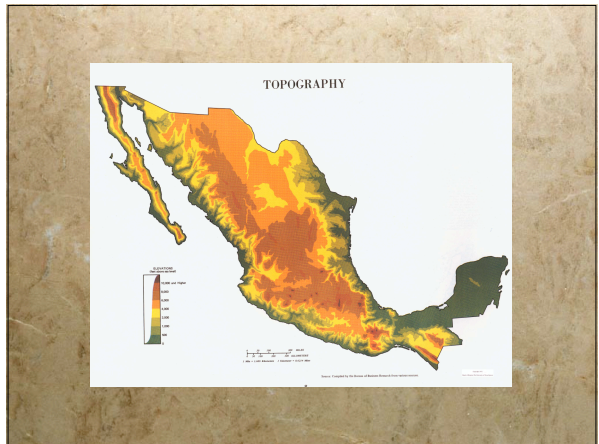


Mexico



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Environmental:

- Tropic of Cancer effectively divides the country into temperate and tropical zones
- Average rainfall totals are between 600 and 1,000 millimeters a year
- pronounced wet and dry seasons.

Environmental Cont.

- 150 rivers
- 60% of Mexico's population uses 10% of the country's water supply

Cultural Factors

- Predominately Spanish
- Dominant religion: Roman Catholic
- Holidays: New Years, Ash Wednesday, Lent, Palm Sunday, Good Friday, Easter, Cinco De Mayo, Christmas, Birthdays, Weddings, September 16th.



Social: Interpersonal relations are more important than impersonal relations (bureaucratic norms and regulations) in the functioning of Mexican society

Political: Under same Political Party (PRI) from the revolution to 2000. Currently other political parties have taken power.

Economic Factors:

- approximately 60% of entire country are considered poor, including 14% in extreme poverty (indigence).

Mexico has a free market economy in the trillion dollar class



Technological Factors:

Communication/ telephone service: the population is poorly served, but business and government is adequately served.

Transportation:
Road: *total:* 235,670 km
Railways: 17,665 km
Airport: 1,834

Industrialization: a mixture of modern and outdated industry practices



Preparation:



Meal Patterns:

Traditional:

- Small meal for breakfast, often soup
- Lunch (el almuerzo) is the main meal of the day.
- *La siesta* is taken after lunch
- *La merienda* is a snack eaten after lunch of coffee or rolls or sandwiches. This is informal and sometimes only taken by children.
- *La cena* is a light dinner served around 9pm.
- *Sombremesa* is a time after dinner where everyone talks



Meal Variety:

Most meals include:

1. Rice
2. Beans
3. Tortillas
4. Entrée meat dish (often with a pepper or chili sauce.)



Guest Speaker:



Mr. Javier Nunez



RESOURCES:

- <http://countrystudies.us/mexico/61.htm>
- <https://www.cia.gov/library/publications/the-world-factbook/geos/mx.html#Comm>
- <http://ohioline.osu.edu/hyg-fact/5000/5237.html>

