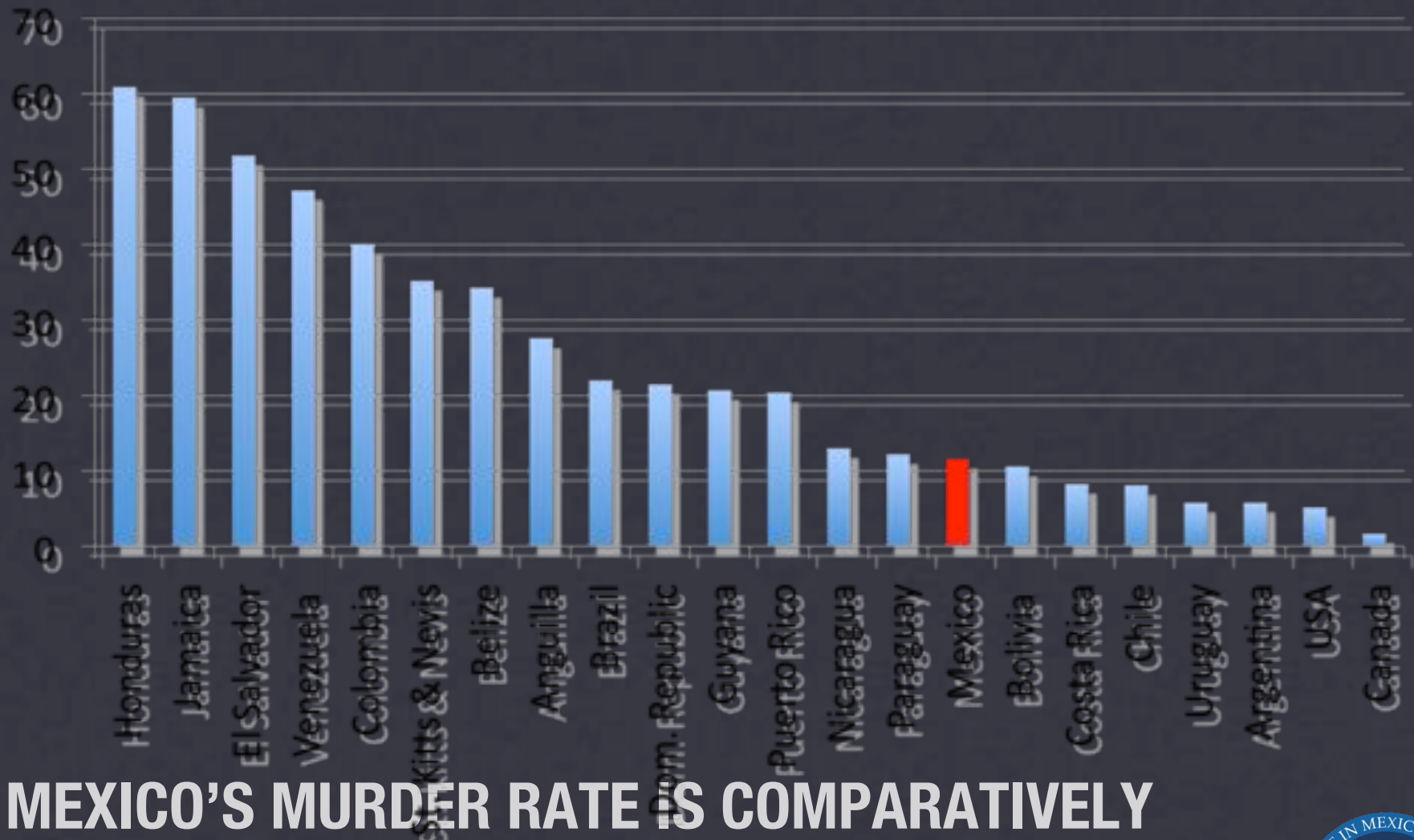


official tally: 15,273 organized crime killings

BOTH OFFICIAL AND MEDIA FIGURES IGNORE DISAPPEARANCES & HIDDEN GRAVESITES



Things Could Be Worse for Mexico

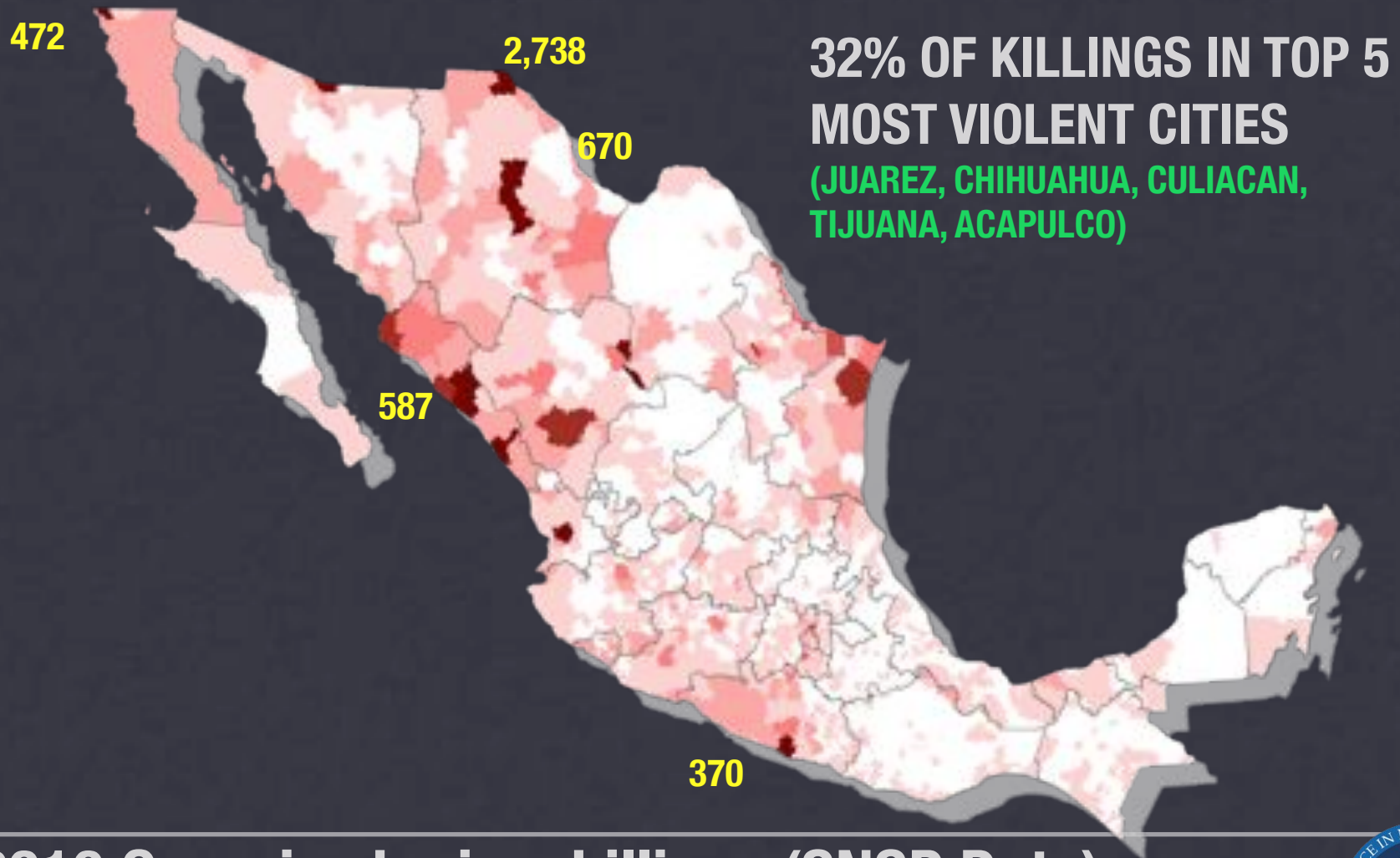


MEXICO'S MURDER RATE IS COMPARATIVELY LOW

Data Show Homicides Per 100,000 Inhabitants Circa 2007-2008



