

## ANYONE'S CHILD MEXICO

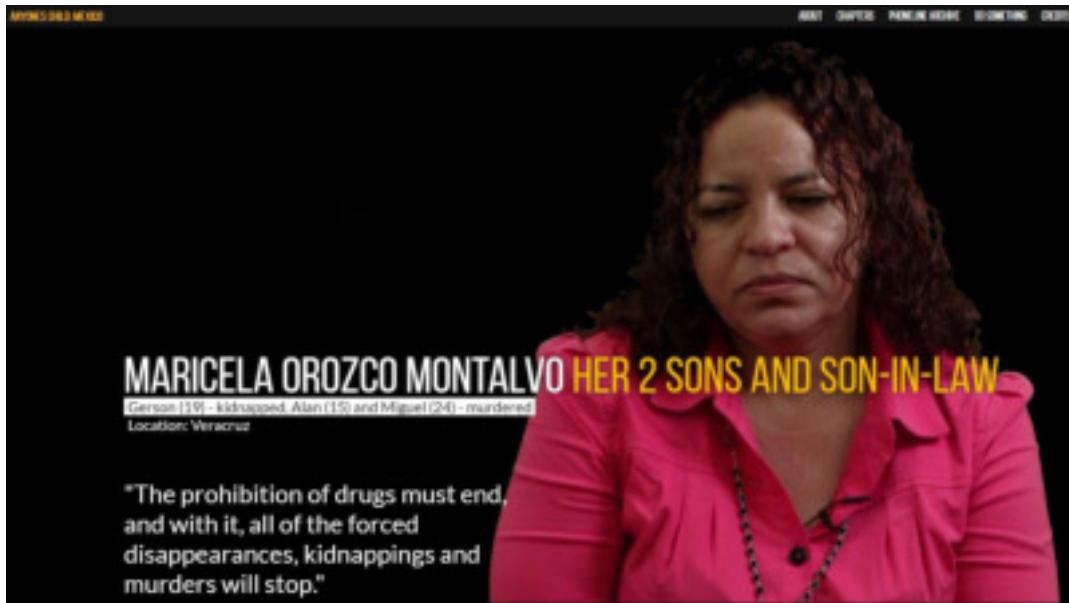
### **Exercise 1:** The interactive documentary

Explore the i-doc, listening to the testimonies and expert voices. This should take approximately 40 minutes. Note down the different consequences of narcotics prohibition in Mexico that are mentioned.



### **Exercise 2:** Answer the following questions. You should write around 100 words for each response.

- a. Which groups in Mexican society have been most affected by prohibition?
- b. Can you explain the link between corruption and drug prohibition in Mexico?
- c. Listen to the testimonies in chapter 3. Who is most to blame for the problems they have faced?
- d. Why are the participants in Anyone's Child Mexico telling their stories? What do they hope to achieve?
- e. Reflect on your experience of the interactive documentary. Has your position on the drug war changed?

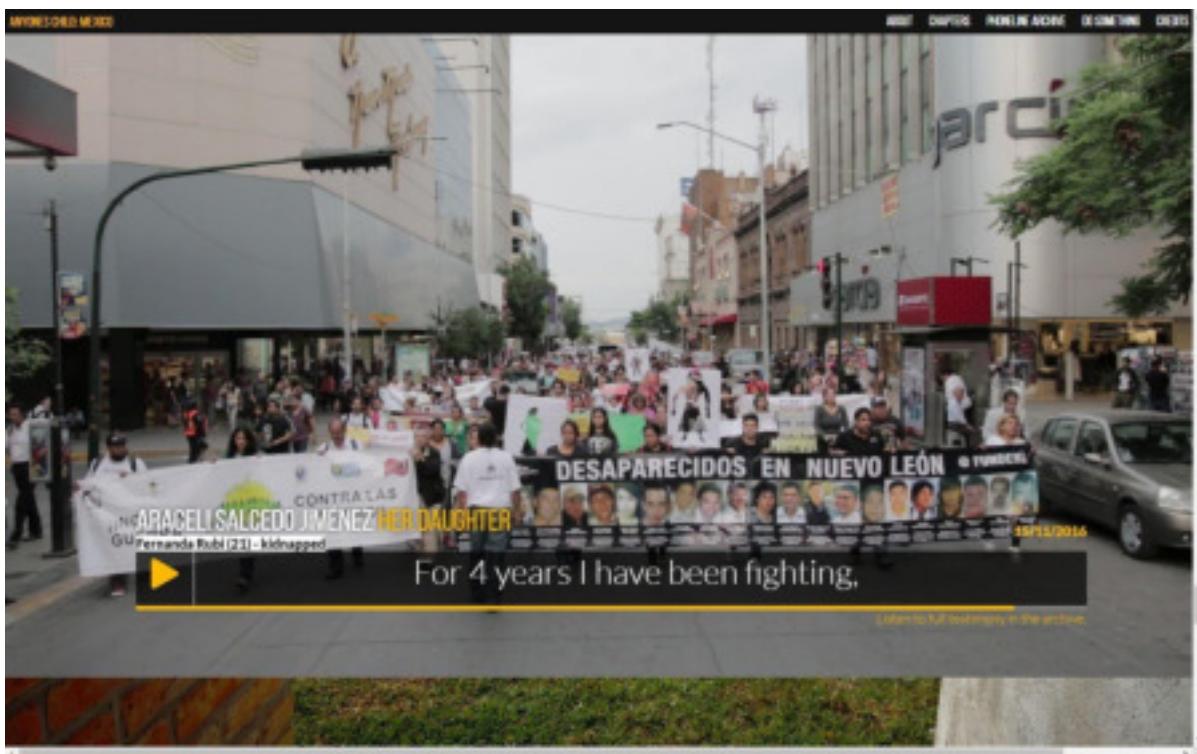


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## 9. Topics for Classroom Discussion / Presentation

1. Read Benjamin Smith's article in *Past & Present*. To what extent are the violence and corruption described in *Anyone's Child Mexico* a new phenomena, or a re-emergence of historical trends? What similarities can you detect between the two periods considered?
2. To what extent are the problems described in *Anyone's Child Mexico* specific to the country?
3. What benefits might legal regulation of narcotics have for Mexican society?
4. Do you think it likely that binding legal regulation will be achieved during the presidency of Donald Trump? Or during your lifetime?



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