



**The Shepherd & The Archduke**

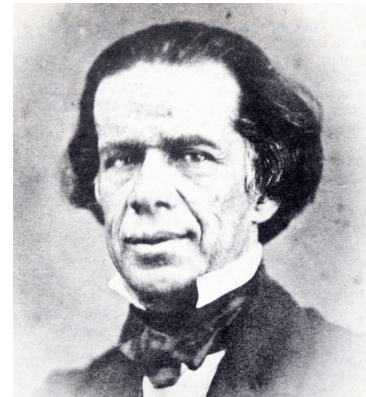
# Background

- Seizure of power by one Creole general & displacing another (both usually Santa Anna)
- Church & State
  - Liberalism = French Revolution = Socialism = heresy
  - Constitutional Future or Theocracy of the Past? (Krauze)
- Conservatives fear change; want EUR RC Prince
- Liberals are educated professionals & wanted American-style Constitution



# Benito Juarez: Early Life

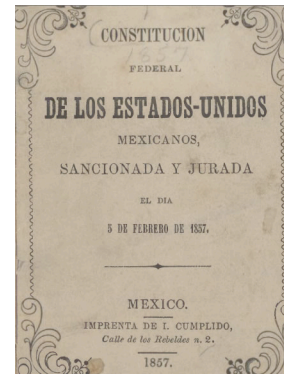
- Zapotec from Oaxaca born in 1806
  - Parents died when he was young → Shepherd
  - Probably would have become a monk, but encouraged by Catholic liberals to become a lawyer & councilman
- Style: Actions > words
- 1847 – First Native Governor of Mexican Republic
  - “God & Freedom”; Not Santa Anna (Kr.164, 167)
- 1855 – Exiled & meets liberal atheist **Melchor Ocampo** in New Orleans → Road to Constitution...





# Constitution of 1857

- Equality before the law
- Freedom of expression, teaching, movement, association, conscience
- Abolition of privilege, special courts, debt slavery
- Free public defense & *habeas corpus*
- Legislative > Executive; election to Supreme Court
- Did not mention Catholicism as official religion
  - Delegates took oath before crucifix → priests still mad





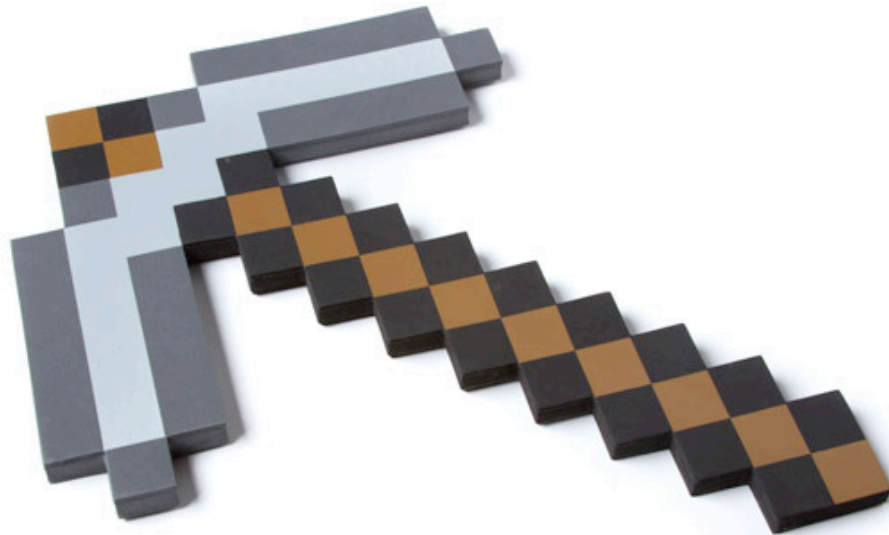
# War of the Reform

- Jan. 1858-Jan. 1861
- Conservatives had better generals, but Liberals had Juarez & Ocampo
  - Laws of the Reform (1859-60) – Anti-Clerical (Kr. 170)
- Conservatives about to take Veracruz when US intervened → Juarez entered Mexico City 1861



# “Pickaxe of Revolution”

- Destruction of Church property by Liberals
- Ocampo retires → kidnapped by Conservatives & executed
- Juarez reelected → “divorced” Church & State
- On the brink of war with France...



