

Op-Ed Pitch Template

Dear Truthout Editors:

I am sending for your consideration an op-ed about the the recent "safe third country" deal between the U.S and Guatemala. I'm writing from Guatemala where I have been attending the court hearings of indigenous rights defenders who have suffered criminalization. I have worked in Guatemala since 2007, including as a Fulbright Scholar in 2014. I have previously published an op-ed on Guatemala in the [Sacramento Bee](#).

The angle I offer on the topic is a new one, because I tie in findings from a new global witness report which showing that Guatemala is the [most dangerous country](#) in the world per capita for indigenous land defenders. I describe the direct role U.S. policy has played in creating these conditions, and I argue that that the U.S. has a moral responsibility to address root causes of the migration crisis because of its historical role in creating them. This is an exclusive for truthout. I think is appropriate for your readership and consistent with your editorial goals because the angle of U.S. culpability in causing the migration crisis has been almost completely absent from mainstream coverage of the "safe third" agreement.

Text of the op-ed is below [note: make sure to include in the body of the email and also as attachment], and I would eagerly welcome the opportunity to revise the op-ed with per recommendations from editors.

Many thanks for your consideration,

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I am sending for your consideration an op-ed about ...

I currently work as a ... and I am particularly concerned about this issue because [highlight what's been missing from news coverage]...

[If relevant] I have previously published a related article/s/report on this issue here [link] and [here]

The angle I offer on the topic is a new one, because...

I think this topic will be of great interest to your readership because...

This is an exclusive for [insert outlet name]

The text of the op-ed is below [note: make sure to include in the body of the email and also as attachment], and I would eagerly welcome the opportunity work with your editorial team to revise the piece as necessary.

Many thanks for your consideration,

Name

Phone [make sure it is a number you will have access to!]

Email

Affiliations