

ANALYTICAL SUMMARY

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POLITICAL RESISTANCE AND CITIZENSHIP: PLEBISCITES AND REFERENDUMS IN URUGUAY IN THE 1990'S

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The widespread political resistance to the government took several different ways. Such resistances may include legitimate or non-legitimate approaches, within or outside the Constitution, involving or not the representative political institutions. At the same time, these processes may pursue different objectives which include from civil disobedience up to the government ousting. This article examines the most common institutionalized ways of civil resistance to the government: the use of direct democracy to change the unpopular government's policies. Specifically, this article examines the use of referendum in Uruguay, since the transition to democracy in 1985 to date.

Key words: plebiscites, referendums, Uruguay, democracy, political representation, political parties.

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URBAN MOVEMENTS AND DISEMPOWERMENT IN PERÚ AND VENEZUELA

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This paper addresses a core puzzle: why is continued citizen mobilization accompanied by growing disempowerment of those same citizens? Why do movements fail, leaders burn out and members disperse, and what are the implications of this organizational failure for democratic representation? Our consideration of the issues is rooted

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This article seeks to contribute to the debate over citizenship in Latin America and to suggest some themes for further debate. After a brief review of the processes that influence the reconfigurations of citizenship, we argue that the formal approach to the rights and duties of the citizen should be renovated and complemented with an anthropological perspective. We also argue that the processes of globalization and societal change throw up new questions. Once these «transversal» themes have been discussed, we reflect on the principal «classic» dimensions of citizenship (civil, political and social rights) as well on the issue of the emergent ethnic citizenship.

Key words: citizenship, globalization, citizen's rights, anthropology.

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During the last decade, indigenous movements in the Andean region have made impressive gains in political representation, notwithstanding the unfavorable context in which they operate. They did so by taking advantage of the conjuncture of institutional crisis and constitutional reform to link their demands to those of the political elite, which sought to strengthen the legitimacy of democratic institutions. As a result, the institutional context today is more favorable for new political movements wishing to participate in formal politics –particularly for indigenous movements–. Moreover, indigenous movements have taken advantage of the weakness of traditional parties and party systems to carve out a space for themselves as leaders of or partners in coalitions against neoliberal reform and corruption.

Key words: indigenous movements, representation, political parties.