

Arpillera

Layers of sackcloth or burlap fabric (arpillera) that are joined through applique, to create multi-dimensional works of protest and resistance.

Arpillerista

A woman who creates an arpillera.

Dictator

A person who exercises absolute power, often times a ruler with complete and unrestricted control in a government.

Dictatorship

The rule of a dictator.

Communism

A socialist movement with the goal to create a social order based upon common ownership of the means of production.

Activism

Efforts to bring about social or political change through direct action, like protests or demonstrations.

Social Movement

A group of people connected by a set of common beliefs or ideals who work together to achieve certain goals, often related to social change.

Facism

An authoritarian and nationalistic right-wing system of government and social organization.

Coup d'état

A sudden change of government illegally or by force; the overthrow of a government.

Disappeared/desaparecido

A person who disappeared during a period of military rule, presumed to have been tortured and/or killed by members of the regime.