

Quiz #7

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- a. Where was the “second act” of trade liberalization played out? What countries did it include (Look at a map)? How did Reaganomics include these countries in foreign affairs? What was their relationship? (2 pts)

The second act played out in South America and Central American countries and later in Mexico. Argentina, Brazil, Bolivia, Peru, Chile, Colombia, Ecuador, Paraguay, Uruguay, Venezuela, and Mexico were part of the Treaty Establishing a Free Trade Area, LAFTA (Laird, 1995). The countries which participated in the Caribbean Basin of Economic Recovery Act of 1983 included the Caribbean and Central American countries the trade agreement was updated in 2002. According to the Office of the United States Trade Representative(n.d.), there are 17 CBERA beneficiary countries:

- Antigua and Barbuda
- Aruba
- The Bahamas
- Barbados
- Belize
- British Virgin Islands
- Curacao
- Dominica
- Grenada
- Guyana
- Haiti
- Jamaica
- Montserrat
- St. Kitts and Nevis
- St. Lucia
- St. Vincent and the Grenadines
- Trinidad and Tobago

Eight of these 17 are also beneficiaries under CBTPA:

- Barbados
- Belize
- Curacao
- Guyana
- Haiti
- Jamaica
- St. Lucia

- Trinidad and Tobago

During the late 70s there was a high price crisis for basic commodities that the US imported from Latin America, such as 1/5 of the oil imported to the US, and other important minerals, the US responded by imposing quotas on these products reducing the number of imports drastically, the South American countries suffered the consequences with increased poverty. As communism was a threat, when president Reagan became president he saw this poverty rise and political instability as a concern to the US “The Soviet Union underlies all the unrest that is going on” (Rosen, 2002, p.131, par.1), aid to South America increased 9 folds reaching 1.2 billion under Reagan administration. The US also increase the military presence in countries that were helped economically. With the new free-trade politics and US investments, the US-made Latin countries are extremely dependent on the Americans.

Answer:132 and 129 par 2

- b. What was occurring in Central America? How could history been repeating itself? How do you think the U.S. would respond to the crisis in Central America? (2pts)

Left-wing parties were becoming popular, “as Reagan entered the White House the growth of left-winged movements heightened his concerns about the Soviet Union” (Rosen, 2002, p.131, par.1), which was a political uprising mood as the countries struggled with poverty. This situation makes the perfect terrain for Communism to spread, since Communism is sold to the simple people as a chance for equality, and history could be repeated if a civil war between the Right and left took place as it did in Korea, Vietnam, and Cuba.

The US would respond as they did create new trade policies and strategies, creating military bases in the countries or nearby allies, and if that doesn’t work the country would suffer sanctions before an actual military intervention.

Answer: El Salvador was a big problem with a civil war threat. Mention the sandanistas , Noriega
articles about central America for finals

- c. Please research and bring to class two examples of the military, political, or economic affairs that occurred in the Caribbean or Central America between 1953 and 1985. Make sure your examples are from credible sources. Why did I ask you to research events in this region? How does it pertain to the chapter entitled, “*The Reagan Revolution*”? (2pts)

1976- Coup in Argentina, the Dirty War. Over 30000 people who objected to the government disappeared. Anyone who appeared to support the left was against the

government and tortured and killed. “after the military seized power in Argentina on March 24, 1976, Argentinean secret police met with counterparts from five other Latin American countries (Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Paraguay and Uruguay) to discuss long-term cooperation in a U.S.-backed campaign that targeted communists, socialists, and other left-wing supporters” (Conde, 2019). The truth is that the US-supported repressive governments had and were seen by the Latin people as hypocrites advocates of democracy which made the perfect ground for Communism to spread.

1964-1985. Dictatorship in Brazil lasted 21 years. President Joao Goulart suffered a military coup as was deposed. “U.S.-backed military coup d’état in Brazil. The coup kicked off a brutal twenty-year-long military dictatorship. Similar military coups would follow in Bolivia, Chile, Uruguay, and Argentina” (Nacla, 2014). The extreme right was taking over governments in South America with the support of the US which feared the left-wing that flirted with the Soviets during the Cold War but the right in Brazil was acting pretty much as Communists do, there was censorship and kidnapping of government opposition.

We were asked to research this event because they pertain to the Cold Era, the same period that is covered by the chapter “The Reagan Revolution”, “the Reagan administration stepped-up US support of pro-American regimes” (Rosen,2002, p.131, par.2), free trade policies were installed to control the Communism from spreading in South America.

- d. Define CBI? What was their economic status? What was the purpose of developing programs that would support new business opportunities in the Caribbean? (2pts)

CBI means Central Basin Initiative is an ongoing initiative implemented in 1984, that started with a “cold war policy agenda”(Rosen, 2002, p.132, par.1) with the intention to restructure the quasi-colonial trade relationship with the U.S. The initiative includes the Caribbean and Central American countries. The bill was created by President Reagan.

The purpose of it was to help these regions economically while also avoiding Communism from spreading but “the United States continued to profit at the expense of these lessee developed countries” (Rosen, 2002, p.133,par.1), the initiative planned to expand the exports of raw materials by negotiating advantageous tariffs.

Add:US stole raw materials and said that was protecting from the spread of communism

e. Print out a map of the Caribbean and Central America? (2pts)



Figure 1. Central America and the Caribbean Islands.

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