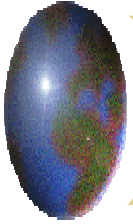


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A Basic Profile of LA

- ✿ Western Hemisphere location
 - resource abundance, T density
- ✿ Colonial Heritage
- ✿ US
- ✿ Relatively stable borders- low levels of intl conflict
- ✿ Strong extra-regional orientation
- ✿ Authoritarianism
- ✿ Strong internal divisions: class, ethnicity, region

NORTH AMERICA



SOUTH AMERICA





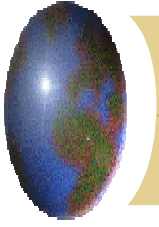
20 Year Growth Rate of Population				
Year	Argentina	Bolivia	Brazil	Chile
1900				
1920	95%	21%	52%	28%
1940	58%	26%	50%	34%
1960	41%	41%	70%	50%
1980	42%	47%	74%	47%
2000	31%	49%	40%	36%
Source: Calc fr. Oxlad				

Colombia	Ecuador	Mexico	Peru	Venezuela
57%	18%	4%	61%	15%
49%	60%	39%	38%	32%
69%	77%	83%	50%	98%
68%	86%	93%	73%	104%
63%	56%	42%	48%	61%



Basic Historical Factors of LAPE

- ❖ 1. Colonialism
- ❖ 2. US Dominance of Region
- ❖ 3. Cold War
- ❖ 4. End of Cold War
- ❖ 5. Democratization-
Authoritarian Cycles
- ❖ 6. Boom-Bust Eco Cycles
- ❖ 7. Outward Intellectual, Eco,
& Pol Orientation



Key Actors in LAPE

- ✚ state- mil; bureaucracy; branches; by pol party; by region
- ✚ Labour (L)- organized/skilled; by class; by sector
- ✚ Domestic K/bourgeoisie
- ✚ Foreign governments
- ✚ Foreign K- financial, MNC, by sector: ag/ind/svc
- ✚ International Organizations?
- ✚ Experts?
- ✚ social movements?