

**PSCI 343: Revolution and Development in  
Mexico and Central America**

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### **Leadership Profile Assignment**

The main idea behind this assignment is to allow you to learn more about a revolutionary or other political leader, in terms of his or her background, motivations, main goals and strategies, and political success. In essence, this is a short biography.

The profile should be 6-8 pages in length (about 1,500 words). It should draw on 5-10 sources, which can range from biographies to feature articles in magazines to writings and speeches by the person profiled to newspaper articles.

To give you an idea of how such a profile might read, I have placed on reserve in the library the following textbook: Michael J. Sodaro, *et al.*, *Comparative Politics: A Global Introduction* (McGraw-Hill, 2001). Each country chapter in the Sodaro text contains biographies of political leaders (see the excellent example on Mexico's Carlos Salinas written by yours truly in Ch. 23).

I would be delighted to give you advice about political leaders to profile and sources to consider. Please send me an e-mail (klesner@kenyon.edu) or come to visit me during office hours (MWF 10-12) to discuss your ideas. The critical review will be due on either October 22 (if on a Mexican revolutionary or leader) or December 3 (if on a political leader/revolutionary from one of the other countries).