Geographic Distribution of Violence



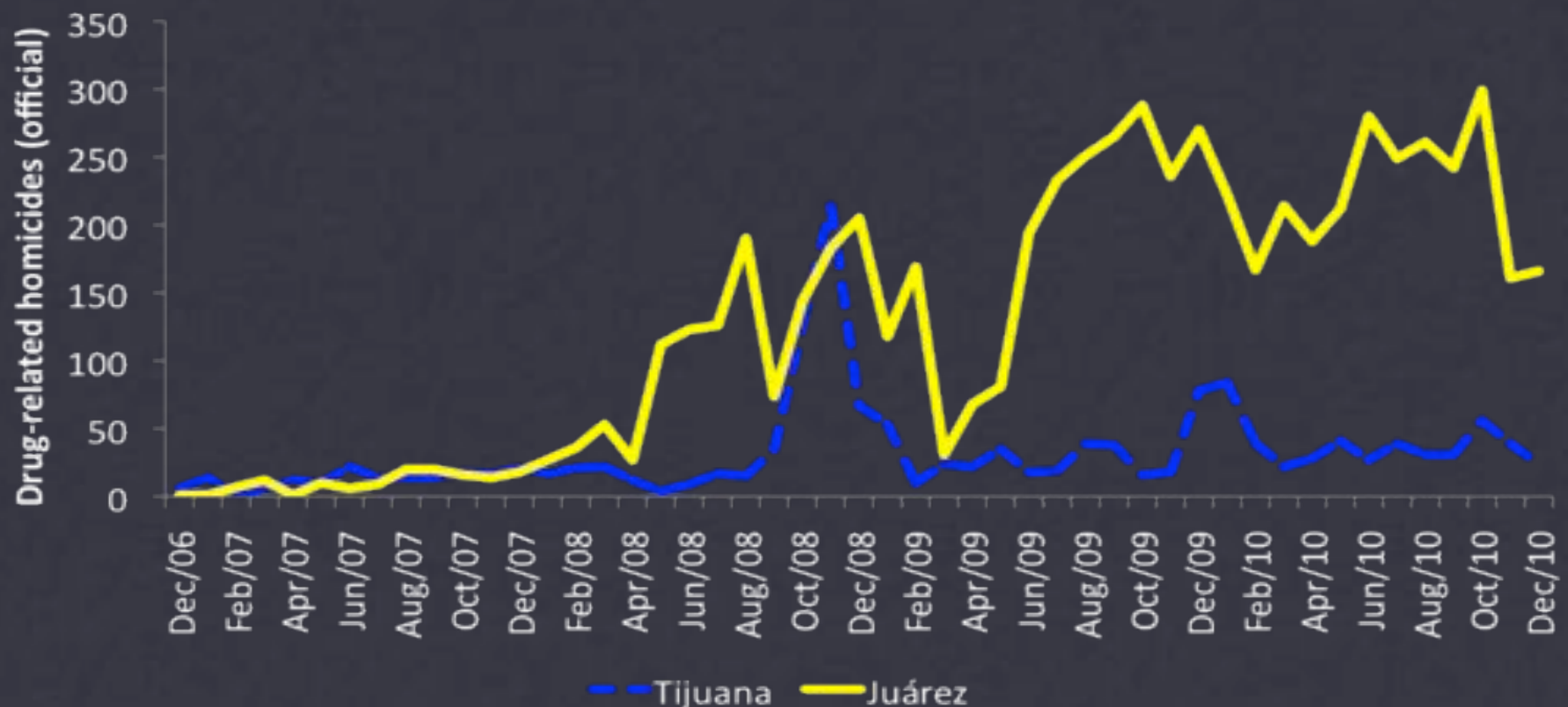
2010 Organized crime killings (SNSP Data)

70% of violence concentrated in just 80 municipalities



Significant Variation: CJ vs. TJ

In Tijuana, DTO killings increased over 270% in 2008 before decreasing in 2009. In Cd. Juárez, violence increased more than tenfold that year.

