



**Madero & Huerta**

# The Apostle of Democracy

- Believed in democracy by the elite (Keen 282)
- Traditional 19<sup>th</sup> century liberal; did not work (Burns 197)
- Believed himself preacher, apostle, & medium for political spirituality (Krauze 249)



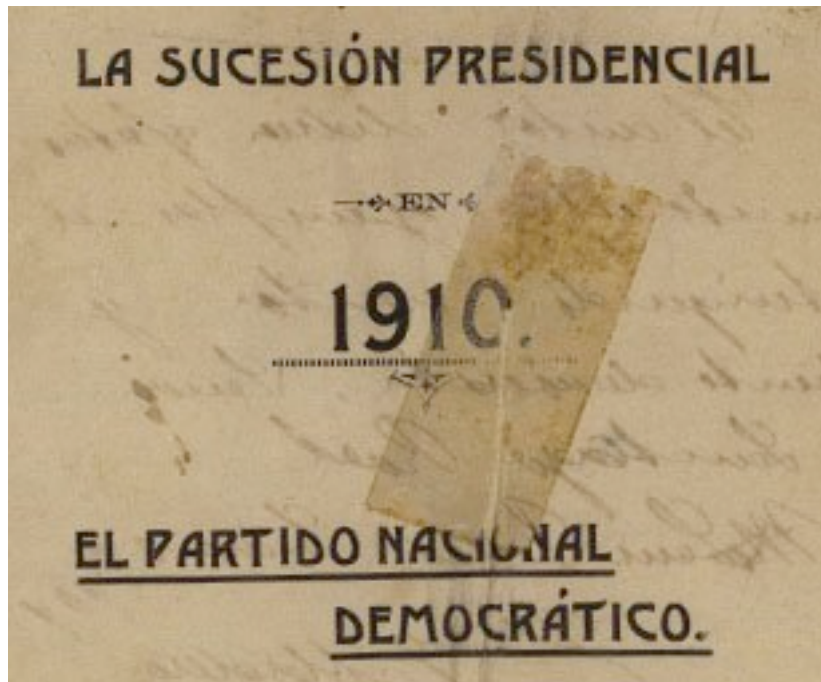
# Background

- Not a peasant or a worker → heir to business empire
- Believed himself a legit Christian medium (Krauze)
- Self-discipline & self-denial; “dominate matter”
- Believed himself Prince Arjuna in *Bhagavad Gita* & Benito Juarez (249)



# Change

- Modest reforms to peasants & workers; education
- Wrote a book *The Presidential Succession of 1910* → Needed return to 1857 democratic constitution.
- **Plan of San Luis** – Written while imprisoned & revealed after escape to US (Krauze 255; Burns 197)



Invitación del Levantamiento de Armas

# Viva Revolution!

- **11/20/1910** – Revolution begins (Keen 283)
- Supported by N. MEX bandits (**Villa** in Chihuahua) & S. MEX native farmers (**Zapata** in Morelos) → control of most states seized from federal army by end of 1910
- *Maderistas* lead challenge to Diaz in Mexico City



