

## The Rights of Indigenous Peoples in Mexico

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The Article addresses the rights of the indigenous peoples in Mexico from the point of view of the Constitution, the International Labor Organization (ILO) Agreement, and other national laws. Both the Constitution and the ILO Agreement recognize that indigenous peoples must enjoy the same rights and opportunities as the rest of the population, and that in implementing such policies, their customs and customary laws must be taken into account. National legislation on ecology, education, penal law administration and women rights is also discussed.

It also gives a background on the Chiapas rebel problem and uses this example to conclude that the solution to the problem is to find a middle ground between blindly upholding the indigenous peoples' rights and culture, and making them to conform to mainstream practices.