

**Lesson Title**

Report finds extensive use of forced sterilization in Colombia

**E-Newscast Video Link**

<http://disabilityrightsgalaxy.com/?p=17058>

**Video Length**

Two minutes and forty-nine seconds

**Grade Level**

High School & Above

**Summary**

A report released this October has confirmed the use of forced sterilization of people with disabilities in Colombia. Under Colombian guardianship law, an absolute or partial guardian may petition the court for surgical procedures, including sterilization. The report states that Colombia has violated a number of international agreements by allowing this practice of sterilization to occur.

**Review Questions**

According to the report, have more men or women with disabilities been force sterilized?

How many men and women were sterilized, according to Colombia's Ministry of Health?

Which agreements has Colombia violated by allowing the sterilization of people with disabilities?

**Free writing "Journal" Prompt**

What are your thoughts on whether or not people should be legally allowed to have partial or absolute guardianship over people with disabilities?

What claims do opponents of sterilization use to support their argument?

What claims do proponents of sterilization use to support their argument?