**APCOGO/Fall 2013**

**Unit 5 – Mexico Study Guide/Possible FRQ’s for U5: The LEAST You Need to Know!**

*In addition to the outline below and your country chart, be sure to know all of the vocabulary for this unit…*

*whether we “covered” it or not.* ☺

**\*\*\*Also, be prepared for comparisons with the UK, Russia, & China!!!\*\*\***

**Part 1: Newly Industrializing and Less Developed Countries**

* Explain the difference between LDC’s and NIC’s. Which one does Mexico qualify as?
* Explain how PPP helps to measure a country’s economy.
* What is the difference between economic liberalization and political liberalization?
  + Describe ways in which Mexico has experienced both
* Describe the difference between primary, secondary, and tertiary economic sectors. How do they help measure the level of develop in a country?
* Explain Dependency Theory. How does it relate to Mexico?

**Part 2: The Making of the Modern State**

* What is unique about Mexico’s geography and population?
* Describe how colonial rule impacted the development of Mexico.
* Describe characteristics and consequences of the rule of Porifiro Diaz.
* Explain the significance of the Revolution of 1910. How does it compare to China’s revolution?
* Describe the major ideas of the Constitution of 1917. How do they address problems in Mexico at the time it was written?
* Why was the PRI formed? What purpose did it serve? How was it able to dominate for 70 years?
  + Define Clientelism (patron/client). What role did it play in the domination of the PRI?
  + Define Corporatism. What role did it play in the domination of the PRI?
* Explain the significance of oil in Mexico’s economic development.
* Define Import Substitution Industrialization. Describe policies followed by Mexico that reflect ISI.
* Define neoliberalism. Describe neoliberal policies implemented by Mexico. Why were they implemented and what were the effects of these policies?
* What was the significance of the 2000 Presidential Election?

**Part 2: Institutions**

* Identify the type of regime and political structure in Mexico.
  + How have they changed throughout Mexico’s history?
  + How do they compare to the U.S.?
* Identify the current President of Mexico.
  + Is the President Head of State, Head of Government, or Both?
  + How is the President chosen?
  + What is unique about the President’s term?
  + What powers (constitutional and de facto) does the President have?
  + How have these powers been limited in recent years?
* Describe the role of the bureaucracy in Mexico.
* Describe the relationship between the government and the military. Who holds the power? What role has the military played in Mexico?
* Define bicameralism. Describe the role of the Congress in Mexico, both historically and currently.
  + What was the relationship between the executive and legislature under the rule of the PRI?
  + What is the relationship between the executive and legislature now?
  + What is the lower house called? How many members? How are members chosen?
  + What is the upper house called? How many members? How are members chosen?
* Describe the role of the judiciary, including the status of judicial review.
  + How does it compare to China’s judiciary?
  + Identify legal reforms that have been made in recent years.
* What type of party system does Mexico currently have?
  + What type did it have during the rule of the PRI?
  + How does it compare to Russia’s party system?
  + Which one is now more democratic? Why?
* Identify reforms made to the electoral system starting in the 1990s. Explain how they have made Mexico more democratic.

**Part 3: Citizens, Society, and the State:**

* Identify ethnic groups in Mexico.
* Identify social cleavages in Mexico. Classify them as coinciding or cross-cutting.
* Define political ideology. Describe the political ideology of each of the major Mexican political parties (PRI, PAN, PRD)
* Describe how *political rights* have increased in Mexico in the last 20 years
* Describe how *civil liberties* have increased in Mexico in the last 20 years.
* What role do women play in Mexico’s government? How has the government taken steps to insure their inclusion?
* Identify forms of political participation in Mexico, including the role of political parties, voting, interest groups, protests, NGOs & civil society.

**Part 4: Public Policy (see student presentation and book)**

* Describe current major public policy issues in Mexico today.
  + Include pollution, corruption, inequality, drugs, human rights
  + What impact do these issues have on the political and/or economic development of Mexico?
  + How do migration patterns in Mexico compare to migration patterns in China? What are the political and economic effects of each?
* Define economic globalization.
  + Describe one policy response of the Mexican government to economic globalization.
  + Describe one organized response of Mexican citizens to economic globalization.
* How does Mexico compare to other countries in the AP6 in terms of GDP, Gini, Freedom House, CPI?

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