

## Chiapas and Beyond

### Session 13

Harvey, Neil. 1998. *The Chiapas Rebellion: The Struggle for Land and Democracy*. Durham, NC: Duke University Press (Ch. 8, *The Zapatista Opening, 199-226*)

1. What was the place of indigenous peoples in the Zapatista movement, that is, in which ways did indigenous issues, ideas, and goals figure in the thinking of the movement?
2. Specifically, what were some of the key political demands of the Zapatistas, and how were they pursued (in broad terms)?
3. How do women's rights intersect the indigenous dimension of the Zapatista movement, and what do they reveal about divisions internal to indigenous communities?

Durán de Huerta, Marta. 1999. "An Interview with Subcomandante Insurgente Marcos, Spokesman and Military Commander of the Zapatista National Liberation Army (EZLN)." *International Affairs*, 75 (2): 269-279.

1. What is the Zapatista conception of "traditional politics" and what is its alternative to that? Think in particular about what Marcos identifies as "command obeying" and "direct democracy."
2. Marcos speaks of an "indigenous civil society." What is that?
3. What is there in Marcos' statements that would lead you to think of the Zapatistas as *primarily* an indigenous peoples' movement, or not?

For a timeline of the development of the Zapatista movement, see:

- <http://www.chiapaspeacehouse.org/cs/en/node/59>

For more on the San Andrés Accords of February 1996, see:

- [http://flag.blackened.net/revolt/mexico/ezln/san\\_andres.html](http://flag.blackened.net/revolt/mexico/ezln/san_andres.html)
- Or: [http://www.usip.org/library/pa/chiapas/pa\\_chiapas.html](http://www.usip.org/library/pa/chiapas/pa_chiapas.html)
- [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/San\\_Andr%C3%A9s\\_Accords](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/San_Andr%C3%A9s_Accords)
- [http://flag.blackened.net/revolt/mexico/san\\_andres.html](http://flag.blackened.net/revolt/mexico/san_andres.html)

For video interviews with subcomandante Marcos, see:

1. <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PDLssf72C3Y>
2. <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mcWolB5nIcc>
3. <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PDLssf72C3Y>
4. Playlist:  
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PDLssf72C3Y&feature=Playlist&p=3833FB242454AE5C&index=0&playnext=1>

Documentaries:

1. A PLACE CALLED CHIAPAS (96 minutes):  
<http://video.google.com/videoplay?docid=4513202692382805096>
2. ZAPATISTA (48 minutes):  
<http://video.google.com/videoplay?docid=211108422793632049>