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# REFERENCES TO SLAVERY AND SLAVES

Truth Commissions

[Abstract](#)

References to slavery and slaves in the truth commission reports.

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## Reports Analyzed

The following truth commissions were analyzed in regards to their discussions and number of references to women using NVivo software:

### Asia

1. Indonesia (2008)
2. South Korea (2010)
3. Timor-Lest (2013)

### Africa

4. South Africa (1998)
5. Nigeria (2002)
6. Sierra Leone (2004)
7. Ghana (2004)
8. Liberia (2009)
9. Mauritius (2011)
10. Kenya (2013)

### The Americas

11. Chile (1996)
12. Guatemala (1999)
13. Grenada (2006)
14. United States of America (2006)
15. Canada (2015)

## Number of References to Slavery and Slaves

The following reports made the most references to slavery and slaves in the content of their reports:

- Mauritius – 1818
- Timor-Leste – 149
- Sierra Leone – 120

The following reports made the least references to slavery and slaves in the content of their reports:

- Kenya – 3
- Indonesia – 2
- Grenada – 1

The following reports made 0 references to slavery or slaves in the content of their reports:

- Guatemala
- South Korea
- Chile

Note – while some reports discuss the history of slavery as a colonial institution, others discuss slavery in terms of sexual slavery during civil wars.

Chart 1: References to Slavery or Slaves in the Truth Commission Reports

The following chart provides a breakdown of the number of broad references to slavery and slaves in the truth commissions analyzed for this report. The y-axis represents the number of references to slavery and slaves, and the x-axis represents the truth commission reports. The data sets from left to right read the most to the least references to slavery and slaves. The chart shows that the reports for Mauritius, Timor-Leste, and Sierra Leone make the most references to slavery and slaves, and that the reports for Kenya, Indonesia, and Grenada make the least references to slavery and slaves. Guatemala, Chile, and South Korea reports made 0 references to slavery and slaves.

This chart only includes references to slavery and slaves in the content of the truth commission reports. References to slavery and slaves in bibliographies, notes, or chapter headers were not included as they had no bearing on discussions of slavery and slaves in the report and often skewed the number of references to in the report.

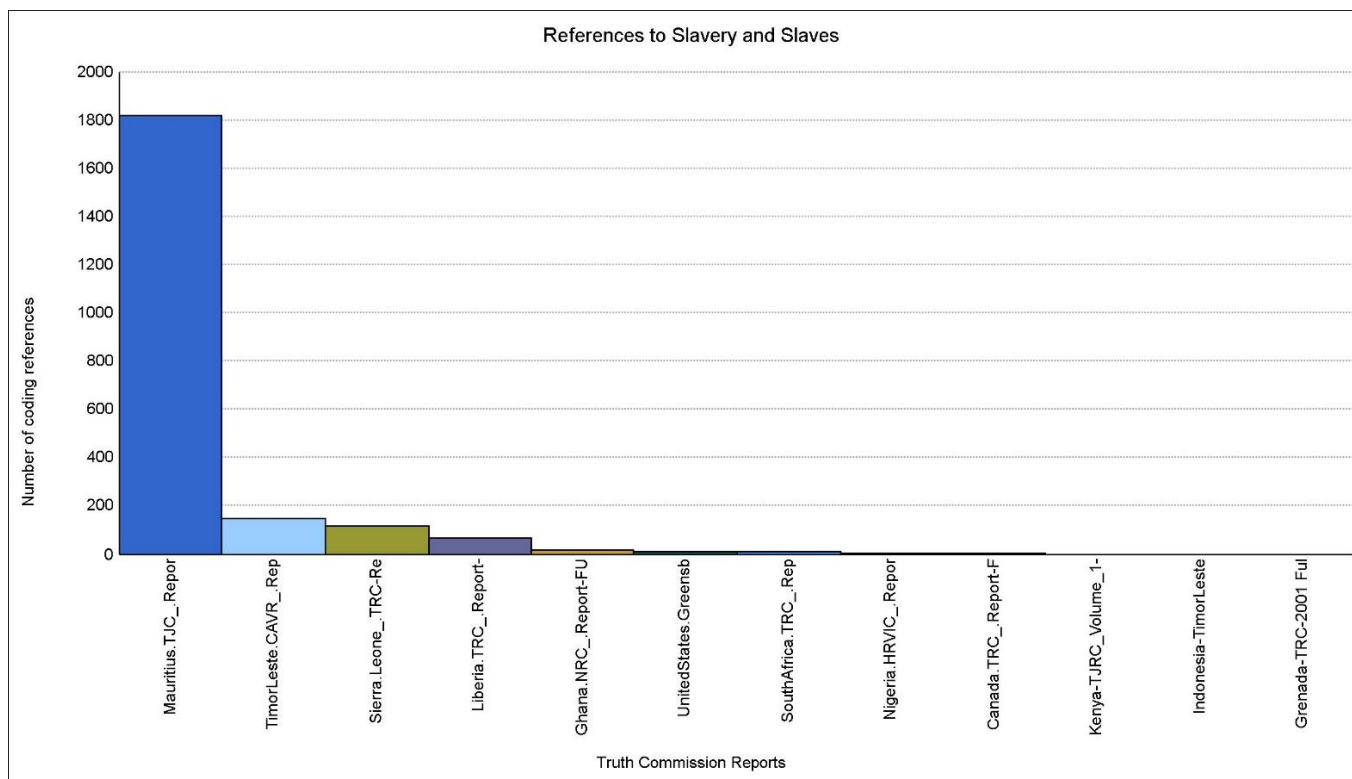


Table 1: References to Slavery or Slaves in the Truth Commission Reports

Data breakdown for the chart above.

Truth Commission Reports	Number of coding references
Files\\Truth Commission Reports\\Africa\\Ghana.NRC_Report-FULL	17
Files\\Truth Commission Reports\\Africa\\Kenya-TJRC_Volume_1-4	3
Files\\Truth Commission Reports\\Africa\\Liberia.TRC_Report-FULL	68
Files\\Truth Commission Reports\\Africa\\Mauritius.TJC_Report-FULL	1818
Files\\Truth Commission Reports\\Africa\\Nigeria.HRVIC_Report-FULL	9
Files\\Truth Commission Reports\\Africa\\Sierra.Leone_.TRC-Report-FULL	120
Files\\Truth Commission Reports\\Africa\\SouthAfrica.TRC_Report-FULL	12
Files\\Truth Commission Reports\\Asia\\Indonesia-TimorLeste.CTF_Report-FULL	2
Files\\Truth Commission Reports\\Asia\\TimorLeste.CAVR_Report-FULL	149
Files\\Truth Commission Reports\\The Americas\\Canada.TRC_Report-FULL	6
Files\\Truth Commission Reports\\The Americas\\Grenada-TRC-2001 Full Report	1
Files\\Truth Commission Reports\\The Americas\\UnitedStates.Greensboro.TRC_Report-FULL	13