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# REFERENCES TO COLONIALISM, COLONIAL, AND IMPERIALISM

Truth Commissions

## [Abstract](#)

References to colonialism, colonial, and imperialism 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 Colonialism, Colonial, and Imperialism

The following reports made the most references to colonialism, colonial, and imperialism in the content of their reports:

- Timor-Leste – 167
- Sierra Leone – 120
- Ghana – 113

The following reports made the least references to colonialism, colonial, and imperialism in the content of their reports:

- Indonesia – 5
- South Korea – 2
- Guatemala – 1

The following reports made 0 references to colonialism, colonial, and imperialism in the content of their reports:

- Chile

Note – some reports make use of the term imperial as well.

Chart 1: References to Colonialism, Colonial, and Imperialism in the Truth Commission Reports

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

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

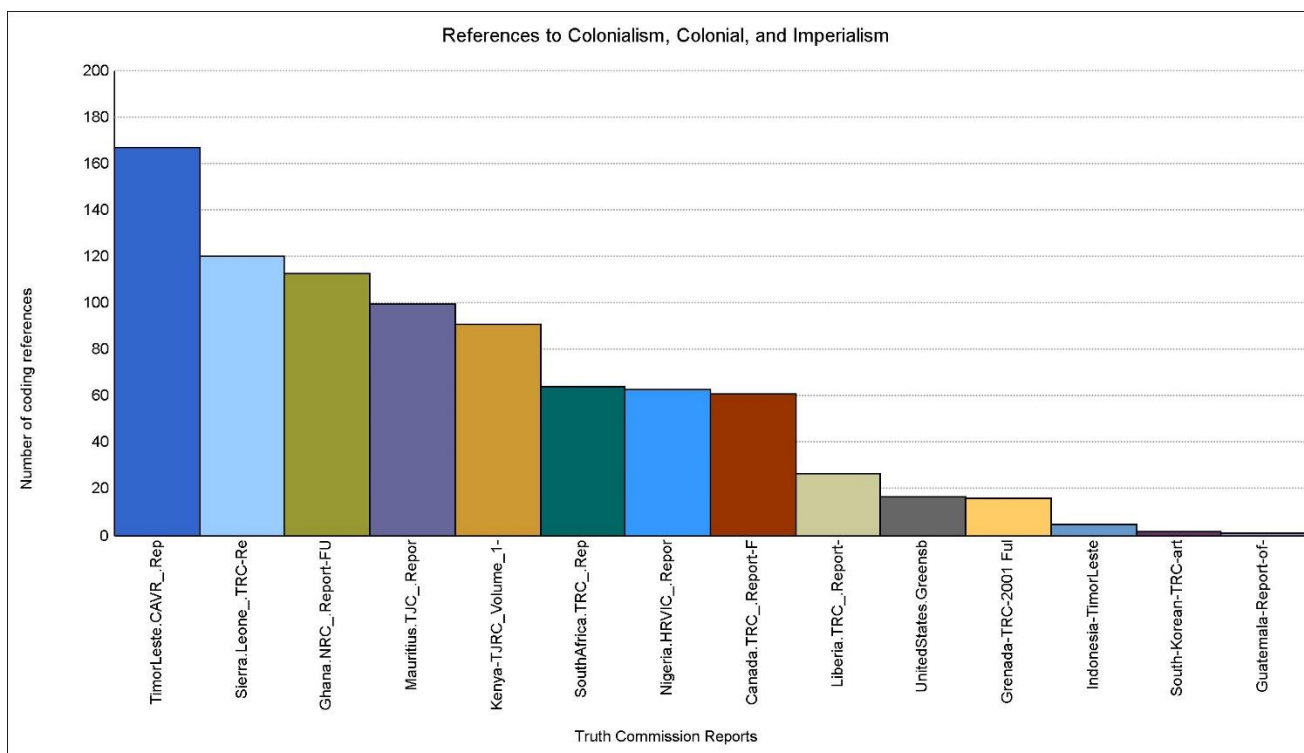


Table 1: References to colonialism, colonial, and imperialism in the Truth Commission Reports

Data breakdown for the chart above.

Truth Commission Reports	Number of coding references
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Files\\Truth Commission Reports\\Africa\\Mauritius.TJC_Report-FULL	100
Files\\Truth Commission Reports\\Africa\\Nigeria.HRVIC_Report-FULL	63
Files\\Truth Commission Reports\\Africa\\Sierra.Leone_TRC-Report-FULL	120
Files\\Truth Commission Reports\\Africa\\SouthAfrica.TRC_Report-FULL	64
Files\\Truth Commission Reports\\Asia\\Indonesia-TimorLeste.CTF_Report-FULL	5
Files\\Truth Commission Reports\\Asia\\South-Korean-TRC-article_3313	2
Files\\Truth Commission Reports\\Asia\\TimorLeste.CAVR_Report-FULL	167
Files\\Truth Commission Reports\\The Americas\\Canada.TRC_Report-FULL	61
Files\\Truth Commission Reports\\The Americas\\Grenada-TRC-2001 Full Report	16
Files\\Truth Commission Reports\\The Americas\\Guatemala-Report-of-the-Commission-for-Historical-Clarification	1
Files\\Truth Commission Reports\\The Americas\\UnitedStates.Greensboro.TRC_Report-FULL	17