

Region Chosen: South America

Country Chosen: Paraguay

Please Click Links Below for Assignments:

[Nation Briefing](#)

[Evernote Sources](#)

[Millenium Development Goals Analysis](#)

[Reform Paraguay 2013 Week 3](#)

[Reform Paraguay 2013 Week 4](#)

Project Goal To have a timeline that shows exactly why I chose certain millenium goals. It's often said that history repeats itself, and one of the focuses of changing the country for the better is truly understanding the derivation of the issues.

The motives behind choosing South America were that I am immersed in a lot of the culture through my peers and success in Spanish 4. From there, it really became clear to me how much I value the language in general, even though there are different dialects. Spanish is one of the official languages of Paraguay, following Guaraní. The governmental system is an electoral democracy. This makes understanding the process easier, because of my previous knowledge of democracies. What I would like to know more about are the different issues within each city, and how the issues change in relation to culture. The millenium goals will be shaped around those findings.

"Paraguay falls below the Latin American average in several socioeconomic categories, including immunization rates, potable water, sanitation, and secondary school enrollment, and has greater rates of income inequality and child and maternal mortality. Paraguay's poverty rate has declined in recent years but remains high, especially in rural areas, with more than a third of the population below the poverty line. However, the well being of the poor in many regions has improved in terms of housing quality and access to clean water, telephone service, and electricity. The fertility rate continues to drop, declining sharply from an average 4.3 births per woman in the late 1990s to 2.5 in 2008, as a result of the greater educational attainment of women, increased use of contraception, and a desire for smaller families among young women."
- via CIA

Disputes International unruly region at convergence of Argentina-Brazil-Paraguay borders is locus of money laundering, smuggling, arms and illegal narcotics trafficking, and fundraising for extremist organizations

Illicit Drugs major illicit producer of cannabis, most or all of which is consumed in Brazil,

Argentina, and Chile; transshipment country for Andean cocaine headed for Brazil, other Southern Cone markets, and Europe; weak border controls, extensive corruption and money-laundering activity, especially in the Tri-Border Area; weak anti-money-laundering laws and enforcement

"The system was created to benefit them," criticized the Minister of Public Works, Salyn Buzarquis, who again reiterated that the government will not give in to the blackmail of carriers and drivers of public transport." - via [ABC](#) (en español)

[Candidate for President of Paraguay Dies in Crash](#)

[Paraguay's Destructive Soy Boom](#)

[Paraguay: President Impeached](#)

[Wiki Link 1](#)

[Wiki Link 2](#)