

**ECUADORIAN POLITICAL SYSTEM:
Tension in the Context of the Covid-19
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**In the light of a new scenario, governments assumed different roles:
Protector of life as a universal right
Promoters of the economy above any other priority**

Objective: Analyze Ecuador (the Political System led by President Lenin Moreno) as a case study (Liphart, 1971), the impact, reaction to expansion of Covid 19.

Ecuadorian citizen has been degraded, typical state of pre modern societies, as a realstate of nature (Hobbes, 2003).

This work has been carried out from the perspective of David Easton (1959): *The Political System: an Inquiry into the State of the Political Science*.

According to this: Political System is:

- Considered with imperatively applicable roles and interactions in a society.
- Does not exist as something empty is surrounded by physical, biological, social environments.

This article covers the Ecuadorian political system understood in a framework of a *Minimal State and Deconstruction*.

Based on Population, Economic Situation, State Budgets and Annual Investment Plan (indicators); health sector (value).

System understood as: “any set of variables, regardless of the degree of relationship between them” (Easton, 1965,p.224).

**ECUADOR: Small country; Economy: dollarized since 2000. Population: 17.08 million
Governed: R.Correa (2007-2017).
Experienced economic growth and development with a Welfare Policy.**

Lenin Moreno (Since 2017-2021).

Expected to be a successor, Moreno had a change to a radical, political-economic and financial turn. (alleged an attack against corruption).

Introduced: decisions making process with public effect-Program of neoliberal nature-caused an erosion of legitimacy; mainly in the state of exception during Covid 19 (But firstly introduced in October 2019).

The dismantling of the state is accompanied by poverty, inequality, increasing gap between rich and poor (Poverty:21.5% in 2017// 25% in 2019) (INEC, 2019).

Modify constitutional institutions- causing massive mobilizations, thousand of deaths as a result of repression in October 2019 (International Amnesty, 2019).

All the measures could be considered *Outputs of the political system:*

Decisions imposed in the *austerity framework* (General State Budgets 2017-2019: 36.818 to 31.469 million U\$D).

Proforma Expenses of the General State Budget (Health Sector 2017-2019: 2.692 to 3.097 million U\$D).

All the amount of money (Administrative, Educational, Work Sector were reduced).

Annual Investment Plan for Health Sector (2017-2019): 241 to 110 millions of dollars.

HEALTH SECTOR

Territory divided in 9 zones :

44 public hospitals

Mix of rural and urban areas. Country crossed by the Andes.

CIA WORLD Factbook (2019): 2 doctors for 1000 inhabitants.

This changes in front of COVID, because, *greater human resources are required.*

03/11/2020: Moreno declared state of emergency with 15 confirmed cases.

04/10/2020: Announced measures to face the COVID: “*Organic Law*”, with payments from companies and citizens. (1- that be deducted from their taxes.2-Progressive payments for nine months).

Modify Employment conditions:

Less work-less payment.

In addition: Does not pay to public sector.

400 doctors laid off in different cities.

04/12/2020: Minister of Finance: announced “ *a humanitarian effort*” (Martinez, 2020) and On contrary, dismissed more than 200 teachers.

According to WHO (2020)

Ecuador was 4th in the continental level :

15 confirmed cases (03/11/2020)

9.468 (04/20/2020).

Johns Hopkins University (2020):

36.258 (05/24/2020).

CONCLUSION

- Ecuadorian Political System: process of interactions.
 - Moreno has reinforced its economic and financial stance taking advantage of Covid 19 context.
 - Economic plan is a point of continuous imbalance (Easton, 1965).
 - All the measures leads to a *critical margin* (Easton, 1965).
 - Moreno “made real the premise that the market is beyond all moral evaluation” (Gómez, 2014). All the economic and financial measures reveals that premise.
- Confirmed cases and deaths- health sector reveals unresolved issues.
 - Impossibility of receiving adequate treatment.
 - Layoff in public sector (Health and administration)
 - Seems to constitute: an abuse and reinforce the idea that *neoliberalism is governed by the principle of death and not life.*