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# Bureaucrats and Educators: The Governance of Basic Education in Mexico



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### Abstract

The National Teachers Union of Mexico (SNTE) is the largest union of Latin America. Its membership is over a million and half. It is a corporatist organization; its main characteristics are that teachers that enter into the profession are automatically incorporated into its ranks; its leadership controls all type of resources, including the professional ladder and determine who should be promoted and who do not; rewards or punishment of teachers are based on Union loyalty, not in merit.

Since its foundation in 1944, SNTE has been managed for three strong groups (cliques) with a *cacique* (labor boss) in command. In order to control the teacher force, the regime of the Mexican Revolution gave the leadership of SNTE political positions within then the official Revolutionary Institutional Party (PRI); and also granted the regional leaders the power to appoint school principals. That was the first step; it encouraged the first clique to design a long term strategy to colonize the governance of basic education in Mexico. It succeeded. Nowadays, educators, especially those graduated from the normal schools (teachers colleges) govern in the system of basic education, from the school level up to the higher ranks of several state departments of education.

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