

**21H.802**  
**Spring 2005**

## **HOMEWORK ASSIGNMENT # 5**

### **INSTRUCTIONS**

- 1) The homework assignment is due at the beginning of class on Monday, March 14. Your responses should be computer-processed; I will not accept hand-written homework assignments. Please respond to each question below with a minimum of two substantial paragraphs that draw on the week's readings to respond to the question. There is no maximum limit to each response.
- 2) The point of the homework assignments is to make you think analytically and synthetically about the week's readings, and to prepare you for our class discussions. Accordingly, it would be best if you do the readings a day or two in advance of class, set them aside for awhile, then write your responses the night before class after you have had time to digest the readings.
- 3) I will grade your homework assignment and hand it back at the start of the next class.

### **QUESTIONS**

- 1) What aspects of US policy towards Latin America did US President Franklin Delano Roosevelt's "Good Neighbor" policy alter? Was this policy a genuine effort to equalize relations between the US and the nations of Latin America, or was it a cynical cover for transforming US hegemony in the hemisphere from a military to an economic basis?
- 2) Select either Argentina, Brazil, Mexico, or Cuba. What strategies did the country you have chosen employ in its dealings with the US before the onset of the Cold War in the 1940s? How did the Cold War alter those strategies? What understandings of national identity informed the actions of this country in its dealings with the US during this period?
- 3) Select one of the political cartoons reproduced in the excerpt from John J. Johnson's *Latin America in Caricature*. What stereotypes of Latin America are evident in this image? How useful is this image in interpreting US-Latin American relations at the time the image appeared?