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Mexico is considered authoritarian from 1919 to 1945. According to Geddes, Wright and Frantz (2013), Mexico was a single-party regime from 1916-2000. This means we code no SOLS change for this period. After the 70-years PRI period, PAN's Vicente Fox took office in 2000, and this is coded as a SOLS change.

Venustiano Carranza de la Garza, a Liberal Moderate (L-Mod), was president from 1915 until 1920. Carranza was assassinated and Felipe Adolfo de la Huerta Marcor of the Constitutionalist Liberal Party (PNA/PLC), his pre-designated successor, "served briefly as provisional president" (US Library of Congress 1996). Later that year Álvaro Obregón Salido, PLC, replaced him. Obregón had staged the revolt that led to Carranza's assassination (Coerver et al. 2004, 298). In 1924 Obregón nominated Plutarco Elías Calles of the National Revolutionary Party (PNR) to be the next presidency and "succeeded in imposing his candidate" (US Library of Congress 1996). In 1928 Obregón won elections but was assassinated before he could take office. Instead, Calles "chose one of his supporters" Emilio Cándido Portes Gil, PNR, as "interim" president (US Library of Congress 1996).

According to the US Library of Congress (1996), "[d]uring the next six years (a period known as the Maximato), Calles exercised behind-the-scenes control over Mexican politics through the actions of three presidents who were essentially his puppets. Unlike previous parties, which existed only in name during electoral campaigns and dissolved immediately thereafter, the PNR was designed to be a permanent organization run exclusively by Calles as *jefe máximo* (supreme leader), through which he acted as de facto president. Henceforth, the "official" party of the revolutionary regime served as the dominant political organization in the country and the primary dispenser of official patronage."

In 1930 Calles picked Pascual Ortiz Rubio, PNR, to be the next president. In 1932 Calles removed him and replaced him with Abelardo Luján Rodríguez, PNR. In 1934 Calles picked Lázaro Cárdenas del Río, PNR, for the presidency. Cárdenas acted independently and had Calles exiled to the United States in 1936 (US Library of Congress 1996). In 1938 Cárdenas changed the name of his party from PNR to the Party of the Mexican Revolution (PRM). In 1940 Cárdenas picked Manuel Ávila Camacho, PRM, to succeed him in the presidency. Camacho changed the name of PRM to the Institutional Revolutionary Party (PRI) in 1946.

In 1946 Miguel Aleman ran for office under this new acronym and won. After him, a series of PRI's presidents have taken office until Ernesto Zedillo. None of these leader transitions constitute SOLS changes. The PRI dominated country politics, and all presidents belonged to this party until 2000, when Fox took office for the PAN (Partido de Accion Nacional) and finished 71 years of PRI dominance in presidential elections. No SOLS change is coded until

2000. This is the end of the PRI reign and constitutes a SOLS change. In 2006, Calderon took office. Since his party is also PAN, this is not a SOLS change.

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