

Current Issues in South America

Due to the proximity of South America to the United States sometimes the two continents share common current issues. For example, the United States is currently struggling with immigration issues largely because people come, hoping to improve their economic or educational opportunities. (pull factor). People from South America leave their homelands to escape discrimination, persecution, or war. (push factor).

FARC: Revolutionary Armed Forces of Columbia (Fuerzas Armadas Revolucionarias de Columbia)

1964 – Colombian Communist Party originated FARC

FARC has been involved in numerous activities against Colombian political, military and economic targets.

Tactics used by FARC include kidnapping, murder, extortion, drug trafficking and bombings.