Mexico’s challenges on national security in a geopolitical context

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Mexico’s context previous to the arrival of Felipe Calderon

- 71 years of a single party, PRI

Geopolitically Mexico in North America due to NAFTA since 1994, culturally and politically tied to Latin America

- Year 2000, arrival of the National Action Party (PAN)

- Fox administration: ambivalent about the relationship with Washington after 9, 11

- 2006, neo-authoritarian practices on Mexican politics and national security

- Radical polarization between the right and the left towards the presidency in 2006
Perimeter Defence in North America

U.S. Northern Command’s area of responsibility (AOR) includes the continental United States, Canada, Mexico, Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands, the Gulf of Mexico, and the ocean approaches within approximately 500 miles. Alaska falls under the joint responsibility of U.S. Northern Command and U.S. Pacific Command. Greenland is in U.S. European Command’s AOR.
Commander’s areas of responsibility
Mexico’s fragmentation of power

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## Legislative power

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Mexico’s strategy on security

1) The recovery of territories and strengthening of local governments;

2) A new organization of security agencies and a resolute system of rule of law at state and municipal levels

3) A land deployment of Joint Operations mainly conducted by the Armed Forces

4) Foster social unity against organized crime and

5) International cooperation.
Perspective’s on national security

- PAN, not even a conception
- PRI, Rule of law
- PRD, development and poverty
- National Security Act, not a solid concept
- Public Security act, rule of law
- Navy law, well developed
- Army law, Internal defense
## Cabinets on national security and public security

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Threats and vulnerabilities

- Desertions 1994--2007:
  253,196 members of the army, where are they?

- Source: IFAI

- Confiscation of funds:
  6%  where is the 94%?

- Confiscation of illegal guns - first 18 months

- Fox: 2000-2002: 0.67%

- Calderón: 2006-2008: 1.4  where is the 98.6?

- Source: PGR y Sergio Aguayo en Reforma, Septiembre 2008
United States: main actor on the international system
- Maritime
- Air
- Land
- Bulk Cash
- Gun Trafficking
Arrows:
- Trade
- Bulk Cash
- Illegal Gun Trafficking
- Migration
Concepts and Sectors

Northern Border

Southern Border

National Security

Public Security

Defense

INTELLIGENCE

TERRITORY
Air
Land
Maritime

Justice

REPUBLIC INSTITUTIONS

PEOPLE
Master Plan on National Security

- Drug Trafficking and Organized Crime
- Terrorism
- Environment and Natural Disasters
- Development
- International Migration
- Epidemics