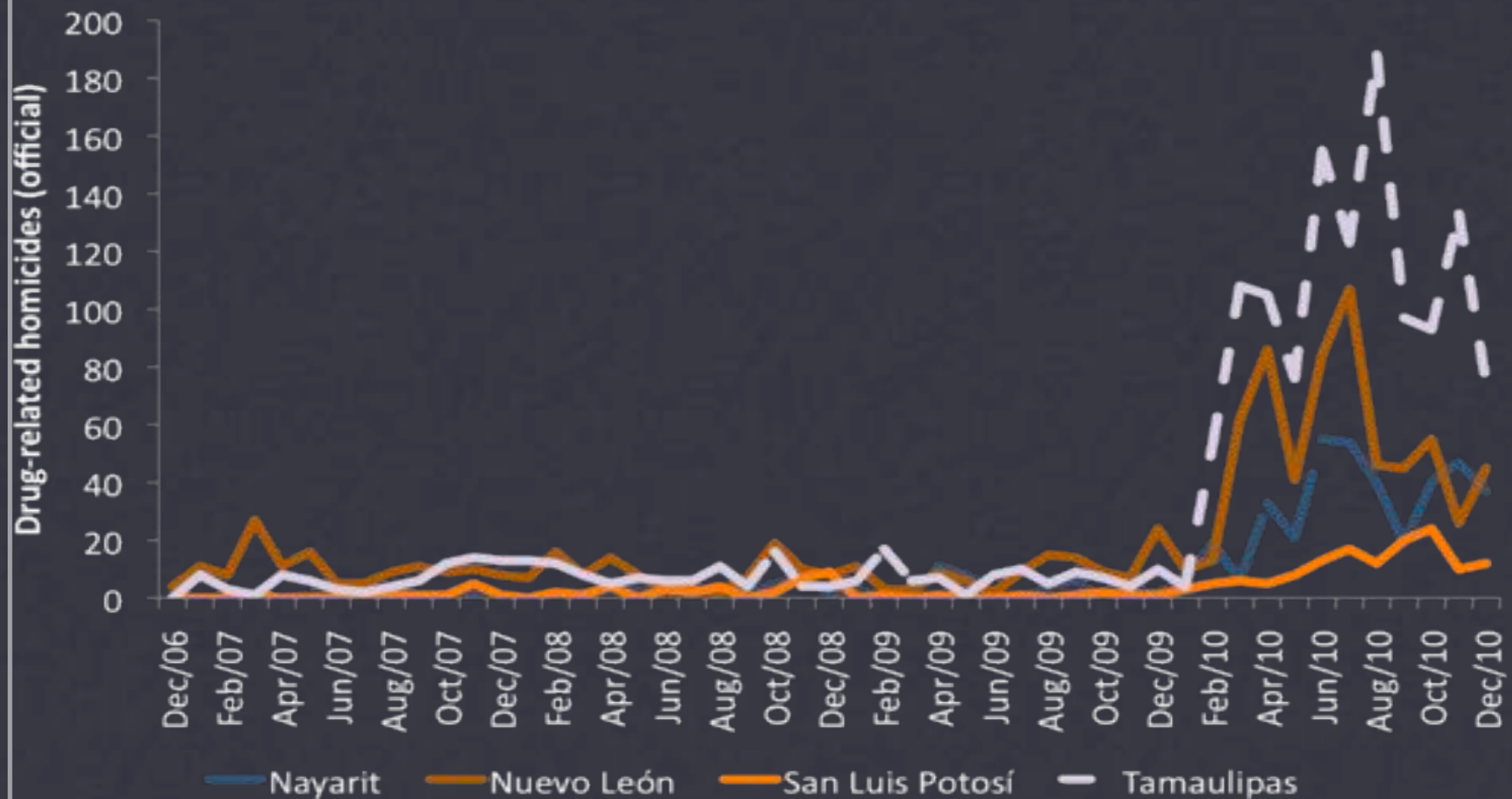


Organized crime killings (SNSP Data)

