

Linkage Institutions

Mexico



Political Parties

Institutional Revolutionary Party (PRI)

- Coalition of elites, 1920-2000 (umbrella)
- Accommodation, Corporatism, Patron-Clientalism

National Action Party (PAN)

- Represent business interests & opposed to centralization & anticlericalism (center-right)
- Regional autonomy, free market, fair elections

Democratic Revolutionary Party (PRD)

- Opposition to PRI on the left
- Social justice, populism, difficulty articulating econ policy

Elections - Voting

PRI - small town, rural, less educated, older, poorer

PAN - northern, middle class, professional/business, urban, better educated, more religious

PRD - younger, politically active, central, some education, small town & urban

**Legislation mandating female candidates

Interest Groups

Accommodation

- Business & Labor
- Peasant Organizations (ejido-based)
- Urban Groups (social welfare, feminist)

Media

Past: PRI dominated, media directly subsidized by the govt

Now: Many independent news sources available (both Mexican & international), especially US mass media