

Please put your answers immediately after each question (single spaced) in a not dark red font. This HW is due Blackboard Tuesday September 25<sup>th</sup> or whatever BB says when I post it (right now I am still in Lagos so I am not sure if BB will let me post, or you can bring it to class Monday or to my office E527 leave a copy in the red envelope on my door before Tuesday 6pm. Be sure to let me know by email it is there somehow.

**HW#3 Q3.1 A)** Briefly sketch out the Acemoglu and Robinson and Sachs/Gates views of why Mexico (and most of Latin American economies) fell so far behind. Use quotes from our text (see Chapter 1 pdf online and/or BB) to articulate the basic institutions vs. geography view. **HW#3 Q3.1 B)** now use the authors themselves to elaborate the same arguments. Briefly, why is Nogales, Mexico poorer than Nogales, Arizona, according to Acemoglu and Robinson's *Why Nations Fail*? That is in [In Government, Geography, and Growth: The True Drivers..](#) Jeffrey Sachs argues Acemoglu and Robinson are wrong about the U.S. and Mexico and about Economic Development generally: What does his argument imply about Nogales Mexico vs. Nogales Arizona? Use quotes and/or page numbers if possible (there are two versions of A&R 2012/13 online, one is easier to read and copy, the other has real page numbers (see also the publishers preview). (see [A&R 2013 pdf page 24](#), please get the official page number from [this copy of A&R, 2013 chapter 1](#), sorry for the extra step)?

**HW#3 Q3.2** What institutions, why inequality matters. A) Why in the view of A&R does settler mortality matter. What does this imply about former colonies and peoples who resisted colonial rule (compared to those such as Argentina where immigrants and colonizers met little resistance)? B) Discuss the basic problem addressed by the [Encomienda system](#). What are the roots of this system according to Encyclopedia Britannica? How did America and the Portuguese solve this problem (in the U.S and Brazil for example) C) Inequality: who was Bartolomé de las Casas How do Carlos Slim and Bill Gates fit their story? [Bill Gates writes a critical review of A&R, 2013](#) and defends Carlos Slim (for why, see Mexico, [Carlos Slim, and Me \(Gene banks for crops\) Feb 2013](#)). How does your answer to part B make the role of Bartolomé de las Casas make sense? De Casas wandered around Cuba but was based in Hispaniola, no (what city and what countries are on this Island now?) optional: *Why are these important Latin American countries for us as New Yorkers?*

**HW#3 Q3.3 Part Q3.3A** Carlos Slim again? The new edition of Patrice Franko Chapter 1 mentions Carlos Slim and two young women from Honduras and El Salvador (Karla and Judith Yanira Viera). What role do each of these Latin Americans play in Chapter one of the Franko text (she is contrasting them no?). **Q3.3B optionally** *We look in on Karla in 2015 and 2016, her story and that of another Honduran immigrant are quite disturbing (not a happy ending). There is a however for the Salvadorian factory worker Judith Yanira Viera (in Franko, 2018 Chapter 1 posted on BB. (Fortunately we have the internet, so we find the description of Ms. Viera on a NACLA blog entry authored by Barbara Briggs and Charles Kernaghan dated September 25<sup>th</sup> 2007. Though it sounds like it, this is not the year Ms. Viera earns 750 colones a month (43 \$US). What is/was the exchange rate for the Colones in 2007, today 2018 and/or 1995? C) What happened to El Salvador's in 2001 and in 2002-2004? How do we know this NACLA article was not really written in 2007 (even though the opening of this story and the (identical?) text in Franko, 2018 suggests that it was?)*

## References

A&R, 2013: Acemoglu, Daron, and James A. Robinson (2013) *Why nations fail: The origins of power, prosperity, and poverty*. Broadway Business (paperback edition). See links to pdf above.

Sachs, Jeffrey D (2012) "[Government, Geography, and Growth: The True Drivers of Economic Development.](#)" *Foreign Affairs* 91, no. 5: pages 142-150.

"Children and Families Fleeing Central America Deserve Access to Protection, Not Discrimination and Abuse," Karla's story, Wola VIMEO, [www.wola.org](http://www.wola.org). See [Migration enforcement in Mexico](#)