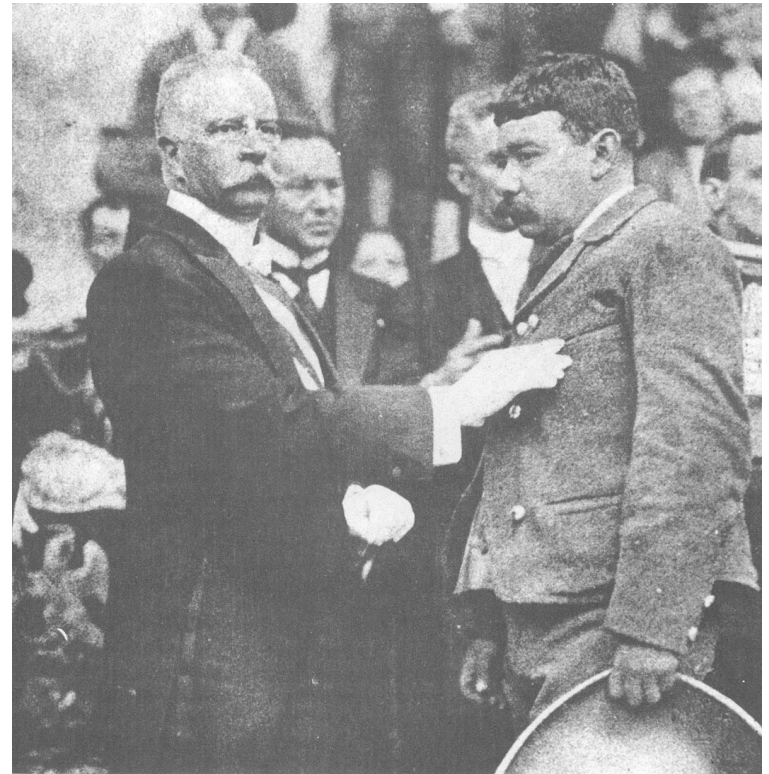
# Treaty of Ciudad Juarez

- **5/21/1911** – Diaz steps down → flees to EUR & dies in 1915
- **6/7/11** – “When Madero arrived, the earth trembled”
  - Dharma: Free the people of Mexico & give the people the chance to govern himself (Krauze 260)



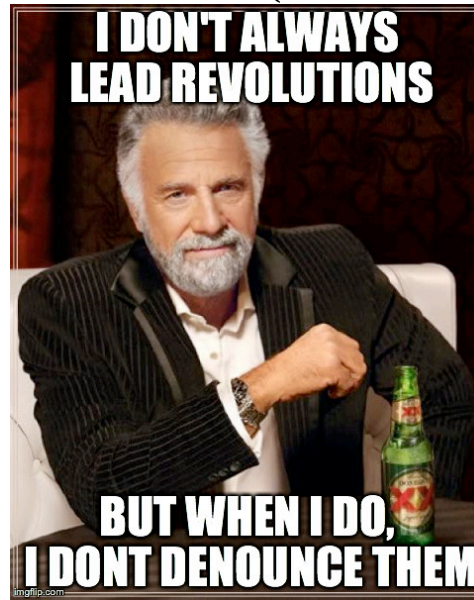
# Provisional Government

- Maintained status quo; federal troops dispatched to stop rebels from redistributing haciendas to peons
- Left Diaz's bureaucracy largely intact (Ke 284; Kr 261)
- Madero elected in landslide in October '11
- Interim president De la Barra & Zapata at odds



# Madero's Reforms

- Allowed trade unions, strikes
- Calls for disarmament of Zapata
- Didn't believe in true land redistribution → only national land, didn't mess with *haciendas*
- Lost US support b/c he didn't give them trade favor
- Denounces the revolution (Krauze 263)



# Krauze's Faults of Madero (263-64)

- Bad diplomat
- Unstable cabinet/Senate opposition
- Support of free press hurt him
- Lack of support for rebels hurt him



# Achievements

- Political unrest hid his achievements (266-67)
  - Creation of Department of Labor, first convention of textile industry, legalize labor unions/strikes, primary schools, new roads/infrastructure
  - Respectful of separation of powers & universal manhood suffrage; consistent with his values, but problems with his purity of ends & means (267)



# Tragic Ten Days

- 2/9/13 – Felix Diaz sieges palace → seizes citadel
- **Gen. Victoriano Huerta** – Had taken down previous rebellions against Madero stages coup
- US Ambassador **Henry Wilson** hated Madero & favored Huerta due to pro-US trade stance (Ke 287)
  - Wilson @ the very center of the plot. Wants to do it now b/c Woodrow Wilson won't want to (Kr 269)
- Madero refuses to resign & is brutally murdered by Huerta's men



# Madero's Legacy

- Krauze: Death of a just man (273)
- Burns: Ineffectual, but he started a social revolution (197)
- Keen: Unjustly murdered, and it severely backfired on Huerta (287)



*Huerta sits on a throne above the bodies of President Madero and Vice President Suarez in this engraving by Alfredo Zalce.*