Chapter 4
Still the Land of Presidentialism? Executives and the Latin American Constitution
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If we know one thing about Latin American constitutions it is probably that they are presidential. Indeed, one of the most notable aspects of the region's political history is the strong, often unaccountable, executive branch that has shaped the political landscape of many countries. The presidential model of government, with its strong executive powers, has been a central feature of Latin American constitutions, and it has been influential in shaping the political dynamics of the region.

The presidential model has been characterized by a strong executive branch with significant powers, often shielded from the legislative and judicial branches. This model has been associated with a variety of political outcomes, including stability and instability, economic performance, and social development. In many cases, the presidential model has been associated with personalistic politics, with leaders using their power for personal gain and to maintain control over key political institutions.

Despite the widespread use of the presidential model, there have been significant variations in how presidentialism is implemented across Latin America. In some countries, the executive branch has been able to dominate the legislative and judicial branches, using its power to shape the political agenda and maintain control over key institutions. In other countries, the executive branch has been more constrained, with the legislative and judicial branches playing a more active role in shaping political outcomes.

The presidential model has been a mixed blessing for Latin America. On the one hand, it has been associated with economic growth and social development in some cases. On the other hand, it has also been associated with corruption, personalism, and instability. The presidential model has been a central feature of Latin American politics, and it will continue to be a focus of political debate and analysis in the region.

See also: Almeida (2000) and Brown (2005).
New Communication in Latin America

In many ways, this is a question that can be discussed in a broader context. The challenge is not only to create new forms of communication but also to evaluate the impact of these new forms on society. The key question is whether the new forms of communication are actually helping to bring about positive changes in society or if they are simply reinforcing existing patterns of inequality and injustice.

The Shadow of US Constructions

The model, which we could call the shadow of US constructions, is not a simple one. It involves a complex interplay of political, economic, and cultural factors. The model can be understood as a kind of shadow cast by the US presence in Latin America, which has had a profound impact on the region's development.

The US Constructions in Latin America

The US constructions in Latin America have been both positive and negative. On the one hand, they have provided a framework for development and modernization. On the other hand, they have also led to significant social and economic inequalities.

The US Constructions and the Articulation of Resistance

The articulation of resistance in Latin America has been a complex process. It involves a range of actors, including political parties, social movements, and intellectuals. The challenge is to develop a form of resistance that is effective in countering the impact of US constructions.

The Future of Latin American Communication

The future of Latin American communication is uncertain. On the one hand, the region has the potential to develop new forms of communication that are more responsive to local needs. On the other hand, the US constructions continue to shape the region's communication landscape, making it difficult to develop truly independent forms of communication.

The Conclusion

In conclusion, the challenge for Latin America is to develop a communication system that is both responsive to local needs and capable of countering the impact of US constructions. This will require a combination of political, economic, and cultural strategies. The key is to develop a form of resistance that is effective in countering the impact of US constructions and that is capable of creating a more equitable and just society.
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Emergency Powers

It is not in order to explain why we consider emergency powers to be hazardous to society. Fire, periods of unemployment, and general fear of the future are examples of emergency situations. It is clear that the legislation in the United States and Panama is not as protective of citizens as is the case in some European countries. In the United States, there is a greater emphasis on the protection of property rights. In Panama, the emphasis is more on the protection of health and safety. The emergency powers of the state are thus considered constitutional at the national level.

The 18th century was marked by relatively minor emergency powers. The Constitution of 1787 provided that the President could declare war and that Congress could declare war. In recent years, however, the presidential power to declare war has been expanded. The President now has the authority to intervene in the affairs of other countries, even without the approval of Congress. This has led to concerns about the potential abuse of these powers.

Nevertheless, emergency provisions vary in importance across Latin American countries. Table 6.4, which shows the proportion of presidential emergency powers granted to the President in various Latin American countries, highlights the differences. The table indicates that the proportion of presidential emergency powers varies widely among the countries studied. In some countries, the President has significant powers to declare martial law, suspend civil liberties, and declare a state of emergency. In other countries, these powers are more limited or exist only in certain circumstances.

These findings are consistent with previous research on emergency powers in Latin America. The results suggest that there is a need for greater transparency and accountability in the use of emergency powers. It is important that the rights of citizens are protected, and that the use of emergency powers is limited to situations that truly warrant such action.

Table 6.4 - Emergency Powers by Country

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Note: The table above shows the proportion of emergency powers granted to the President in various Latin American countries. The proportion is based on the total number of emergency powers granted, including martial law, suspension of civil liberties, and declaration of a state of emergency. In some countries, the President has significant powers, while in others, these powers are more limited or exist only in certain circumstances.
For Constitutions in Latin America

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regulation that once required many years to produce meaningful changes has now become a matter of months or even weeks. As a result, the power of the modern statesman to shape the future of his country has grown dramatically.

This increased capacity to shape society and the economy has given rise to a new breed of leaders who are able to achieve rapid and significant changes in a relatively short time. These leaders are often able to implement policies that would have been impossible under the traditional system of slow and incremental change.

In conclusion, the power of the modern statesman is a double-edged sword. While it has the potential to bring about rapid and significant changes, it also has the potential to cause severe and often unintended consequences. It is therefore essential that leaders are held accountable for their actions and that the system of checks and balances is strengthened to prevent the abuse of power.

We must therefore be vigilant in safeguarding our democratic institutions and ensuring that the power of the modern statesman is used responsibly and for the benefit of the people.
Chapter 5

What do we mean when we talk about

"Critical Constitutionalism"

Some Reflections on the New Latin American Constitutions

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The first step one must take to talk about and understand the new Latin American constitutionalism is to understand it in the framework of comparative constitutionalism. We can numerator its status of comparative constitutionalism over the past thirty decades by asking who its main authors were. Then, constitutional law is shown to be the product of a complex interaction between historical, social, and political factors.

The normative framework of the constitutional law of the Latin American countries is a result of the struggle for independence and the establishment of new forms of governance. This struggle was characterized by the conflict between the forces of the colonial power and the forces of the new independent states.

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