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Mexico has experienced some significant change since 1985 in the areas of economic performance, and single-party dominance. In the area of economic performance, Mexico has regained its control over the economy and is now showing signs of being potentially prosperous. Trade has increased, and production has become consistent + stable. Mexico has also showed changes with party dominance. For approximately the last decade, Mexico has been able to keep strong leaders controlling the presidency, as well as the same party in power for most of the time.

One factor that contributed to the prosperity of Mexico's economy was the rulers in power (the presidents in office). In the past few years, Mexico's leaders have dominated the country and become quite powerful. They saw the need for economic improvement, and decided to up production, improve on their products, + increase trade in order to have a Mexico that thrived.

One factor that contributed to the new single-party dominance was the same factor that contributed to the improvement of the economy; the strong + powerful presidents. Because these

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presidents were ruling with such dominance, and were keeping the country going, they had the support of the people. With that support, the presidents were able to move the support of the people over to the new person running for office from the same party. They had the people's trust in one particular party, which continued on from one president to the next.

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Since 1985, many Foreign industries have entered the Nigerian Market, and even more have been purchasing Nigerian businesses. We have also seen a switch from a military regime to a democratic Nigeria since 1985, allowing more free dom. Because Nigeria does not own as many of its businesses or resources as it should, its GDP and economy is suffering, and they are becoming more independent upon others.

With a bit of foreign intervention, the military regime has stepped aside to allow a democratic system to take control, and is in its longest lasting democratic phase to date.

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a) In India, since 1985 there has been great change in the country's economic performance. This has resulted from a transformation across India with an influx of foreign countries creating jobs and increasing India's economic output greatly. Politically, the 80's saw the end to the reign of the Congress Party and the rise of parties like the BJP.

b) The biggest factor in changing India's economy is foreign investment. Whether its economic aid or country's moving factories, India has been the benefactor of outsourcing, especially from the U.S. It has created jobs, brought wealth and resources to the country, and created opportunity for advancement in society.

c) The main factor contributing to the downfall of the Congress party is the recklessness

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and misrule of P.M. Gandhi and her son. Both were under attack for embezzling money and voting fraud. Their assassinations fed a fire in Indians which resulted in the fall of the Congress Party.