I. Venezuela

A. Pre-Chavez: IMF, World Bank and Venezuela

1. Structural Adjustment Plans

2. Corruption

B. Long term political struggle

1. remnants of colonialism

2. 1980s, 1990s shock therapy

3. grass roots movement: women’s group, workers, students

C. 1998 Hugo Chavez elected

1. Bolivarian revolution

a. Land Law 2001: 7 million acres

b. Peoples Cooperatives

2. response

a. broad public support in Venezuela

b. western media: he is a dictator

c. 2002 Coup

i. rich landowners

ii.. U.S.

3. returned to power

D. 2006 reelected (2/3 of vote)

1. Communal state

a. communal councils

b. take (socialist companies)

c. continued land reform

d. nationalization

e. Bolivarian militia

2. Constitutional Reform

3. Bolivarian Alliance of the Americas (ALBA)

4. Mutual protection agreements

5. Economic development agreements w Bolivia

6. Rich and U.S. respond

a. paramilitary

b. legal delays

c. western media: dictator

d. U.S. military