

Story, Dale
POLS 3317

REVIEW TOPICS AND QUESTIONS
FINAL EXAM

- Frida Kahlo
 - Diego Rivera
 - Politics
 - Artistic Themes
- Interest Groups
 - Typology
 - CTM—urban labor
 - CNC—rural labor
 - CNOP—popular sector
 - Military
 - Media
 - Private Sector
- 31 states plus D.F.
- Centralized federal system
- Legislature—composition and election
 - Chamber of Deputies
 - Senate
- Executive Branch
 - President
 - Centralized
 - Term and election
- Parties—organization, history, role, support, control/cooptation
 - PRI
 - PAN
 - PRD
- Electoral System—Chamber of Deputies—Majority rule and proportional representation.
- Problems for PRI
 - Sexenio (one-term)
 - Tecnicos vs. Politicos
 - Demography
 - Mistakes
- Democratization
 - 1968-Tlatelolco
 - 1985 earthquake
 - 1988 election
 - 1994—NAFTA and Zapatistas
- Eras in U.S.-Mexico Relations
- U.S. Ambassadors—differences
- Immigration
 - Push & pull (supply & demand)

- Eras—related to push & pull
- “twin cities”
- Simpson-Rodino
- Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA)
- 2014 Obama plan and court actions
- Drug Trafficking
 - Camarena
 - Ft. Worth citizens
 - Felix Gallardo, Rafael Caro Quintero, and Fonseca Carillo
 - Corruption
 - Mexico-U.S. Relations
 - Kidnapping of Alvarez-Machain
 - Overview—amounts, cartels, policies (Calderon vis-à-vis Pena Nieto), and levels of violence
 - El Chapo (Joaquin Guzman)
 - Extent of power, wealth, and even popularity
 - Escapes (2001 and 2015)

Essay Questions

- Prior to 2000, describe and explain the relationship of key interest groups with the state and with the hegemonic party.
- How the PRI maintain dominance for some 70 years?
- What challenges faced the PRI?
- Explain the process of democratization in Mexico starting in 1968.
- What are the push/pull factors in Mexican immigration to the U.S.? What have been the major initiatives by the U.S. government since the 1980s? How have they been related to the factors above?
- What are the push/pull factors in drugs flowing from Mexico to the U.S.? What might happen if the “exportation” of all drugs from Mexico were eliminated?
- Overview the different policy alternatives in the war against drug trafficking.