Expelling Dictatorial Influences from Chilean Education

The 2006 Student Movement: Demanding a Change

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A Nation-wide Protest for Education

La Universida Católica, Sanantigo, Chile
What does this mean for Chile on a larger scale??
The strikes and sudden revival in student political activity in Chile signals an end to policies and ideologies instituted under General Augusto Pinochet’s dictatorship, therefore marking an end to Pinochet’s lingering influence over the Chilean education system.
Looking at…

• Pinochet’s education policies

• Failed student protests under the dictatorship

• 16 years later: still fighting Pinochet’s influence
Education under Pinochet

Triple threat:
Depoliticization, Decentralization and Privatization

1973
Golpe del estado
Overthrow of the government

Salvador Allende
Socialist President

Gen. Augusto Pinochet
Authoritarian Dictator
Failed Protest under the Dictatorship

Congress - Valparaiso, Chile
Students still fighting Pinochet’s influence in 2006
The Demands

National Institute is “taken over” by students

We Demand:

– LOCE: Abolished
– JEC: Complete Revision
– Municipalization: Public establishments under the control of the State
The Results

- Reorganize the Ministry of Education
- Reform the LOCE and Constitution of 1980
- Stop discrimination of poor in selection of schools
- Make the University entrance exam free for 80% of annual applicants
- 6 seats to high school student representatives on the Presidential Advisory Board

Current President
Michelle Bachelete
A New Generation…

…Within a nation transformed from dictatorship to democracy.