

# The Third Wave in Latin America: Lessons about Democratization

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## On Line Table 1

### **Democratic Transitions in Latin America**

<b>Country</b>	<b>Year/s of Transition to Democracy</b>
Argentina	1983
Bolivia	1985 and 2021
Brazil	1986
Chile	1990
Colombia	1991
Costa Rica	1950
Dominican Republic	1982 and 1996
Ecuador	1979
El Salvador	1999
Guatemala	1999
Honduras	1994 and 2022
Mexico	1996
Nicaragua	1990
Panama	1991
Paraguay	1993
Peru	1980 and 2001
Uruguay	1985
Venezuela	1959

Note: A transition to democracy occurs when the V-Dem Electoral Democracy score increases from below 0.50 to at least 0.50.

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**On Line Table 2**

**Democratic Erosions in the Third Wave**

<b>Country</b>	<b>Years</b>	<b>Beginning Liberal Democracy index</b>	<b>End Liberal Democracy index</b>
Bolivia*	2004-18	0.546	0.345
Brazil	2013-21	0.790	0.528
Chile	2013-20	0.853	0.765
Ecuador	1991-2014	0.482	0.266
El Salvador*	2014-20	0.472	0.319
Guatemala	2016-23	0.458	0.309
Mexico	2004-23	0.510	0.299
Nicaragua*	1995-2006	0.490	0.324
Peru	2020-23	0.711	0.576
Uruguay	2010-22	0.853	0.754
Venezuela*	1993-2002	0.621	0.258

\* Note: The erosions in Bolivia, El Salvador, Nicaragua, and Venezuela culminated in democratic breakdowns.

**On Line Table 3****Democratic Deepening in the Third Wave in Latin America**

<b>Country</b>	<b>Years</b>	<b>Beginning Liberal Democracy index</b>	<b>End Liberal Democracy index</b>
Bolivia	1986-2004	0.408	0.546
Brazil	1987-2013	0.371	0.790
Brazil	2021-23	0.528	0.692
Colombia	1991-2023	0.430	0.565
Costa Rica	1978-2012	0.734	0.859
Dom. Republic	1996-2021	0.287	0.458
Ecuador	2014-22	0.266	0.508
El Salvador	1999-2014	0.311	0.472
Mexico	1996-2004	0.332	0.510
Paraguay	1993-2010	0.378	0.510
Peru	2001-20	0.570	0.711
Uruguay	1985-2010	0.699	0.853

## On-line Table 4

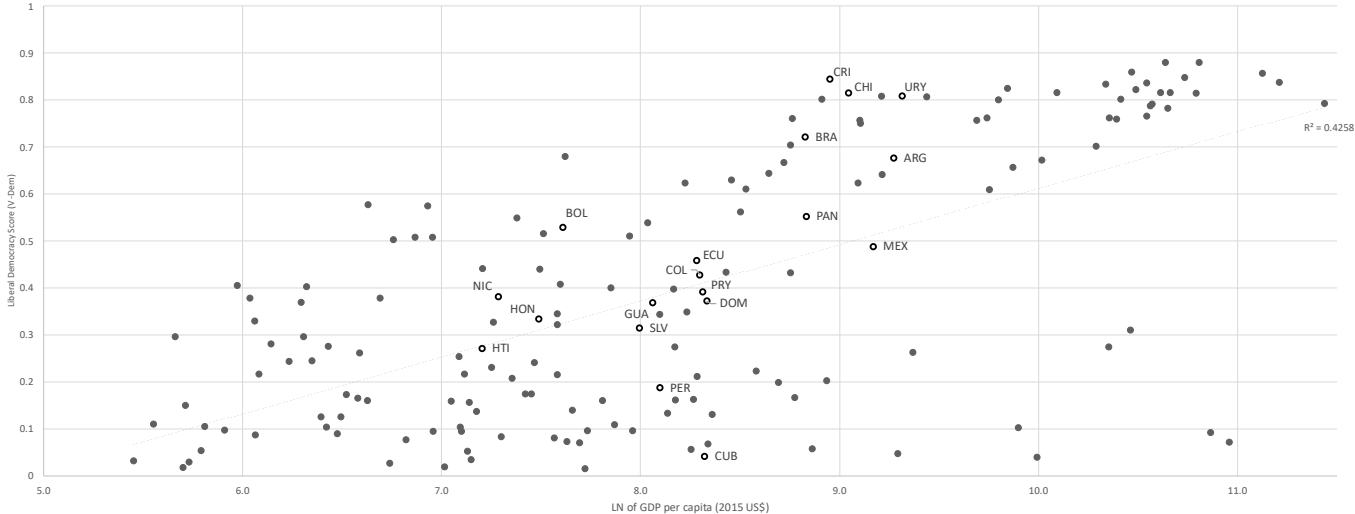
### Democratic Stagnations of at Least Ten Years

