

“A hopeless hope”: Women of the State of Puebla, living in households without men as they migrated

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Abstract:

This paper has the goal to present the wives of migrant workers, their activities in the communities in which they remain and also the decisions that they are forced to make regarding the uncertainty of their husband's return. The data was taken between the year 2007 and 2008 in Santa Martha Hidalgo, a little town located in the region cholulteca, State of Puebla, Mexico. Different techniques of ethnographic investigation were used such as interviews to the women whose spouses were in the United States, surveys and participant observation. This article contradicts some investigations that consider passive the role of women in charge of the household while they wait for their husband's return.

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