WHAT NOW?

Prospects for Latin American Democracy
APPROACHING THE QUESTION

• The People’s Verdict: Public Opinion

• The Taming of Democracy

• Looking Ahead: Prospects for Consolidation
Figure 11-1. Preference for Democracy, 2000

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Figure 11-2. Regime Expectations and Preference for Democracy

- **Liberty + Vote**
  - Democracy always preferable: 50%
  - No Preference: 20%
  - Authoritarianism sometimes preferable: 10%
  - Don't Know: 10%

- **Equality + Welfare**
  - Democracy always preferable: 50%
  - No Preference: 20%
  - Authoritarianism sometimes preferable: 10%
  - Don't Know: 10%

- **Lawfulness**
  - Democracy always preferable: 50%
  - No Preference: 20%
  - Authoritarianism sometimes preferable: 10%
  - Don't Know: 10%

- **Other + DK**
  - Democracy always preferable: 50%
  - No Preference: 20%
  - Authoritarianism sometimes preferable: 10%
  - Don't Know: 10%
Figure 11-6. Satisfaction with Regime and Preference for Democracy

- Very Satisfied
- Somewhat Satisfied
- Somewhat Dissatisfied
- Very Dissatisfied

Assessment of Democracy

- Democracy always preferable
- Authoritarianism sometimes preferable

Percent
Figure 11-8. Corruption and Dissatisfaction with Democracy

- Pervasive
- Frequent
- Some
- Almost None

Perception

- Satisfied
- Dissatisfied

Percent
THE TAMING OF DEMOCRACY

The Onset of Mass Politics, 1940-77:
- Popular mobilization
- Specters of revolution
- Grand policy schemes
- Strong states

Targets of Threat
- Socioeconomic elite
- Middle classes
- Military
- United States
Making Democracy Safe, 1978-2000:
• Transitional pacts
• De-mobilization of labor and peasantry
• Evaporation of political left
• Ideological vacuum
• Declining strength of state

Thus: spread and duration of electoral democracy

Final queries:

What to do about poverty? (Wasn’t that the problem?)
What good is a democracy that isn’t dangerous?
LOOKING AHEAD

Interim Developments, 2001-2003:
• Continuing spread of electoral democracy
• Presidential half-lives
• Economic growth (or lack of it)
• 9/11 and its aftermath

The Problem of Consolidation
• Longevity? Of what?
• Deepening
• From illiberal to liberal democracy? Or not?
Figure 13-1 Political Regimes in Latin America, 2003

- Liberal Democracy
- Illiberal Democracy
- Semi-Democracy