

Bureaucratic authoritarianism

1960s and 1970s saw a flurry of coups in Latin America

Peru (1962)

[Mexico (1968)]

Brazil (1964)

Bolivia (1971)

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Ecuador (1972)

[Dominican Republic (1965)]

El Salvador (1972)

Argentina (1966)

Chile (1973)

Peru (1968)

Uruguay (1973)

Panama (1968)

Argentina (1976)

These coups led to a new kind of military regime

Original example was Brazil, 1964

April 9, 1964	First Institutional Act (AI-1) gives military president sweeping powers to purge civil service, set budget, and make arrests
October 27, 1964	AI-2 empowers government to abolish all existing political parties; makes elections for President, Vice President, and governor indirect
November 1965	Supplementary Act #4 forms 2 political parties
February 1966	AI-3 allows governors to appoint mayors of major cities
December 13, 1968	AI-5 suspends Congress indefinitely and gives the president the power to suspend <i>habeas corpus</i> indefinitely; in some ways, a coup within a coup
February 1, 1969	AI-6 purges Supreme Court and puts all offenses involving national security or the armed forces under jurisdiction of military tribunals
February 1969	AI-8 suspends upcoming elections for all posts
March 1969	Presidential decree outlaws any criticism of Institutional Acts, the government, or the armed forces; places all media under supervision of the military courts
September 1969	AI-13 permanently bans from the country anyone deemed dangerous to national security; AI-14 restores the death penalty

These regimes unleashed massive repression

In Brazil

Imprisoned for political reasons	~50,000
Charged with national security offenses	7,367
Investigated but not charged	6,385
Tortured	1,918 documented; ~20,000 total
Exiled	~10,000
Banished	130
Dismissed from civil service	3,783
Banned	780
Murdered by government	~300

Repression in Southern Cone (Truth Commission figures)

<u>Country</u>	<u>Murdered</u>	<u>Population in 1980</u>
Argentina	10,260	27.0M
Brazil	300	122.3M
Chile	2,279	11.1M
Uruguay	282	2.9M