

SOCIAL PROBLEMS OF DEVELOPMENT IN LATIN AMERICA

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All books on reserve in the Undergraduate Library
Reading is at the rate of about 75-100 pages a week

A. Latin American Ideologies of Development
(Weeks 1-3)

1. Marxism (Week 1 1/2 i.e. first three meetings)

a. Chile's moderate program

"The Popular Unity Program" and "The Forty Measures" in J. Ana Zammit (ed.)
The Chilean Road to Socialism, Texas U.P., 1973, pp. 255-284, and
Dr. Allende's speech on pp. 17-25.

b. Chile's more extreme positions: left, and right (Marxist)

"The political position of the Socialist Party" and the MIR's
"Blow after blow . . .", pp. 172-178 and 195-204 respectively of
Dale L. Johnson (ed.) The Chilean Road to Socialism, N.Y., Doubleday-
Anchor, 1973.

For "right" Marxism, the Communist Party's "Work without rest . . ."
pp. 173-180 of Dale Johnson.

c. An overview of Marxism in Latin America

Luis E. Aguilar (ed.) Marxism in Latin America (Kopf, 1968) pp. 34-59:
an overview from 1945 onwards.

John D. Martz, "Doctrine and dilemma of the Latin American 'New Left'"
in John D. Martz (ed.) The Dynamics of Change in Latin America (2nd ed.,
Prentice-Hall, 1971).

2. Catholicism (rest of 2nd week and 3rd week)

Frederick C. Turner, Catholicism and Political Development in Latin America,
UNC Press, 1971.

The progressives: chs. II and IV, pp. 62-95 and 139-192

The conservatives: ch. III, pp. 96-138

3. The Roots of Moderate Reformism (Read Sections 3, 4 and 5 for Week IV)

Miguel Jorrin and John D. Martz, Latin American Political Thought and Ideology (U. of N.C. Press, 1970). Assigning the totality of Chs. 10 and 11 (pp. 316-385) would be too much. Read pp. 316-320; skim lightly to p. 335 (enough to get the flavor of indigenismo and of the MNR of Boliva); read pp. 335-357 a little more carefully, focusing on Haya de la Torre especially (335-343). Don't get hung up on "space-time" (read 353-357). Then read about the Venezuelan AD (pp. 359-373). Note that ideological drift to the right of these originally progressive ideologies.

4. Various Ideas about the U.S.; about internal development policies and about regionalism without the U.S.

Jorrin & Martz, op.cit., Ch. 12 (pp. 386-403) concerning the U.S.; Ch. 14 (pp. 428-447) concerning internal development (different approaches) and regionalism.

5. Latin American Ideology: A General Statement

John D. Martz, "Characteristics of Latin American Thought", pp. 147-163 in John D. Martz (ed.) The Dynamics of Change in Latin America. This is a difficult piece: it'll be discussed and explained in class.

B. Constraints on (or are they caused by lack of?) Development
(Weeks 5-8)

1. Economic (Weeks 5-6)

*"Economic Survey of Latin America: 1970," United Nations, N.Y. 1972 (Document E/CN.12/868/Rev.1; Sales No. E.72.II.G.1) Part II, Chs. I-V, pp. 29-106. So that you won't get swamped and lost: (a) Focus on key tables, e.g., Table 9, pp. 40-41; and Table 25, p. 54. (b) Focus on the first (summary) paragraph of subsections and don't get lost in the country-details that follow (though you should get a "feel" for the (partly predictable, but partly unpredictable) nature of country-to-country differences). Thus, in Ch. II, "Dynamism", p. 37, Section 4, "Production...;" thoroughly grasp the point in the first para: "Industry and basic... Caribbean Countries;" then skim till "5. Agricultural Production" (p. 38) and here read the first two para's, because one summarizes total production, the other per capita production. Ch. IV deals with social indicators (including, however, income inequality) and is in that sense economically less relevant. Ch. V deals with external economic relations, and you'll find it very still indeed--I'll go over it in class.

*"Economic Survey of Latin America: 1971", U.M., N.Y., 1973 (E/CN.12/935/Rev.1; Sales No. E.73.IIG.1), Ch. II, pp. 13-35, especially Section 5: "Relative Marginalization..." You might want to go easy on anything to do with Japan, or any other area than Lat. Am. except insofar as related to L.A. However: the rapid growth and the integration of the Socialist countries is probably being held up as an example by ECLA. So: "get the pitch."

2. Population, Migration, Urbanization

a. Facts and Policy

David Chaplin (ed.) Population Policies and Growth in Latin America, Lexington Books, D.C. Heath and Company, Lexington, Mass., 1971. Ch. 1 "Introduction", pp. 1-22 for an overview of facts, ideologies and policies. Ch. 5, "Beyond Family Planning", pp. 71-101; Ch. 7, "The Politics of Population in Latin America," pp. 133-174 (just leaf through Table 7-2, pp. 139-159); Ch. 13 "Population Growth and Agricultural Employment", pp. 247-260. (Total: 85 pages). (Browse through other chapters if you can, e.g., Spengler, Davis, and other specifically Latin American Studies-- e.g., on the church).

b. Ideological Positions

J. Mayone Stycos, Ideology, Faith & Family Planning in LA, McCraw-Hill, 1971. New York; Ch. 1 (pp. 1-11) "Background to Ideology;" Ch. 3, "Latin America and Family Planning," pp. 25-33; Part 2, "Introduction," pp. 37-44; Ch. 5, "Nationalism: A Broader View," pp. 59-72; Ch. 14, "Lower-Income Mothers in Bogota" pp. 318-338. (Total: 63 pages)

3. Economic Factors

(To be announced)

C. DEVELOPMENT PROBLEMS: THE STANCE OF ELITES AND MASSES

NC Robert F. Adie and Guy E. Poitras (eds), Latin America: The Politics of Immobility, may be read for all relevant groups: landowners, peasants, capital, labor, military, students, bureaucrats, etc.

