



## The New Left in Latin America and the Opportunity for a New US Foreign Policy

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### The Problem:

As China, Japan and India become dominant players in Asia, and the European Union begins to look like a United States of Europe, Latin America is likely to become the key social and economic partner of the United States. We must move beyond past U. S. paternalism and past geopolitical tensions, to forge new partnerships based on mutual respect and shared interests. *How can we build a new multilateral system for the Americas?*

### Research Evidence:

US foreign policy in Latin America has ranged from overthrow of democratically elected governments to support of authoritarian regimes. The record of US intervention in Guatemala, Chile, Nicaragua, and El Salvador shows how the US has pursued its own interests to the detriment of Latin American nations. Other models of mutually beneficial relationships can be found in Franklin Delano Roosevelt's Good Neighbor Policy, John F. Kennedy's Alliance for Progress, and Jimmy Carter's Human Rights policy.

### Proposed Solutions:

- The United States and the Organization of American States should convene a conference of American nations to re-define the meaning of democratic development and security.
- The United States, working with the World Bank, should begin bilateral and multilateral discussions focused on debt relief efforts that would redirect debt payments to achieve poverty reduction and social capital investment.
- The United States should work toward an immigration policy that examines the benefits and costs to the United States of current immigration flows. This policy should include assistance to sectors of U. S. industry and labor that are harmed by migratory flows.

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