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# REFERENCES TO WOMEN

Grenada Truth Commission

## Abstract

Notes on discussions of women, as well as a list of coding themes and references to women in the Grenada Truth Commission.

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## Researcher Notes

Report details:

- Published 28 March 2006
- pdf is 305 pages
- no chapter or section on women
- according to NVivo's text search, the word women (using stems) is referenced 14 times, representing 0.04% coverage
- after deleting references from the bibliography, notes or headers, there are **13 broad references** to women in the content of the report
- women are usually discussed in terms of violence conducted against them

Women are referenced in the following ways:

- involvement of women in politics and the economy
- need to find victims and offer them compensation
- accounts of military action, attacks and killings

## Links to Data Visualization

This section contains links to all data visualization for the Grenada report.

### Word Frequency Cloud

- [word frequency cloud](#)
- [excel sheet of word frequency cloud findings](#)

### Word Trees

- [history](#)
- [women](#)
- [children](#)
- [youth](#)
- [forgive](#)
- [victim](#)
- [truth](#)
- [reconciliation](#)
- [land](#)

\*NVivo software can only edit word trees by changing the central search term and branch sizes. Word trees includes references from bibliography, headers, and notes that cannot be edited out using NVivo software. Researchers will need to manually remove unsightly branches using editing software (e.g., paint, photoshop, etc.)

## Coding Women for the Grenada Report

The following chart breakdowns the child nodes used for coding references to women based on themes and discussions surrounding women in the Grenada report.

Women	References or discussions of women
Economy	References or discussions of the economy
Forgiveness	References or discussions of forgiveness
Politics	References or discussions of politics, political parties, and politicians
Reconciliation	References or discussions of reconciliation
Truth	References or discussions of truth
Violence	References or discussions of violence

## References to Women

This section contains all references to women from the Grenada report.

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### Reference 1 - 0.01% Coverage

in the minds of men and women can never be an easy matter; and searching for truth which lies buried under countless horrors of violent conflicts, gross violations with informed memories and the overgrowth of thirty years, is neither a pleasant nor an enviable experience.

### Reference 2 - 0.03% Coverage

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### Reference 5 - 0.01% Coverage

Q: Commissioner: This was a religious seminary or something? A: Witness: "It was a vocational camp for young men and women, and the Anglicans, Methodist and Catholics were responsible for it -

### Reference 6 - 0.04% Coverage

We know that the demise of the Revolution has dashed many dreams. Thus we understand the frustration and anger of the Grenadian people arising out of these dashed expectations and feeling of betrayal on account of the tragedy and defeat of the Revolution. While we believe that all the Leaders of the Revolution were collectively at fault and contributed to its demise; we fully appreciate and accept that those who survived must bear the cross. This is why we have borne for the past 13 years while imprisoned, and shall always bear, the enormous burden of feeling responsible, morally responsible, for all the events which took place in October 1983. And it is also on this basis that we most profoundly apologize, to all the victims and sufferers and their families, to the families of all those who died and to the entire Grenadian people, including members of the NJM itself, the members of the PRA,

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youth and women in the People's Militia felt(and still feel) about all this (especially those who were located in Grand Anse - near to Point Salines - and on their own pinned down the us-Forces at Point Salines for a couple of days) when the world has the impression that it was Cuba's Forces in Grenada which resisted the US Invaders, defending Grenada's Independence and sovereignty? I (and all the others here), however, must pay tribute to the memory of those Cubans who (acting in accordance with FC's instructions had no choice but to allow US forces to freely land and capture Point Salines) died resisting the Yankees after they were directly attacked in their camp sites at Point Salines.

#### Reference 9 - 0.02% Coverage

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#### Reference 10 - 0.05% Coverage

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Both Bullen Cheiubin and Creft stated that as soon as the building at Fort Rupert came under fire, its occupants were ordered by Bishop to lie flat to the ground. The former said during the Siege the late Prime Minister asked one of the soldiers in the room for a gun but Bishop was told he would not fire from inside the building because there was no window and everyone inside would get hurt. She spoke of someone in the room shouting out, "We surrender after the firing ceased and at the reply from outside the building was that they should all come out with their hands in the air. She said the women were carrying the injured schoolgirl and on reaching the verandah of the building, there were three bodies that looked dead and in the yard trucks and cars were on fire.

#### Reference 12 - 0.01% Coverage

THE DROP of 8 pin could have been heard as the jury, which included five women, returned to the packed courthouse in Grenada.

Reference 13 - 0.02% Coverage

Suffering serious injury, bones or more, women afraid. Including disjunctive, the children, the mother, the  
republican, was subjected to abusive acts and the evidence of the added indignity of the fraud of the  
to having his head shaved with steel, rather than a break, the pieces of broken glass while spirits of the NJM and  
the being denied medical attention people of Guatemala.



## Child Node References to Women

The following section contains references to women from the Grenada report organized by the child nodes outlined in Coding Women for the Grenada Report. Some references appear under several subheadings since they contained discussions of multiple themes.

### *Economy*

References or discussions of the economy

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## *Forgiveness*

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## Politics

References or discussions of politics, political parties, and politicians

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## *Reconciliation*

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