

Political Continuity and Change

ORIGINAL INSTITUTIONAL CORNERSTONES

PRESENT

Presidentialism



Weakened but still strong presidentialism; emerging independent Congress and Supreme Court, decentralization, congressional oversight

"Revolutionary Nationalism"



"Social Liberalism"

Social Contract



Erosion; new social contract still unforged

Corporatism



Neocorporatism a la PRONASOL; emergence of competing independent interest groups.

Single party rule



Competitive pluralist party system and elections

System of cooptation



Reduction in resources; "concertation"; power-sharing

Control of mass means of communication



More open printed press; less so in radio and television

ORIGINAL POLITICAL RULES of the GAME

PRESENT

No reelection



Continuity

Fixed electoral calendar



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Party loyalty



Increased publicized internal dissent and conflict

High level impunity



Continuity