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The Impact of Foreign Extractive Mining on Labor and Health in Honduras

After the 2009 military coup in Honduras, mining concessions grew rapidly despite the lack of proper technical studies assessing the social impact. As a result of new mining projects, communities have been affected by water, soil and air pollution, leading to complex and multiple health problems for their residents. According to human rights advocates, the health and well-being of these communities are not a priority for the mining companies. In response, Hondurans have organized at the local level to fight against the violation of their land rights, health rights and environmental safety.

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