

## ABSTRACT

### GUERRILLA GROUPS' INVOLVEMENT IN WOMEN'S AND FEMINIST MOVEMENTS

This thesis explores how guerrilla movements aided in the formation of women's and feminist groups that emerged in Nicaragua, El Salvador, and Chiapas, Mexico. The development of feminism has been attributed to women's participation in the guerrilla movements of these regions. Feminism did not originate from women's involvement in guerrilla warfare; instead it grew from gender inequalities that women suffered in these countries. This thesis argues that feminism in Nicaragua, El Salvador, and Chiapas, Mexico, derives from historically unbalanced power structures between the genders and cannot be entirely understood as a derivative from the revolutionary struggles in these regions.

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