

Re: Mexico Bronco: the beheadment of a government

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This is a caricature of Mexico's recent history.

Allow me to comment on it, since I am Mexican and actually KNOW about the economics and politics of my country:

- > *Back in the days when Salinas was trying to lead Mexico to development*
- > *and actually managed not only to convince the USA and Canada to sign*
- > *the NAFTA but also to create an environment of confidence in the*
- > *future, the reactionary sectors of that most discriminating society*
- > *sensed the danger of losing privileges to a growing and prosperous*
- > *middle class thriving outside the usual channels of power of the*
- > *cacicazgos and the oligarchy of the 300 families and decided to stop*
- > *the salinist project. The result almost unnoticed was, first, the*
- > *assassination of Polo Uscanga, young attorney who was a strong*
- > *candidate to renovate the judiciary system; then, the assassination of*
- > *Ruiz Massieu, who was going to be almost certainly the head of*
- > *Congress, and finally the assassination of presidential candidate*
- > *Colosio, virtual winner of the future elections under the PRI regime.*

<sigh> These assassinations were NOT part of a complex, well-orchestrated complot, as depicted here. They were done within the context of petty intra-party fighting for control. As an example, Uscanga was assassinated in an attempt to control public transportation in Mexico City.

- > *It was expected of the next government to continue the progressive*
- > *development of a true market economy in Mexico and to follow the*
- > *salinist project into the future, with a more noticeable social*
- > *content. Yet a whole government was destroyed even before it ascended*
- > *to office. The result was the election of Dr Zedillo and the almost*
- > *immediate December Error which led to the disappearance of 80 billion*
- > *dollars from the Mexican financial markets and the catastrophic*
- > *negative supply shock, the unexpected devaluation of the peso, anchor*
- > *of the whole model, which created the most (for many) deep depressi*