Shifting patterns of violence due to clashes among organized crime groups



Sudden Spikes in New Areas

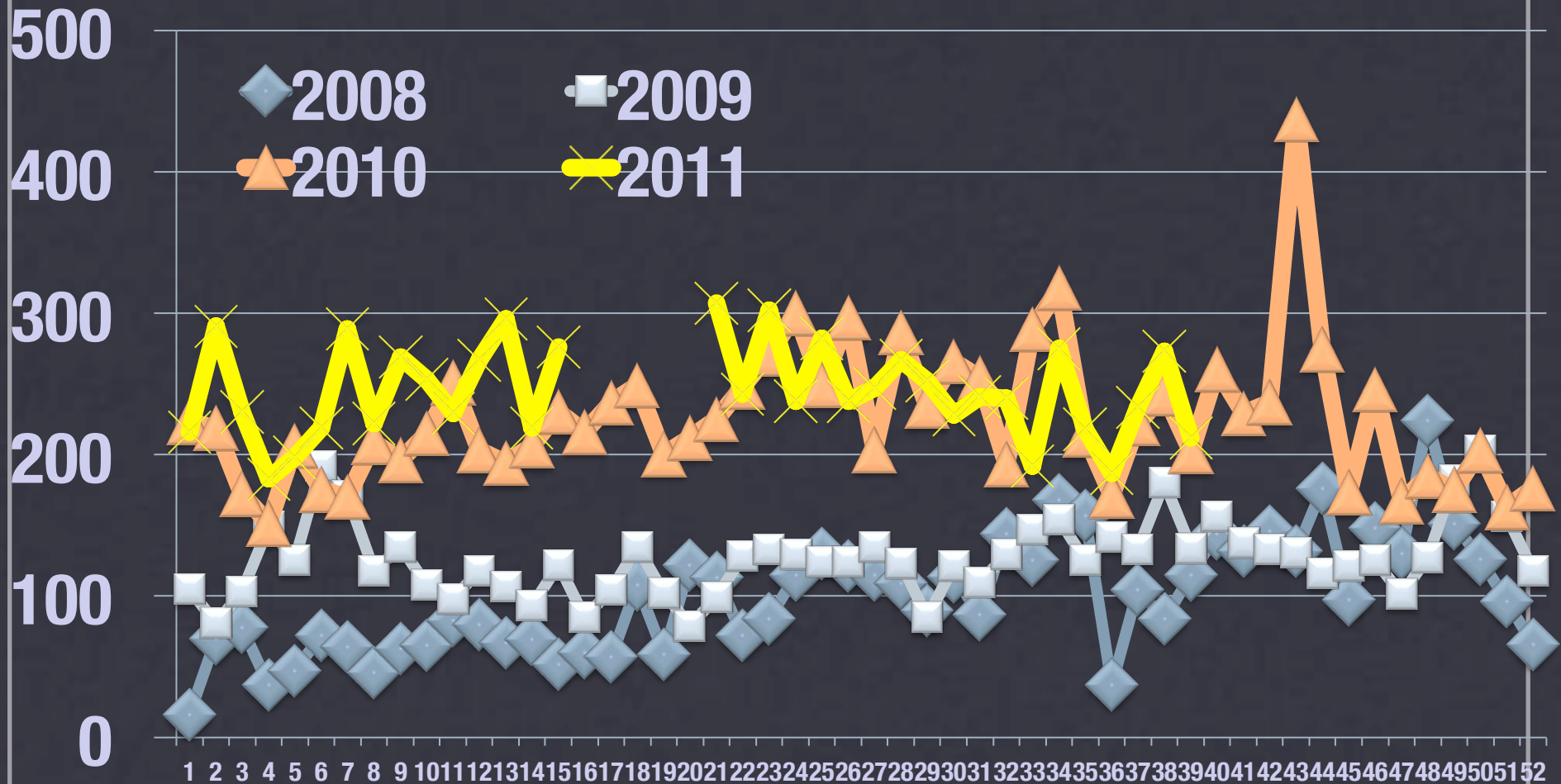


New clashes due to splinter groups

zetas and beltran leyva Organizations battle gulf and sinaloa cartels



Reforma Tally by Month, 2007-2011*

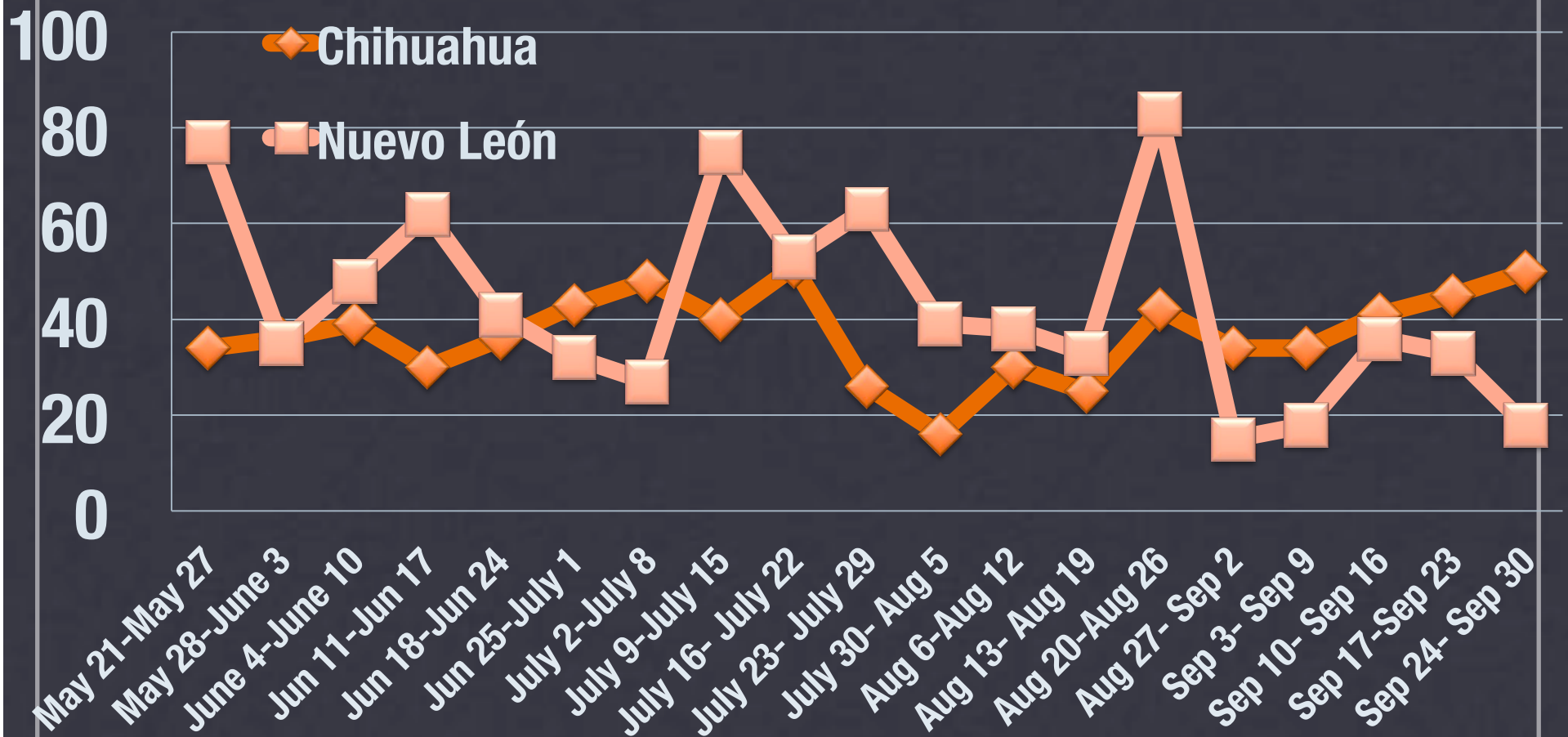


CONTINUOUS UPWARD TREND TILL 2010

Minor Cyclical Trends Observable in Early Summer, Mid-Fall, and End of Year



Documented Drug-Related Killings in Chihuahua and Nuevo León (by week)

