How US Aid Affects Indigenous People in Honduras

Since the military coup in 2009, Honduras has been in a human rights crisis. The US was instrumental in legitimizing the Honduran administration that came to power after the coup. Meanwhile, the Honduran military and police, responsible for egregious human rights violations, have received millions from the United States in arms and training. Indigenous communities are among the most affected by these policies.

Tomas Gómez Membreño is visiting us from Honduras, where he works for the non-profit Indigenous rights organization COPINH (Civic Council of Popular Indigenous Organizations). COPINH has been working to investigate the role of the United States in the coup and its aftermath. Gomez is a member of the Lencan people, an indigenous community in the southwest of Honduras. He has long been an active member of COPINH, using adult education and community radio as tools for mobilizing indigenous communities. Gomez has been part of a vibrant nation-wide network of organizations representing small farmers, women, afro-descendants and members of the LGBTQ community.

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