



Mexico's Futures

What is Mexico's future? This question sparks anxiety because, despite undeniable advances in our political system and around certain social issues in the last two decades, this is not the case of the economy. The fact is that most people feel they are foundering, that we are living in a country adrift—and they are not far off the mark.

The advances in our democracy and electoral engineering are real, as are a few irrefutable successes in the social sphere, like the implementation of the fight against discrimination and the establishment of mechanisms for transparency, accountability, and access to public government information, reflected in new institutions like the National Council to Prevent Discrimination and the Institute for Access to Information, respectfully. However, it is also true that there have been a greater number of steps backward and deficits, just as there are more challenges yet to be overcome. These challenges are present in education, the economy, social security, public insecurity and organized crime, corruption, the ability to forge consensus among the different political forces and to build as a result public, state policies that reach beyond a single administration. And we should add a very long "etcetera."

This is why at *Voices of Mexico*, we have decided to begin a series of articles in our "Politics" section to give voice to different conceptions of the country and its future, conceptions posed by its political parties, political associations, civic and non-governmental organizations, industrial syndicates and chambers, religious groups, academic institutions, media and opinion leaders, and unions. In sum, all the actors that in an organized, collective way have a vision of the country and a proposal for Mexico's future.

In this issue, we will begin with Mexico's social democrats.

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