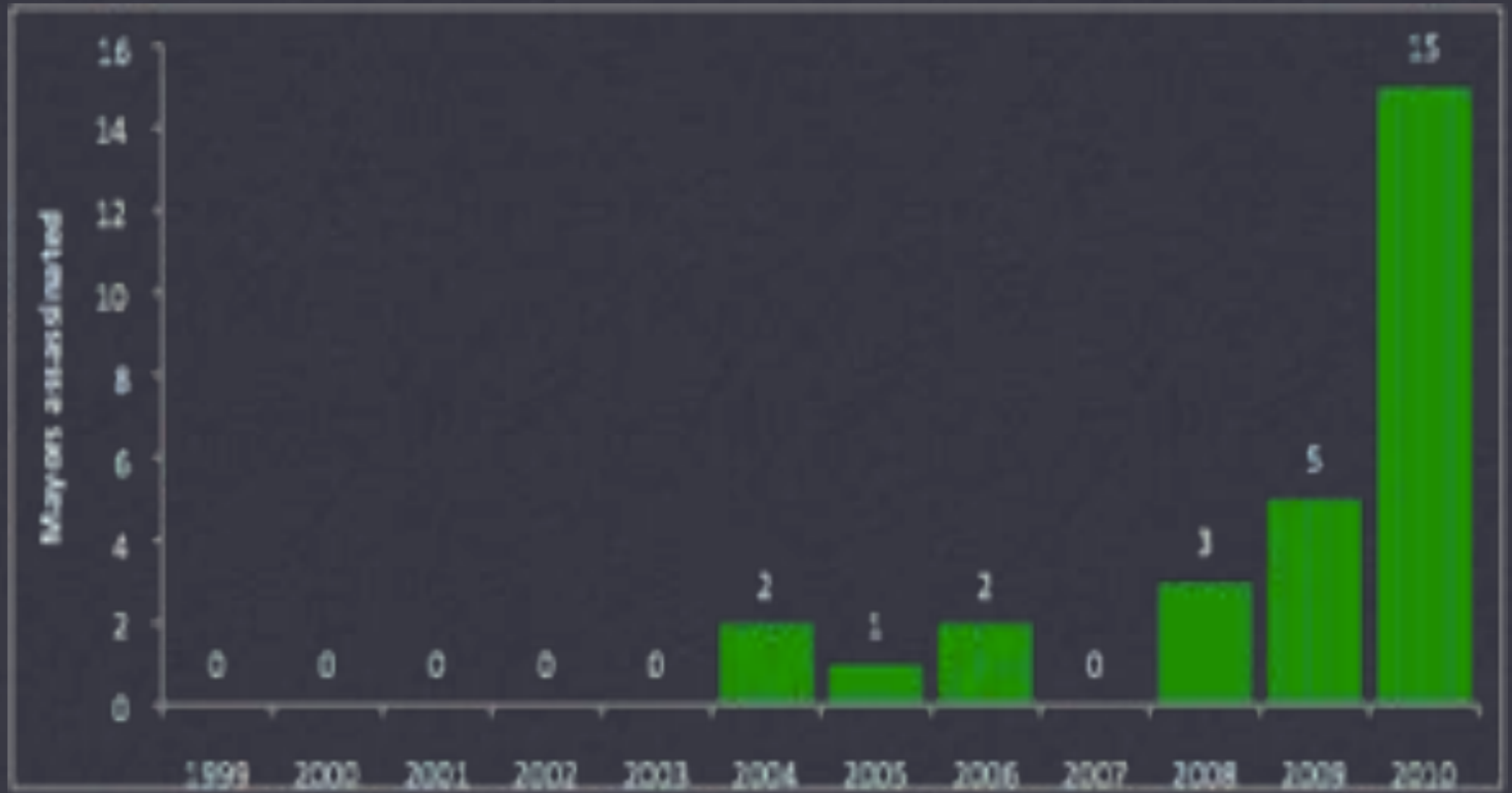


TRADING PLACES: JUAREZ AND MONTERREY

Conflicts Between Zetas and Gulf Cartel Obscure Drop in Violence in Ciudad Juárez



