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This should involve establishing specific rules and monitoring mechanisms related to, for example, judicial independence, freedom of the press, and protection of opposition politicians—areas where aspiring autocrats often begin to expose their authoritarian tendencies. .

What the Sandinistas Won in Nicaragua

Those were very radical transformations, and those initiatives came from on top. All of those tendencies — to one degree or another — prioritized the vanguard status of the Frente Sandinista from the very beginning and argued that it was necessary that the Sandinistas establish their authority and control in the midst of the revolution.

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Having ousted Somoza, there were even moments when the Sandinistas were truly ready to share the government with the bourgeois opposition. While the world closely watches the profound political crisis in Venezuela, more subtle threats to democracy in other parts of Latin America are going unchecked.

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But when they created an alternative movement, the Sandinista Renovation Movement, they had a very difficult time breaking through the strong link that had been established by the Sandinistas with certain poor sectors, both urban and rural, where there had developed all different kinds of loyalties, often rooted in the initial revolutionary process when so many youth were martyred. There were three political tendencies within the Sandinista leadership. USAID has always functioned as a CIA cutout and soft-power arm for Washington.

Is Nicaragua Socialist?

The authors convincingly argue that the democratic tradition and practice that was emerging in Socialist Nicaragua could well have served as a model for other Third World states. The Mexican government has refused to take any diplomatic stance despite a major rift resulting from the unlawful detention, ill treatment, and expulsion from Nicaragua of the in June 2016. And yet, by the same token, the electoral defeat of 1990 was a

huge defeat that felt like the end of a revolutionary era in Latin America.

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