# Maximillien Hapsburg & Friends

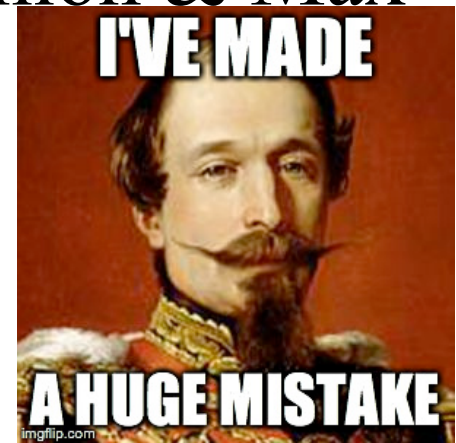
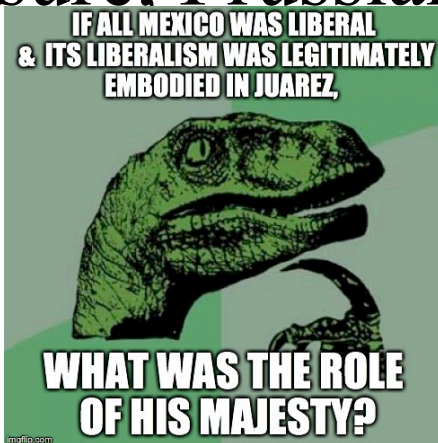
- Liberal Austrian Archduke; Brother of Franz Joseph
- 1861 – UK/FRA/ESP hold Tripartite Convention to force MEX to pay “debts” → FRA had other ideas...
  - Capitalize on US Civil War & Revenge for ESP w/ new Mexican Empire under Napoleon III of FRA
  - BIG risk for Max to rule Mexico (Kr. 174-75)
- 5/5/1862 – **Battle of Puebla** – MEX upset win!
- 1863 – Occupied Mexico City → Juarez north
- 1864 – **Treaty of Miramar** – plebiscite for his rule → Juarez’s response: perfidy & stupidity (176)
  - 5/28 – Takes over as Emperor to a “glacial” reception





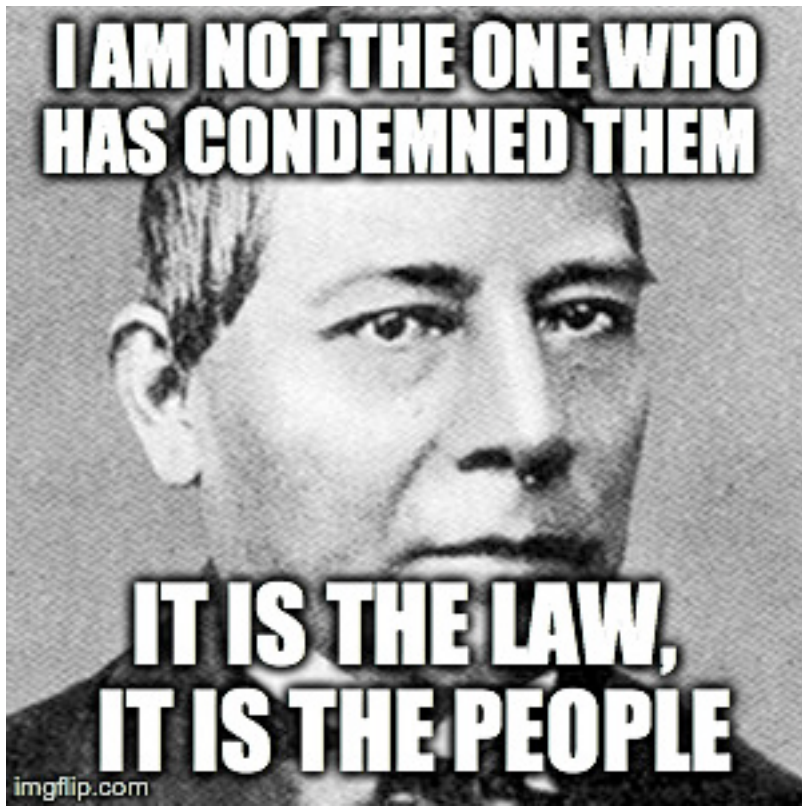
# Liberalism & Its Discontents

- Max tried to be as liberal as possible & alienated many of those who supported him
  - He's not a complete idiot (183)
- 1865 – Builds a statue of Morelos?!
  - Names a grandson of Iturbide as heir?!
  - Goes as far as naming Juarez Chief Justice?!
- 1866 – NIII pulls his troops out of MEX due to US pressure, Prussian threat, public opinion & Max



# The Last Caudillo

- 5/15/1867 – Max cornered & surrenders
- 6/19 – “The most Mexican of deaths” for Max
- 7/15 – Juarez returns to Mexico City after its liberation by Gen. **Porfirio Diaz**



# The 2<sup>nd</sup> Independence

- Juarez thought MEX was still in danger and held onto the presidency; “Democratic Dictatorship”
  - “While formally respecting the Constitution, he continued to govern without it” → Mutiny...
  - Native rebellions “Mexican Paradox” (200)
  - Rigged election of 1871
- Diaz – *Plan de La Noria*: Valid voting, No Reelection
- 7/18/1872 – Juarez dies of a heart attack → Prez. Diaz





# Impacts

- Mestizo majority gains power
- Juarez created a legitimate gov't, which Diaz consolidated
- No peace, no democracy, but no law-breaking either
- Enrique Krauze on Juarez's legacy:
  - Refused to give up power because he trusted no one else to wield it
  - Goal: redemption of the indigenous republic
  - Unique in his historical right to the land
  - Gave the presidency sacredness it had lost