Plomo Trumps Plata: Mayors

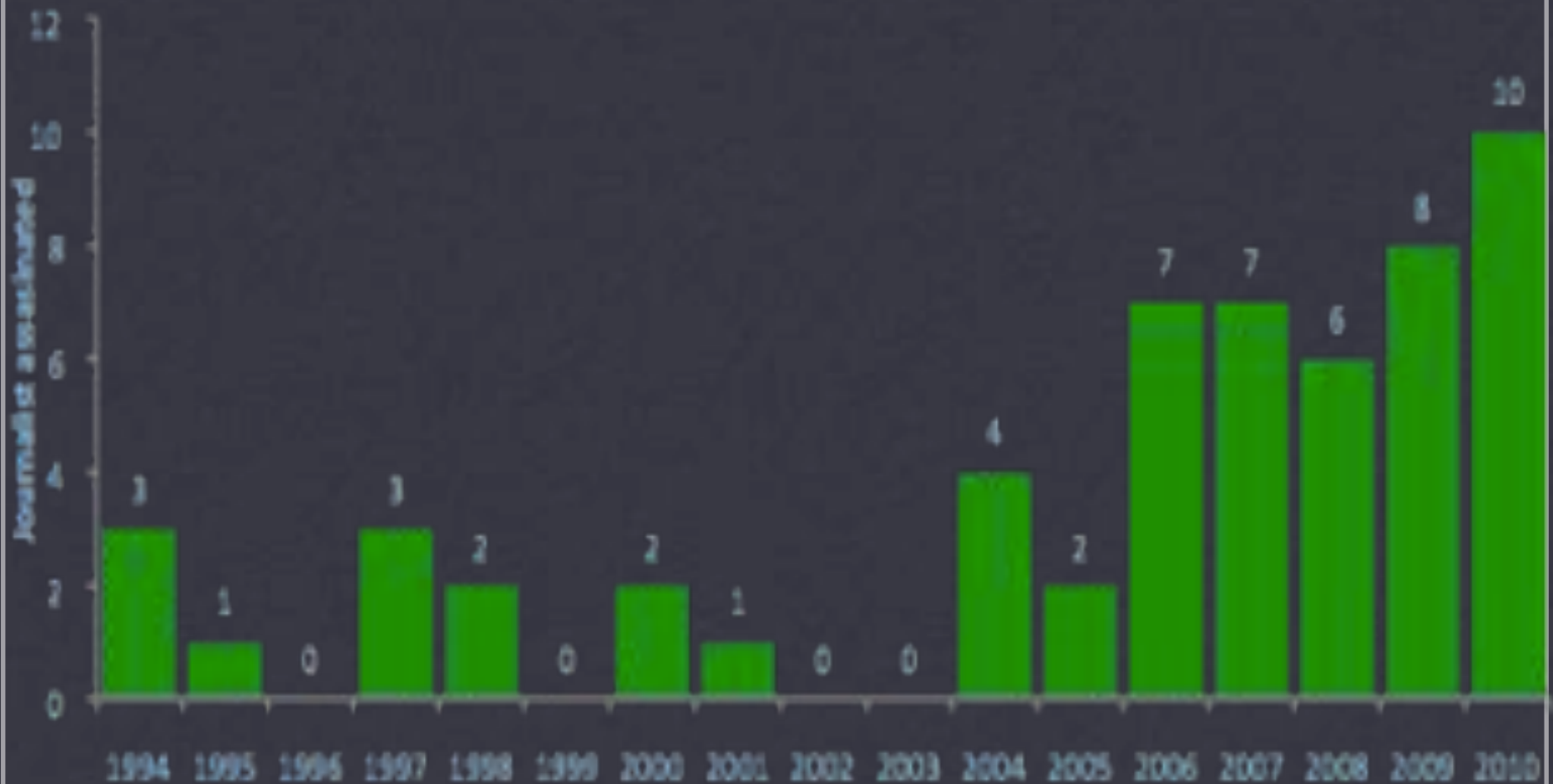


Growing Threat to Government Officials

rural mayors targeted in conflicts among competing organizations



Eyes, Ears, and Voice of Civil Society



Growing Threat to Journalists in Mexico

mexico has become one of the most dangerous countries for journalists



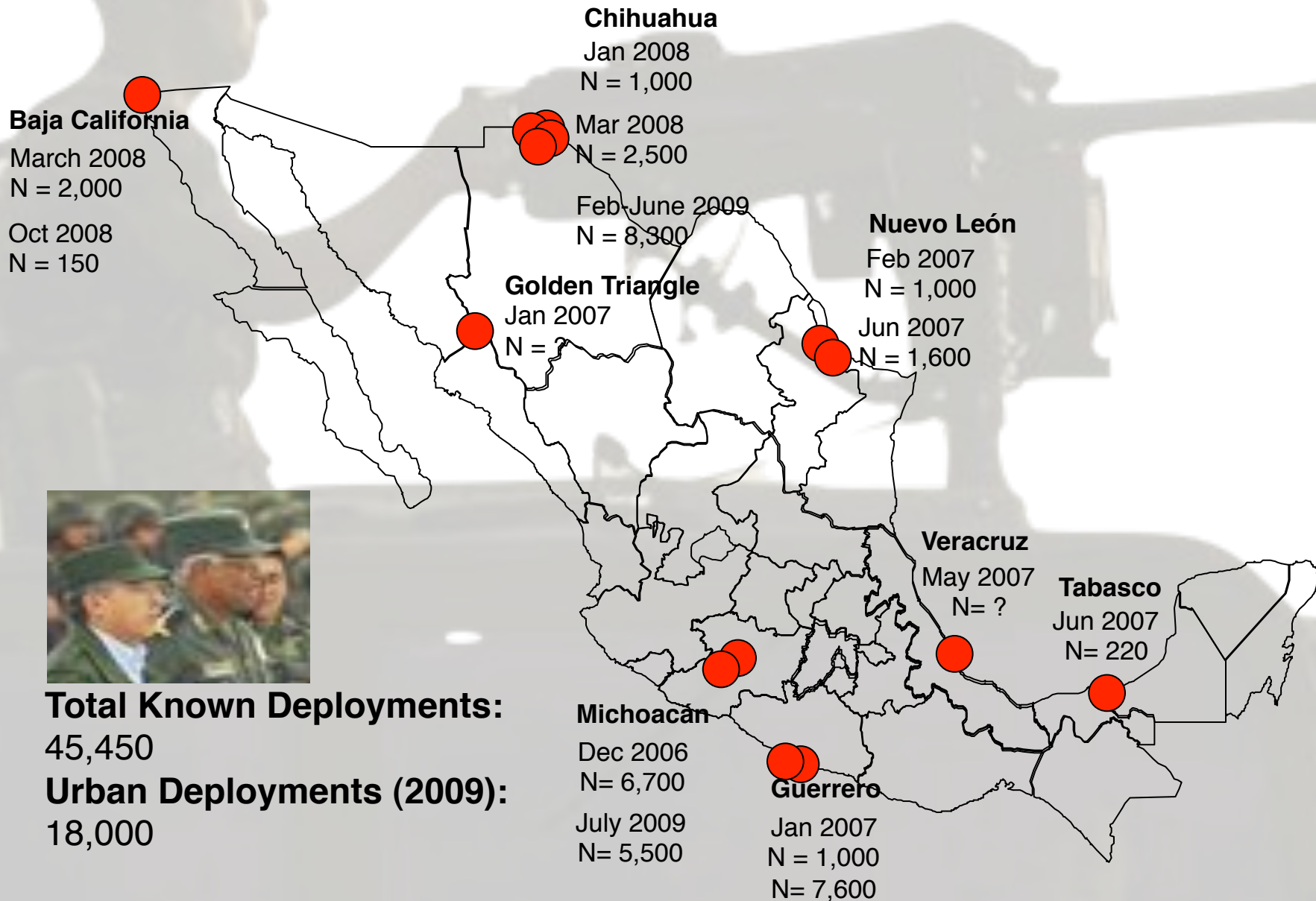




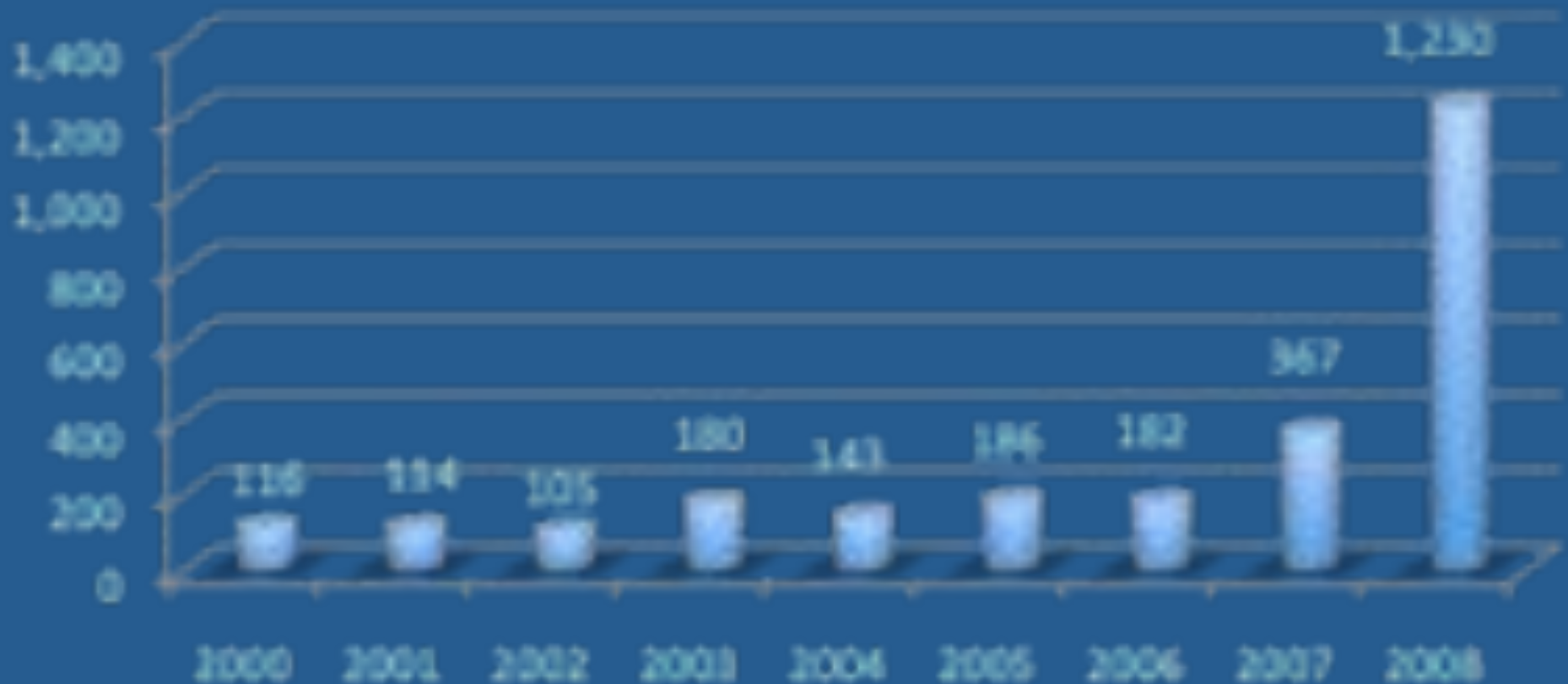




Military and Federal Police Deployments



Alleged Human Rights Violations Attributed to SEDENA



•Moloeznik (2009), "Principales efectos de la militarización del combate al narcotráfico en México"



Internal Displacement, Migration, & Asylum Requests

High Profile Violence and Organized Crime

Internal Displacement

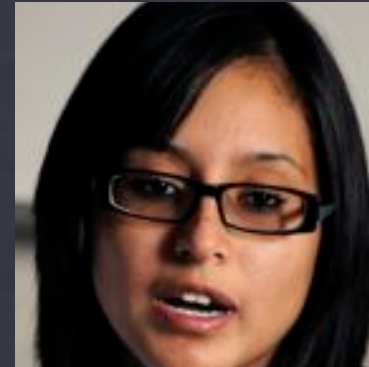
In March 2011, the **Internal Displacement Monitoring Centre** issued a report stating that there are an estimated **230,000 people** internally displaced as a result of the violence from drug violence and other factors (e.g., Chiapas).

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Little Refuge for Asylum Seekers

- Asylum application data, interviews and anecdotal evidence present mixed findings on the trends in asylum.
- Despite high profile cases, asylum data suggest little increase in asylum applications or acceptances from Mexico since the violence started.

