

Contemporary Mexican Shadow Politics: The War on Drugs and the Issue of Security

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Abstract : Organised crime in Mexico evolves faster than our capacity to understand and explain it. Organised gangs have become successful entrepreneurs in many ways and they have somehow mimicked the working ways of the authorities and in many cases, they have successfully infiltrated the governmental spheres. This business model is only possible under a clear scheme of rampant impunity. Impunity, however, is not exclusive to the PRI. Nor the PRI, PAN, or PRD can claim the monopoly of corruption, but what is worse is that none can claim full honesty in their acts either. The current security crisis in Mexico shows a crisis in the Mexican political party system. Corruption today is not only a problem of dishonesty and the correct use of public resources. It is the principal threat to Mexican democracy, governance, and national security.

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