## **U.S. – Equatorial Guinea Relations:**

The United States established diplomatic relations with Equatorial Guinea in 1968, following the country's independence from Spain. Equatorial Guinea's President has held office for more than three decades, and his party dominates the legislature. Three major U.S. foreign policy issues form the cornerstone of the bilateral relationship with Equatorial Guinea --good governance and democracy; the protection of human rights; and U.S. national security, especially access to energy resources. The United States seeks to encourage improved human rights, the development of a working civil society, greater fiscal transparency, and increased government investment in Equatorial Guinea's people in areas such as health and education.

- U.S. Department of State -

DOS ~ Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights and Labor: Country Report on Human Rights Practices for Equatorial Guinea (2011)

**State Department Links:** 

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UNICEF Country Statistics	Human Rights Watch Country Summary
World Health Organization Country Profile	Equal Justice Report
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UN Human Development Report	Harvard College Human Rights in Equatorial Guinea (HREG)
UNHR Country Homepage	Center for Economic and Social Rights (CESR) Fact Sheet