



From Independence To the Revolution Six Views from the Present

Reflecting on the events that molded contemporary Mexico implies profound knowledge of the historical period in question. The six articles in this dossier were written by specialists in each of the historical stages between the last years of New Spain's colonial regime and the Mexican Revolution, culminating in a constitutional framework that incorporated a series of aspirations that can be traced back to the thinking of the eighteenth-century Enlightenment. The *Voices of Mexico* reader will find in these essays interpretations that emphasize certain topics more than others. They must be read as pieces that invite you to delve more deeply into the vast historiography dealing with the formative years of a project that has sought the consolidation of a national state.

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