1. The Agrarian Problem (All readings from Rodolfo Stavenhagen, (ed.) Agrarian Problems and Peasant Movements in Latin America. (Week 9)

a. Agrarian Structure

Ch. 1. (Andrew Pearse: for historical evolution of the social--i.e., Class-- aspect, pp. 1-40; Ch. 2 (Barraclough and Domike: for the economic problem posed by pre-reform agrarian structure, and various attempts to resolve them, of which land tenure reform is only one: pp. 41-100).

b. Agrarian Reform: Real and Pretended

Ch. 3, Carrol: for the "explosive" nature of agrarian reform: pp. 101-137.
Ch. 5, Chonchol: "Eight fundamentals..." just that--social economic and technical, pp. 159-172.
Ch. 6, Feder: "Counter reform: 'the points are good, but for goodness' sakes RUSH through this--it's far longer than need be, pp. 173-225.
Ch. 7, Stavenhagen, "Social Aspects..." What did and didn't happen in Mexico, pp. 225-270. Note the range of topics: again, read fast-ish!

c. Peasant Movements

Ch. 11, Huzier, "Emiliano Zapata--" OR Ch. 13, Moraes, "Brazil"
Ch. 16, Landsberger, "Ten sources..." pp. 559-583.

2. Capital and Labor (Week 10)

All readings from Stanley M. Davis and Louis Wolf Goodman (eds.), Workers and Managers in Latin America. D.C. Heath & Co., Lexington, 1972.

- a. Entrepreneurs and Managers: The Motives
Chs. 10-12, 14 and 30 (Cardoso, Davis, Lipman, Cochran, and Evans; pp. 53-67, 71-74, 195-202. Note how opinions differ: do or don't. L.A. managers have values different from U.S. counterparts. Cardoso's and to some extent Evans' approach is structural--very different from the psycho-cultural approach of others. Ch. 38, Vernon, "The tecnicos," pp. 265-271.
- b. Entrepreneurs: Political Actors--or Victims?
Chs. 39 and 40 (de Imaz and Davis), pp. 273-295.
- c. Workers: The Motives
Ch. 5 (Kahl) "Three types..." pp. 25-30; Ch. 24 (Chaplin) "Labor-Management Conflict in an overcommitted..." pp. 161-164.
- d. Workers: Political Actors and Organizations
Ch. 33 (Goodman) "Legal Controls..." pp. 231-234
Ch. 35 (Landsberger et al, "The Chilean Labor...", pp. ~~241-247~~ 241-247
AND S.M. Lipset and A. Solari (eds.), Elites in Latin America,
Ch. 8 (Landsberger) "The Labor Elite...", pp. 256-300.

3. "Floating" Elites: Military and Intellectuals (Weeks 11 & 12)

- a. A general view of "instability"
Charles W. Anderson, "The Latin American Political System" in John D. Martz (ed.) The Dynamics..., pp. 289-304. N.B. By treating all "power contenders" as equal and equi-distant, Anderson (by implication, but definitely) rejects a basic Marxist, class, analysis. This may/may not make you think he's correct--depending on your position!
- b. The Military
Ch. 7, pp. 189-227 of Robert F. Adie and Guy E. Poitras, Latin American 2 copies on reserve). Footnotes will lead you to main writings prior to about 1971:
Optional (Philippe C. Schmitter, ed.) Military Rule in Latin America, Sage Publications, Inc., 1973, Beverley Hills, has stimulating articles by Alain Rouquie' optional, as also the McAlister and Needler articles in Martz)
(Luigi Einandi, ed) Beyond Cuba, Crane, Russak, 1973, N.Y. chs. 7 and 8, pp. 97-128 is also recommended. These are recent thoughts by excellent authors).
- c. University Students
Ch. 5, pp. 120-149 of Robert F. Adie and Guy E. Poitras, Latin America
Optional (Thomas J. LaBelle's, ed.) Education and Development: Latin America and The Carribean, L.A. Center, UCLA, 1972, is an excellent collection (and the only one) on that broad, general topic. In it, Section 8 is devoted to students, and Luigi Einandi's essay (pp. 609-620); Nasatir's "Education and social change" pp. 683-700) and Glazer's (pp. 713-732) are especially good.
There is also a UNESCO report, "Development of Education..." (UNESCO/MINESLA/3 Document E-71, Conference 5/5, in which chapters II and III are a good survey. But you might die of boredom. It's on Reserve.
Optional Clarence E. Thurber and Lawrence S. Graham (eds.) Development Administration in Latin America, Duke U.P., Durham, N.C.: 1973. "Introduction" (Thurber) pp. 3-46; Ch. 12, "The Military and Government in Peru" (Einandi) pp. 294-314; and leaf through other case studies (Chile, Mexico, espec Guatemala by Weaver; Brazil trying to pick up the main points, often contained in the "Conclusions" of each chapter, and/or of subsections). Lawrence Graham's Ch. 16, "Evaluations and Recommendations gives a summary of the key issues from p. 428-442.

D. U.S. -- LATIN AMERICAN RELATIONS
(Week 13)

Federico G. Gil, Latin American-United States Relations, Harcourt, Brace, 1971:
New York. Read as much as you can, but especially Chs. 8,9 and Conclusions
pp. 227-287).

Optional Luigi Einandi (ed.) Beyond Cuba, op. cit., Section V and VI, pp. 173-228:
the latest thoughts

E. REVOLUTION
(Weeks 14-15)

Luigi Einandi, op cit. Section II, pp. 13-74 and readings on Cuba from Horowitz,
Mesa-Lago, and Bonanchoa and Valdes