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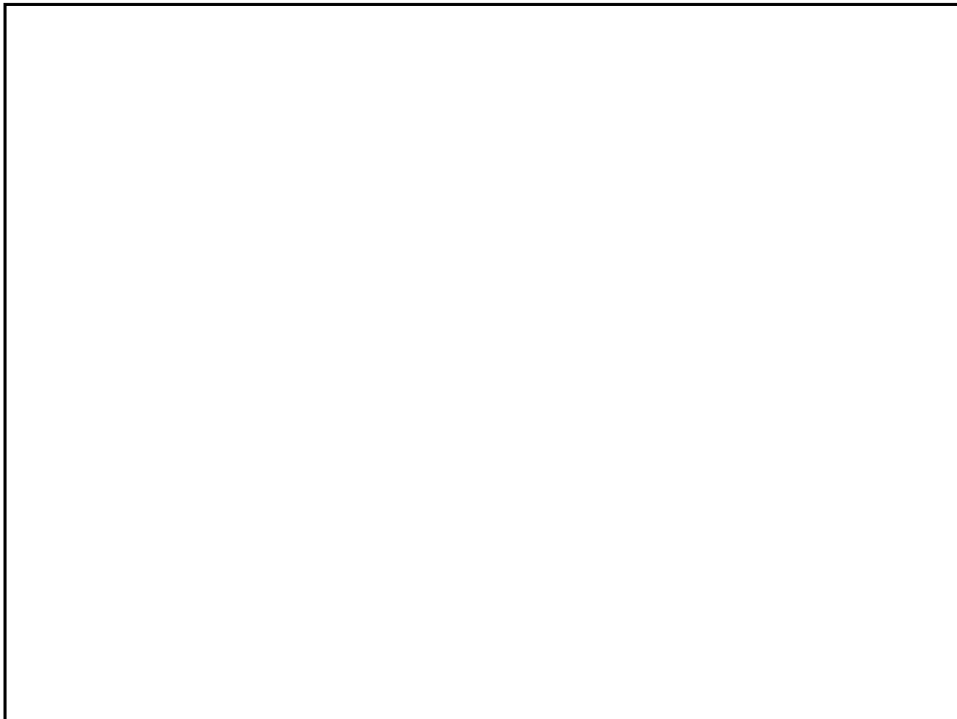
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## HEMISPHERIC CHALLENGES TO SECURITY

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## **Hemispheric Challenges to Security**

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## **Insecurity in Latin America**

- | Sustained increase in crime
- | 2nd most violent region in the world
- | Producing countries, transit and consumption
  - National and international confrontations
  - Diversified, multiple and youth consumption
- | Increase in use of weapons
- | Sensations of insecurity and impunity
- | Ill-prepared institutions

## Democracy-Development-Security

- I Democracy
  - Third-generation reforms are still pending
  - Limited participation
  - Distanced youth
- I Development
  - Not bringing equality
  - Not increasing inclusion
  - Increased expectations and frustration
- I Paradox: Development without inclusion increases violence

## Security - Drugs

- I Direct link between insecurity problems and drug trafficking
- I Crimes are increasingly organized
- I Traffic and consumption generate fear
- I Sensation of state inefficiency
- I Capacity for corruption and state interference

## Security vs. Freedom

- I Dangers of insecurity
  - Perception that democracy is bad
  - Increase in punishments
  - Imprisonment, stigmatization
  - Invisibility of rehabilitation
  - How much freedom?
  - Key policies include citizenry

## Challenges

- I Cultural changes
- I Solid institutional responses
- I State policies
  - Use of all types of drugs is bad
  - Zero tolerance for “dirty money”
  - Public health policies
  - Learning best practices
- I Regional collaboration