Country	Years	Beginning Liberal Democracy index	End Liberal Democracy Index	Outcome Next Year after Stagnation
Argentina	1984-2023	0.679	0.690	-
Bolivia	1986-1997	0.408	0.520	deepening
Colombia	1992-2013	0.430	0.536	deepening
Dominican Republic	1996-2019	0.287	0.300	deepening
Ecuador	1980-2009	0.447	0.337	erosion
Guatemala	2000-2023	0.369	0.309	-
Honduras	1995-2008	0.307	0.322	breakdown
Mexico	2004-2020	0.510	0.407	erosion
Nicaragua	1991-2005	0.471	0.386	Erosion*
Panama	1992-2023	0.526	0.571	-
Paraguay	1994-2007	0.378	0.450	deepening
Paraguay	2010-2023	0.510	0.426	-
Peru	1981-1991*	0.465	0.396	breakdown
Peru	2001-2011	0.570	0.665	deepening
Venezuela	1960-1999	0.521	0.443	erosion*

\*Erosion was later followed by breakdown.

**On-Line Figure 1**

**Natural Log of Per Capita GDP and V-Dem Liberal Democracy Score in the World, 2000**

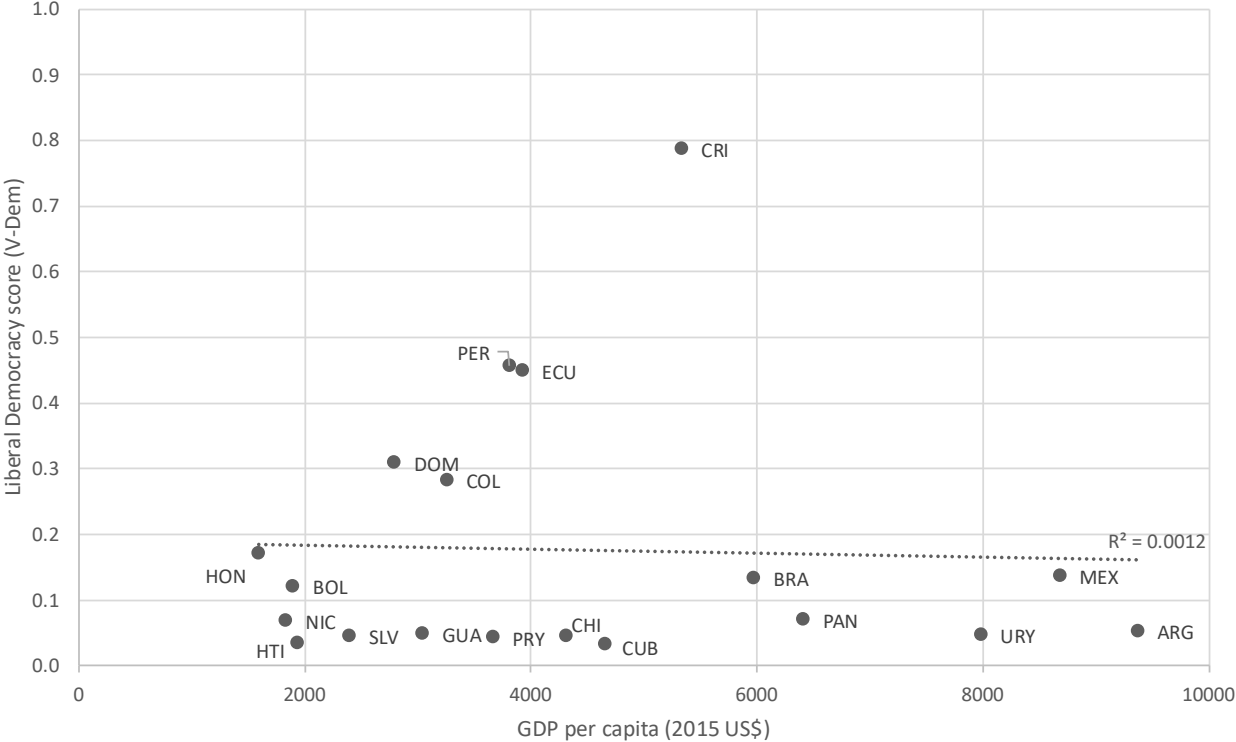


