

Regime Change throughout Latin America: The Monroe Doctrine Becomes the “Obama Doctrine”

Latin America is "Our Backyard"

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Long discredited, the Monroe Doctrine, a policy set forth by President James Monroe that stipulates that the Western Hemisphere is America's backyard over which it exercises complete tutelage, has been dusted off by Barack Obama. The neo-Monroe Doctrine, which can be called the Obama Doctrine, has seen the Central Intelligence Agency, National Security Agency, State Department, and the Pentagon actively work to oust progressive leaders from power in Latin America.

The first leader to suffer under the Obama Doctrine was Honduran President Manuel Zelaya, ousted in a 2009 “constitutional coup” personally approved by then-Secretary of State Hillary Clinton. Moreover, Clinton’s close friend, lawyer Lanny Davis, began lobbying in Washington for the new military junta-led government.

Next in line for ouster was Paraguayan President Fernando Lugo, a former Roman Catholic bishop and supporter of Marxist “liberation theology” within the Catholic Church. In 2012, Lugo was impeached by right-wingers in the Paraguayan legislature and removed from office.

Next came Argentina, where neo-fascist Mauricio Macri, the mayor of Buenos Aires, defeated progressive Cristina Fernandez de Kirchner protegee Daniel Scioli in a too-close-for-comfort 51.34% to 48.66% election held on November 22, 2015. The election was marred by reports of election fraud in Buenos Aires, Macri’s home turf. The United States is the world’s leader in corrupt elections, having refined the ability to purge voters’ rolls, flip votes on machines, miscount ballots, and generally confuse prospective voters with closed polling places and so-called “provisional ballots.”

Venezuela followed on December 6, 2015, when the U.S.-backed rightist opposition won control over the National Assembly. The rightists immediately commenced procedures to remove progressive socialist President Nicolas Maduro from power.

On February 21, 2016, Bolivia held a referendum on amending the Constitution to permit socialist progressive President Evo Morales and Vice President Álvaro García Linera to run for a third term in 2019. The referendum failed in a razor-thin 51.29%-48.71% vote, almost exactly the same as the Argentine vote that put Macri into office. Morales claimed that “social media” sent out incorrect information to sway the Bolivian electorate. It was a fact that the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID), a CIA cipher, and George Soros’s Open Society Institute, used Bolivian front groups to inundate Bolivia with anti-Morales propaganda.

Whereas America once exported to Latin America arms, tanks, and anti-riot gear to impose its will, it now exports election consultants who ensure widespread fraud.

The Obama Doctrine, rather than relying on tanks and troops in the streets to overthrow legitimate governments in Latin America, instead emphasizes the “constitutional” process to remove leaders not to Washington’s liking. Nothing else should be expected from a U.S. president who has proclaimed that he is a constitutional scholar.

Senator Aloysio Nunes, chairman of the Brazilian Senate Foreign Relations Committee and member of the Brazilian Social Democratic Party (PSDB), which is neither socialist nor democratic, traveled to Washington on the orders of the Brazilian Vice President Michael Temer of the right-wing Brazilian Democratic Movement Party (PMDB), to coordinate with Obama administration and Republican Party officials the impeachment of President Dilma Rousseff of the left-wing Workers’ Party. Temer is already acting as Brazil’s president in the wake of the Brazilian Chamber of Deputies impeachment of Rousseff on purely political grounds.

Nunes hired the services of former Secretary of State and close Hillary Clinton friend Madeleine Albright to pave the way for the Obama administration’s backing for a new pro-U.S. government to take power in Brasilia. The problem for the Americans is that Rousseff, who was impeached over alleged corruption, is refusing to step down. It has been pointed out that all the major figures trying to oust Rousseff are, themselves, facing corruption investigations by Brazilian prosecutors.

What has happened to Rousseff is no different than the ouster of Paraguay’s Lugo. The impeachment process was abused in both cases to remove leaders independent of Washington. Nunes undoubtedly spoke to Obama administration officials and Republicans in Congress about the new government withdrawing from the BRICS alliance of Brazil, Russia, India, China, and South Africa. Nunes and Temer also favor closer military relations with the United States.

In all the Latin American countries targeted by the United States for imposition of neo-fascist leaders, individuals close to the Clinton machine are found. Brazil’s rightist opposition has received lobbying support from Albright’s firm, Albright Stonebridge Group. Venezuela’s rightist opposition has been supported by longtime Clinton toadie James Carville’s firm, Greenberg Carville Shrum. Honduras’s junta that replaced Zelaya had the support of Trident DMG, co-founded by Lanny Davis.

A formerly CONFIDENTIAL CIA “Intelligence Memorandum,” dated December 29, 1975, concluded that Latin America had to be weaned away from “Third Worldism.” The conclusion was based on the votes of certain Latin American countries that had voted in favor of a UN General Assembly resolution equating Zionism with racism.

The countries were Brazil, Cuba, Grenada, Guyana, and Mexico. Eleven other countries in the Western Hemisphere abstained. The Israel Lobby in the United States began to push for regime change in Latin America and they had as their chief promoter then-Secretary of State Henry Kissinger. Today, Kissinger pals Hillary Clinton, Albright, Davis, and other Clintonistas are using frayed relations between Israel and countries like Brazil, Venezuela, Bolivia, Ecuador, and others as a rallying cry for regime change. After all, America is not permitted to have a foreign policy independent from that of Israel, even in its own hemisphere.

The CIA report indicated that America longed for a return to the past in Latin America when “the Latins found no affinity with the much less developed countries of Africa and Asia and tended to look at Middle East countries through an Israeli prism.”

For Latin America, the ugly Americans and their Israeli puppet masters have returned. And their “Queen” in all cases in Hillary Rodham Clinton, who has been likened to “Richard Nixon in a pantsuit.”

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