

HOMEWORK ASSIGNMENT # 7

INSTRUCTIONS

- 1) The homework assignment is due at the beginning of class on Monday, April 25. Your responses should be computer-processed; I will not accept hand-written homework assignments. There is no maximum limit to your responses.
- 2) The point of the homework assignments is to make you think analytically and synthetically about the week's readings, and to prepare you for our class discussions. Accordingly, it would be best if you do the readings a day or two in advance of class, set them aside for awhile, then write your responses the night before class after you have had time to digest the readings.
- 3) I will grade your homework assignment and hand it back at the start of the next class.

QUESTIONS

1. By the mid-1970s, military juntas had seized control of Chile, Argentina, and Brazil. Were the reasons for the failure of electoral democracy in these three countries primarily economic or political? Be sure to discuss all three examples.
2. After 9/11, we tend to think of terrorism as a tactic employed by eccentric individuals or fringe groups motivated by extreme political ideologies or fundamentalist religious principles. In the Southern cone from the 1960s to the 1980s, however, terrorism was a tool employed by the state itself. Based on the Dorfman and Feitlowitz readings, discuss the strategies and tactics of the Chilean and Argentine governments in these years. Did these states achieve their objectives in the short term? In the long run?