Note: The figure shows 165 independent countries in the world for which there is data in both sources. Venezuela is not shown because there is no GDP data for 2000. All GDP data in the paper is measured in constant 2015 USD and is taken from the WDI (and include a full reference).

Sources: Coppedge et al. 2024; World Bank, World Development Indicators.

**On-line Figure 2**

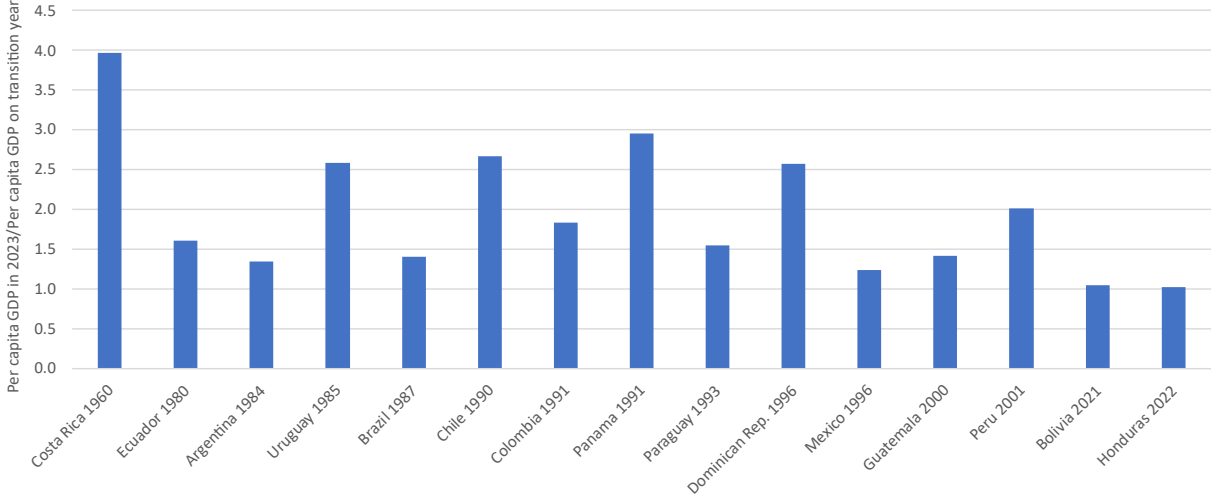
**Per Capita GDP and V-Dem Liberal Democracy Score in 19 Latin American Countries, 1982**



Note: Venezuela is not included because GDP data is not available.

Sources: Michael Coppedge et al. “V-Dem Country–Year Dataset v14,” Varieties of Democracy (V-Dem) Project.; World Bank, *World Development Indicators*. GDP per capita (constant 2015 US\$).

**On-Line Figure 3. Per Capita GDP in 15 Latin American Democracies: Change from Year of Transition to Democracy to 2023**



Note: The figure shows the year of transition to democracy (according to V-Dem’s Polyarchy index) next to each country name, except for Costa Rica. For Costa Rica, 1960 (the first year of World Development Indicators data) is the comparison year.

Source: World Bank 2024.