

The women's prisons in Mexico: spaces of patriarchal oppression

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Abstract:

From a gender perspective, this paper examines the oppression and inconspicuousness of imprisoned women in the Mexican penitentiary system. Prison reproduces social and gender-based inequities, as well as an offender status. The penitentiary system is not sensitive about the needs of the imprisoned women. In most cases, these women has suffered oppression long before their confinement, and once in jail, they don't get the necessary basic elements needed to lead a successful life outside the prison's walls.

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