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# US-L.A. Relations Today; Challenges for the Both Sides for US but for the New Administration

Big changes in both  
Latin America.

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Moro  
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- ① Democracy is the rule (different with the 90's)
- ② Growth has been modest, but last 5 years no + de 5% per year; Brazil - Mex - Arg.
- ③ Poverty has declined from the 40's to 30's
- ④ All countries has human resource, but know how to run the economy. There are not great ec. wisdoms.
- ⑤ Growing importance of other big players: China.
- ⑥ More assertive in politics + international relations: 2003 IRAK  
2004 Haiti.

## USA -

Bush priority: Lat. Am. Fox state visit.  
Agenda change on Sept 11.

Only trade: Chile, Central Ameri. Peru, Cuba.  
Seguir Peter Haber: Foreign Affairs: Relations are  
at the lowest level since the end of the Cold War.  
It is time for a new beginning.

The nature of this new relationship will be  
given - to a great extent - for issues  
that has more to do with multi lateral  
relations, rather than only at the bilateral  
US-Lat American.

- Changes for Lat Amer. now they are middle of countries.
- ~~From~~ The Alliance for Progress is over

Let us see 5 areas: ① Trade ② Narcotics & Drugs  
③ Migrations, ④ International Financial System,  
⑤ ~~Trade~~ Energy + Climate Change

- Trade When US says this is the issue.  
One size does not fit all. -  
Brazil or Chile. or a Caribbean country.  
Free Trade ~~Agreement~~ Agreement of the Americas
- You have to understand the differences
  - Can you have a variable agreement.

## Migration

- Migration - Not only an US problem;  
Europe in ~~the~~ 19th Century - 1.5 million.
- Europe today ~~is~~ vis a vis Africa.
  - The case of Spain
  - ~~For~~ For US is an internal problem.  
For Lat Am is an international one.
  - To define a common approach.  
To understand that other countries.
  - Can be defined general principles.  
Some general policies.  
Unilateral decisions will make things more difficult

## Narcotics + Drugs - Can be defined a common diagnosis??

- Where is the main market??
- Why this market work?
- Can we fight at the same time supply + demand?
- Supply: There is an alternative crop??
- Banzer told me: I'm having success.

## International financial system:

- Institutions IMF; World Bank.
- What today?? Argentina + IMF.
- World Bank: LA ask credit for know how

# Energy + Climate Change

- Today this is a typical multilateral issue
  - How to build a Post Kyoto
- Institutionalizing the Hemispheric Relations ??  
The OAS  
An small group ??

Alliance for Progress created a group of "wise men" to analyse different projects to be executed together can be have some countries or individuals to propose an agenda around this issues.

- The question is not the US policy to L.A, nor L.A policy to the US; It has to do a common agenda with interest to both actors.  
Problem (to assume that L.A can speak with one voice)

Sofitak Military aid - Russia Venezuela aircraft

Sofitrat

Brasil

Strategy

Negotiation

Development

- Pinodet