

## William D. Rogers on the human rights issues of the 1960s and 70s

There wasn't an awful lot of the kind of brutality in the 60s that there was, particularly in the southern cone, in the 70s that brought the human rights issue to the fore. What really did it of course were the activities in the Pinochet regime and then the Argentine military regime, which of course followed on the heels of periods of great chaos, in which there was a lot of anarchy, kidnapping, murder, ransomed people getting garroted and the general decay of civil order in Uruguay, Argentina and Chile, and followed by the imposition of military regimes in the two major countries, Argentina and Chile, with a kind of pale reflection in Brazil. When the human rights issue really jumped to the fore, I think that's what did it.