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Recognized PSG's

SECOND CIRCUIT

Resistance to Female Subordination to Male Dominance in El Salvador

Hernandez Chacon v. Barr, No. (2d Cir. Jan. 23, 2020): “resistance to the norm of female subordination to male dominance that pervades El Salvador.”

- “There is ample evidence in the record to support her claim: Gangs control much of El Salvador, including the neighborhood in which Hernandez-Chacon lived. The law enforcement systems that would normally protect women -- police, prosecutors, judges, officials -- do not have the resources or desire to address the brutal treatment of women, and the Salvadoran justice system “favors aggressors and assassins” and “punish[es] victims of gender violence.

OTHER CIRCUITS

Women of Country X

Miguelina De Pena-Paniagua v. Barr, (1st Cir. 2020)

It is not clear why a larger group defined as "women," or "women in country X" -- without reference to additional limiting terms -- fails either the "particularity" or "social distinction" requirement. Certainly, it is difficult to think of a country in which women are not viewed as "distinct" from other members of society.... It is equally difficult to think of a country in which women do not form a "particular" and "well-defined" group of persons."

It is unsurprising, then, that if race, religion, and nationality typically refer to large classes of persons, particular social groups -- which are equally based on innate characteristics -- may sometimes do so as well. See *Perdomo v. Holder*.

Female Victims of Domestic Violence

• **Garcia v. U.S. Att’y Gen.**, 665 F.3d 496 (3d Cir. 2011) (PSG: individuals who testify against gang members)v • **Valdiviezo-Galdamez v. Holder**, 663 F.3d 582 (3d Cir. 2011) (PSG: young men who have been actively recruited by gangs and who have refused to join the gangs” is a “particular social group) • **Crespin-Valladares v. Holder**, 632 F.3d 117 (4th Cir. 2011) (PSG: family members of those who actively oppose gangs in El Salvador by agreeing to be prosecutorial witnesses) • **Martinez v. Holder**, 740 F.3d 902 (4th Cir. 2014) (PSG: former gang members) • **Perdomo v. Holder**, 611 F.3d 662 (9th Cir. 2010) (PSG: Guatemalan women) • **Henriquez-Rivas v. Holder**, 707 F.3d 1081 (9th Cir. 2013) (PSG: people who testify against gang members) • **Cordoba v. Holder**, 726 F.3d 1106 (9th Cir. 2013) (PSG: landowners in X country) • **Niang v. Gonzales**, 422 F.3d 1187 (10th Cir. 2005) (PSG: females within a particular tribe)

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