

ABSTRACT

Human Rights and Political Regimes: An Analysis of Venezuela's Perez Jimenez Regime, The Punto Fijo Pact, And Chavez's Bolivarian Socialism

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Although it was one of the richest countries on earth in the 20th century, the current humanitarian crisis in Venezuela has drawn attention to the acute challenges facing the country since its independence. The aim of this study is to examine civil, political, and economic, social and cultural rights under three political regimes: the Pérez Jiménez regime, the Punto Fijo Pact and Chávez's Bolivarian Socialism. The paper utilizes both normative and legal analysis in the discussion by utilizing Howard and Donald's analysis of human rights under communitarian and liberal regimes, and international human rights covenants. In so doing, the research paper provides understandings of the extent to which each regime observed these rights in law, and in practice and how Venezuela's contentious history has contributed to the contemporary challenges.

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