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**Just the Facts: Charting Colombia's Progress**

*Congress Should Show Support For Colombia's Important Advances To Combat Violence And Instability By Approving U.S.-Colombia Free Trade Agreement*

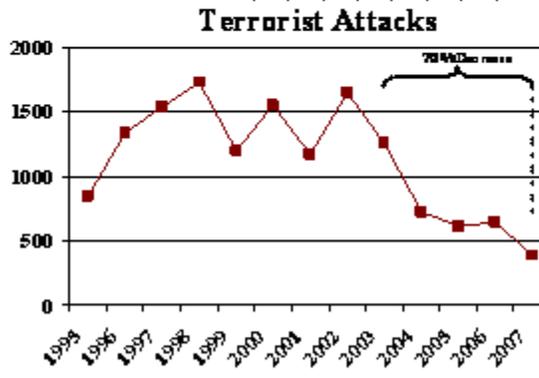
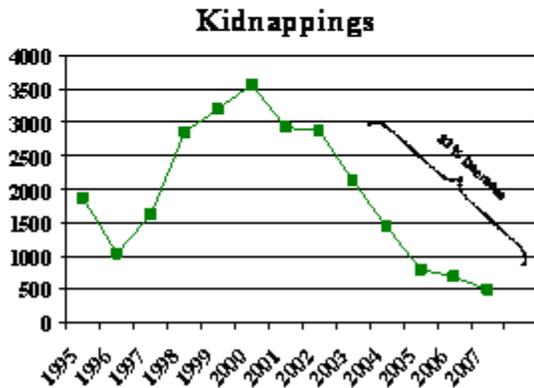
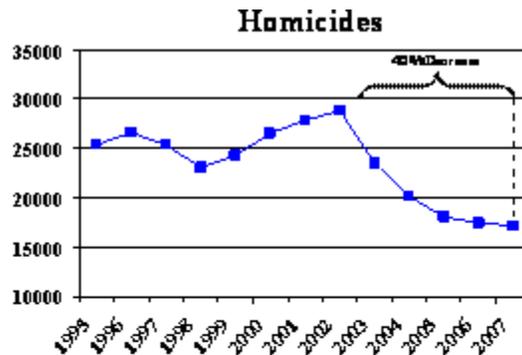
"Colombia is one of our strongest allies in the Western Hemisphere. They are led by a very strong and courageous leader, President Uribe. He's taken courageous stands to defend our shared democratic values. He has been a strong and capable partner in fighting drugs and crime and terror. And he's delivering results. The Colombian government reports that since 2002, kidnappings, terrorist attacks, and murders are all down substantially, as is violence against union members."

– President George W. Bush, 4/7/08

**Colombia's Government Has Made Substantial Progress Reducing The Level Of Violence**

**Dramatic improvement in Colombia's security**

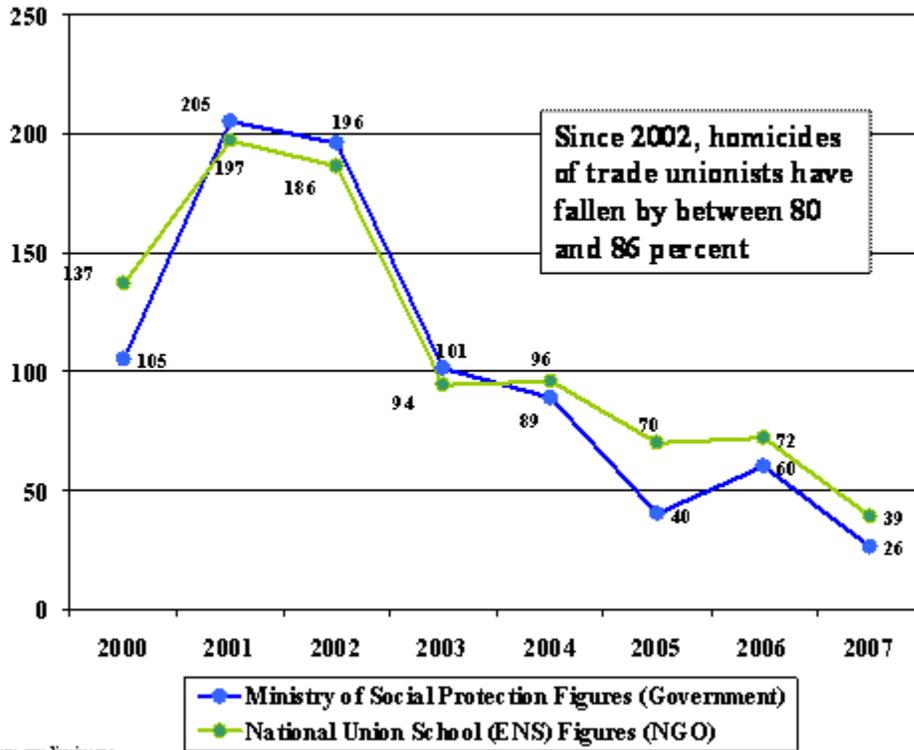
- Homicides down 40%
- Kidnappings down 83%
- Terrorist attacks down 76%



