

## **Cyber Day #1 Reading Assignment**

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### **Author Note**

The assignment was to use the reading material on the significant changes to Mexico's National Electoral Institute to create a short reflection on the article in the form of a K/W/L exercise.

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Know	Want to Know	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mexican lawmakers passed measures overhauling the electoral agency.</li> <li>• The changes include the reduction of the electoral agency's staff and an attempt to make voting more efficient for Mexicans who live abroad.</li> <li>• The leader of the President's party in the Senate has called the measures unconstitutional.</li> <li>• The National Electoral Institute earned international acclaim for facilitating clean elections in Mexico.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What is the current state of democracy in Mexico?</li> <li>• What will be the effect of the measures passed by the Mexican lawmakers on the forthcoming election in the country?</li> <li>• What is the reaction of the Supreme Court to these measures?</li> <li>• What are the concerns of the critics of the Mexican president's administration?</li> <li>• What is the history of the electoral agency in Mexico?</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The changes made by the lawmakers will limit the electoral agency's autonomy and its ability to punish politicians.</li> <li>• Critics believe that this is an attempt to weaken a key pillar of Mexican democracy.</li> <li>• The measures adopted will force electoral officials to eliminate thousands of jobs.</li> <li>• This could result in the failure to install a significant number of polling stations, depriving thousands or hundreds of thousands of</li> <li>• people of the right to vote.</li> <li>• The Supreme Court is</li> </ul>
	<b>Learned</b>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Mexican president is undermining democratic norms.</li> </ul>	

expected to hear a challenge to the measures in the coming months.

- The changes limit the agency's control over its own spending and prevent it from disqualifying candidates for campaign spending violations.
- The National Electoral Institute helped push the country away from one-party rule two decades ago.
- The president's resentment of the electoral authority makes him act irrationally on this issue.