

## 'America is exceptional': Ecuador's President Says Obama's Comment is Reminiscent of Nazism 'Before and During World War II'

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In an especially harsh comment, Ecuador's President Rafael Correa has denounced U.S. President Barack Obama's statement that "America is exceptional." Correa says the comment was reminiscent of Nazism "before and during World War II."

"Does not this remind you of the Nazis' rhetoric before and during World War II? They considered themselves the chosen race, the superior race, etc. Such words and ideas pose extreme danger," Correa told reporters.

Correa accused Obama as standing up for America's interests – and not the rest of the world's. Correa also said that the U.S. has and will continue to violate international law.

"What Plato wrote in his [Socratic] dialogues more than 2,000 years ago is true. Justice is nothing other than the advantage of the stronger. They are strong, that's why they will continue lying, violating other states' sovereignty, and breaching international law. But one day this unjust world will have to change," Correa said.

He would on to suggest that the United Nation's headquarters eventually be moved from New York City. "The headquarters of the organization is in the U.S. and they finance their activities," Correa said. "This is outrageous and an example of a relationship the US established with developing countries in the form of subordination."

International groups, in turn have taken Correa to task for cruelly silencing journalists and critics of his own administration. Correa also supported former Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez and has actively sought stronger relations with the nations of Iran and Syria.

When asked about his nation's pending \$19 billion case against the oil giant Chevron, Correa said that "Chevron has caused irreparable damage to the Ecuadorian jungle. Texaco did nothing to clear the area. At the time, there were cleaner technologies available, but they wanted to save a few bucks, and they destroyed the environment and did not even bother to pay for the damages."

Ecuador aided by a coalition of trial lawyers, have been battling Chevron for decades for alleged damages by Texaco, now a Chevron subsidiary, while the company drilled there. The lawsuit has been plagued with allegations of corruption. Key witnesses and case experts say they have switched sides and admitted to manipulating data to favor a judgment against Chevron.

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