Source: Colombian Ministry of Defense

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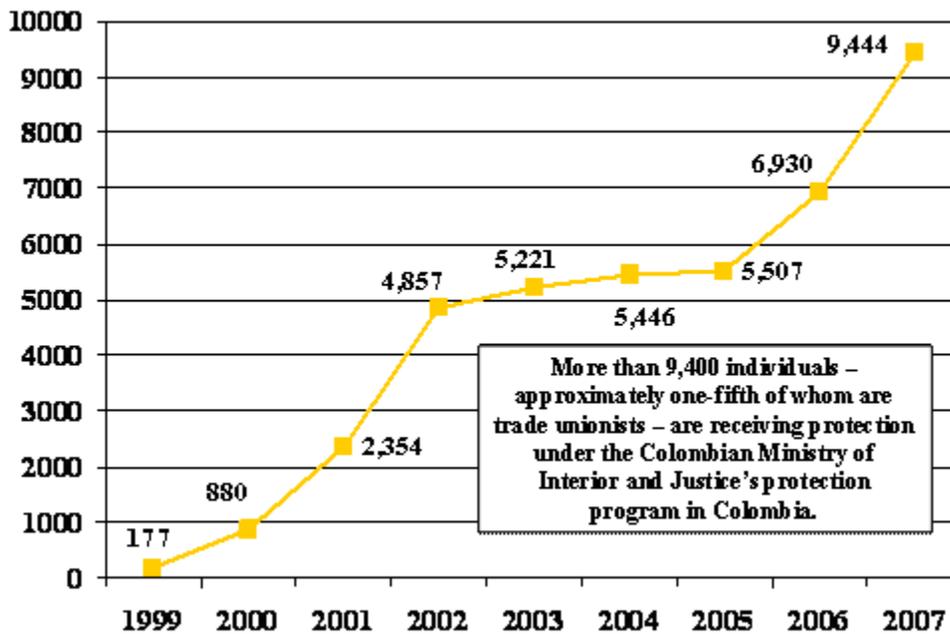
## Homicides of Trade Unionists in Colombia



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## Persons Enrolled in Protection Program

(cumulative totals)

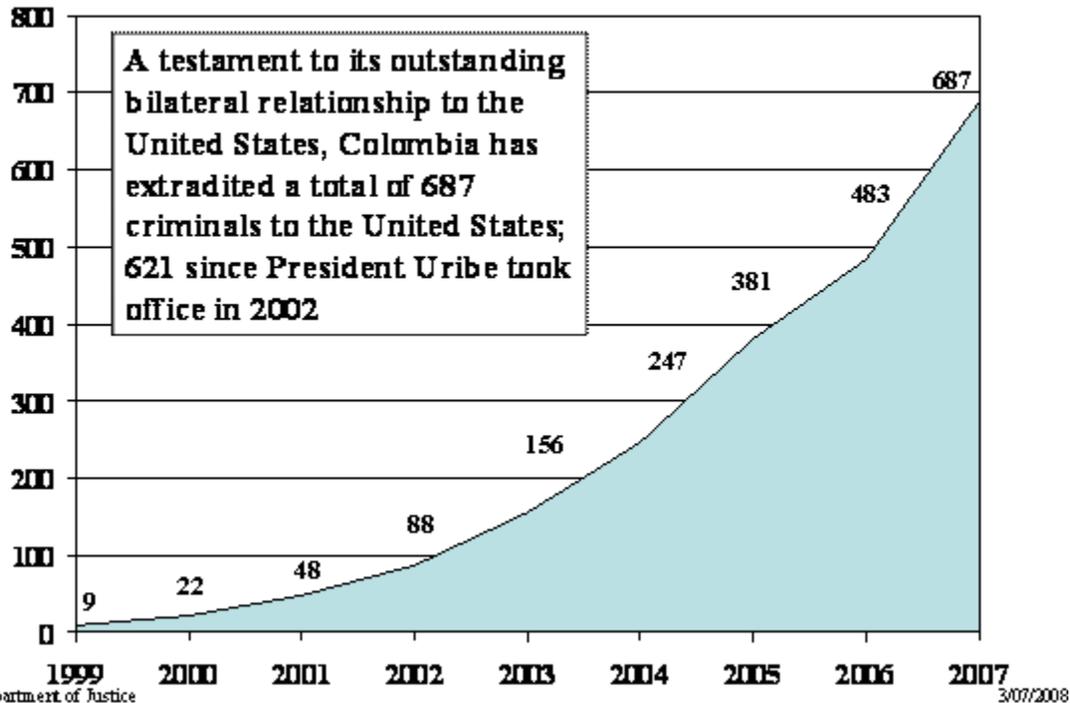


Source: Colombian Ministry of the Interior and Justice

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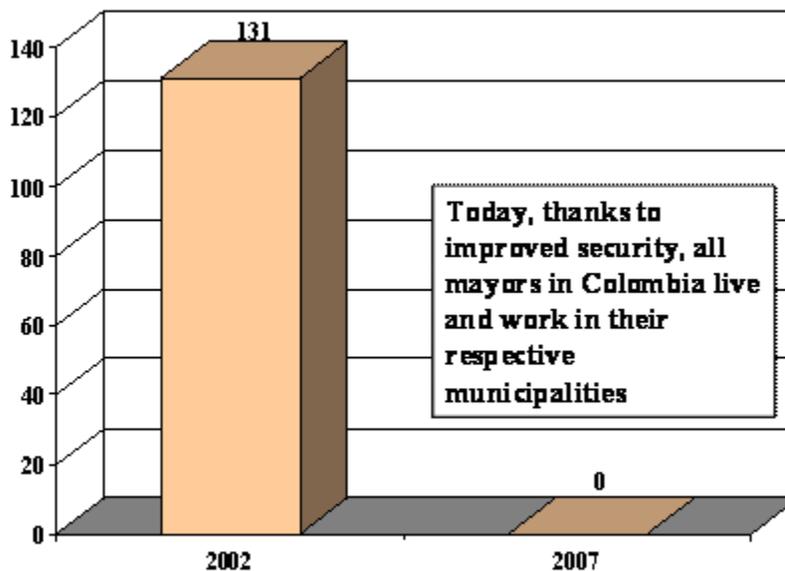
## Extraditions to the United States

(cumulative totals)



## Mayors Exercising Office Outside of Municipality

(out of 1099 municipalities)



Source: Colombian Prosecutor General's Office

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