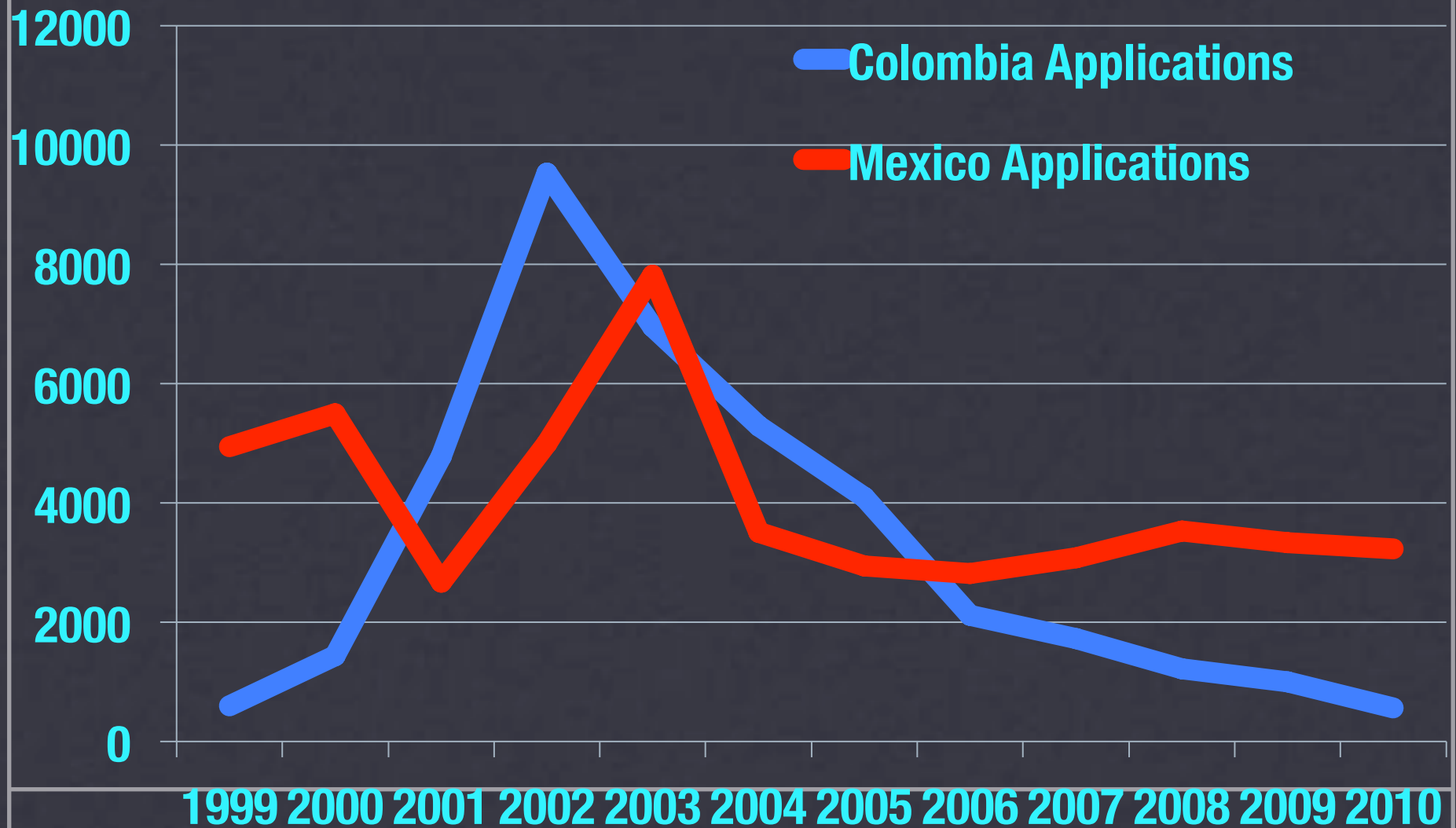


**Marisol Valles
Garcia, Police Chief
for Praxedis de
Guerrero**



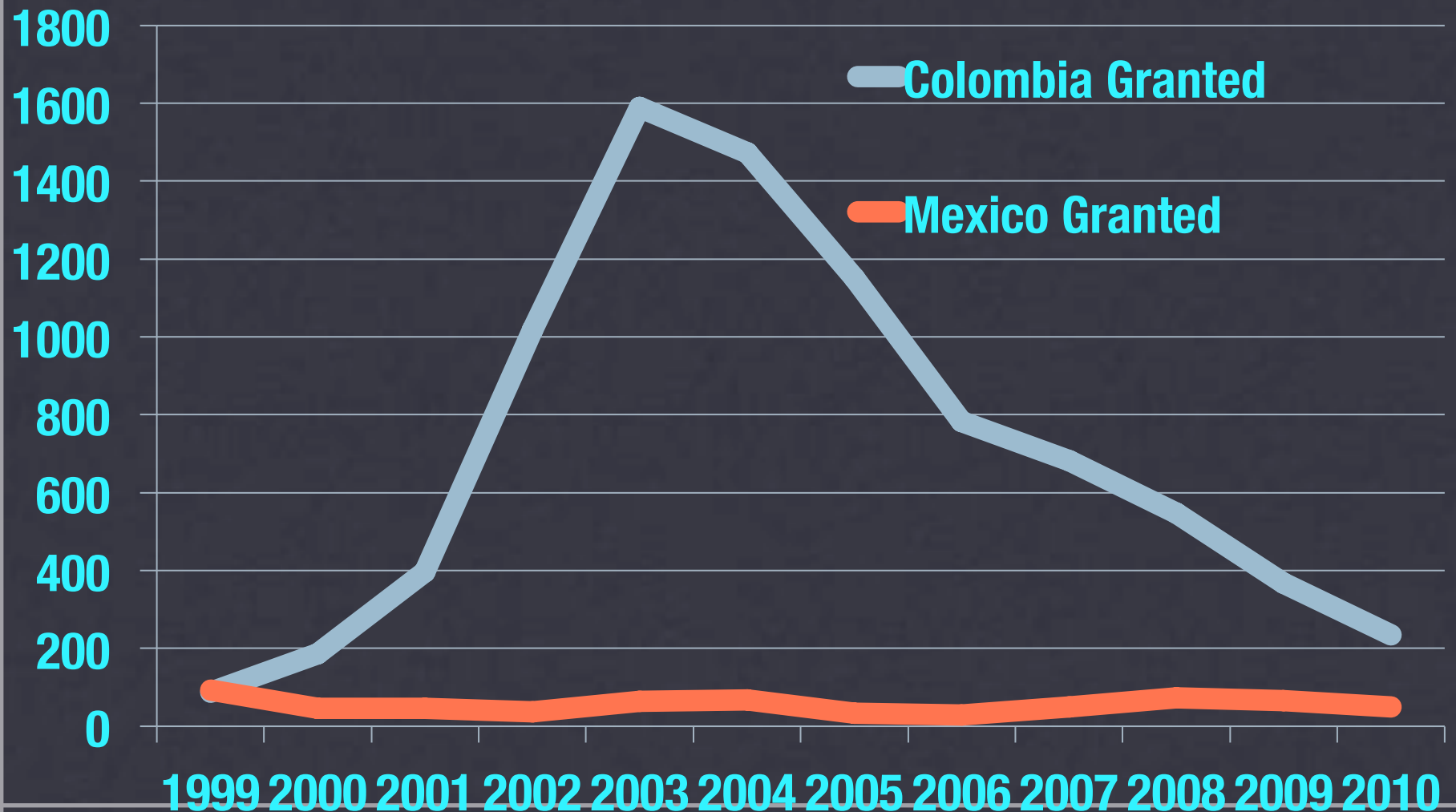
**Mexican journalist
Emilio Gutierrez**

Asylum Applications: Mexico vs. Colombia



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Asylum Granted: Mexico vs. Colombia



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Why Is Asylum So Scarce?

- **Legal parameters for asylum** are very narrow (race, religion, nationality, political opinion, social group)
- **Significantly varied rulings** by U.S. judges on asylum cases
- **Immigration hearing claims** based on “reasonable fear” in contesting deportation not registered as asylum





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