



## ARTICULAÇÃO BRASILEIRA DE LÉSBICAS – ABL BRAZILIAN ARTICULATION OF LESBIANS - ABL

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In Brazil, the remnants of a terrible administration drastically reduced investment in public social policies for women and promoted a discourse of political and symbolic violence against the LGBT population. The Bolsonaro administration was irresponsible, aggravating social inequalities such as the issues surrounding discussions on race, orientation, class, territory, and others.

The result is an exponential increase in violence, targeting specific historically excluded populations, including black, indigenous, peripheral and favela populations, and here we will highlight the growth of lesbophobic violence and lesbocide in Brazil.

On December 10, 2023, Ana Caroline Campêlo, a 21-year-old black lesbian who performed hegemonic femininity, and a resident of the Northeast region of Brazil, was kidnapped on her way home from work. Caroline's body was found with signs of mutilation and torture (scalp ripped from face, ears and eyes). Lesbians from Maranhão and other states in the country were shocked by the cruelty.

Lesbian organizations from all over Brazil, including the Brazilian Lesbian Articulation (ABL), formed the **National Uprising Against Lesbocide** (Levante Nacional Contra o Lesbocídio, in Portuguese). The Uprising was created with the aim of demanding public answers from the government in relation to this crime, as well as answers to the crime of Luana Barbosa (8 years without answers of the Luana Barbosa Case). That said, the ABL hereby immediately calls for a national law that recognizes lesbocide as a crime against lesbian women, punishing the murderers and violators of our bodies.



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