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Villa has been extolled as a trustworthy revolutionary. He has also been vilified as a cruel, dishonest bandit. Nevertheless, Villa remains a significant figure in Mexican history. His memory remains alive through Mexican ballads known as corridos, poetry, and film. This article examines the life of Villa—the bandit and the revolutionary—and his contributions to Mexican political history. Villa came from a poor background. Consequently, Villa, the oldest of five children, had to work to support the family at the expense of a formal education. Villa was a bandit by the s. The reason he decided to live the harsh life of a bandit in the mountains of Durango is unknown. Villa allegedly shot the owner to protect the honor of one of his younger sisters. Celia Herrera, whose relatives had been killed by Villa, recorded that he became a bandit upon murdering a friend during an altercation Katz , p. Doroteo changed his name to Francisco, or Pancho, Villa as an outlaw. Legendary tales impart that Villa adopted the name of a famous bandit, Francisco Villa , who died after being severely injured during an attack by local citizens in the mountains of Durango. Some individuals viewed him solely as a violent, ruthless bandit. Villa admitted to killing many men in his memoirs but denied being a cold-blooded murderer. Rather, the men were killed in self-defense or out of retaliation for betrayal Katz , p. On the other hand, Villa has been perceived as a benevolent champion of the poor. His memoirs reveal that he had stolen money and given it to the poor, including family members. By Villa had transformed from a bandit into a revolutionary. Regardless, the revolution was successful. Villa earned a promotion to honorary general, and he fought against the counterrevolutionaries, led by Orozco, in Villa was also an important figure in U. His relationship with the United States was initially amicable. The positive relationship between Villa and the United States took a turn for the worse by , when Villa attacked Columbus, New Mexico. A letter from Villa indicates that the attack was meant as revenge for an act of betrayal by President Wilson during his war against the troops of President Venustiano Carranza of Mexico Katz , p. Whatever the reason, the attack caused Wilson to send American troops to Mexico to capture Villa and destroy his forces Sandos , p. Villa was murdered on July 20, , while driving to a village in Chihuahua. He said he killed Villa on behalf of the many people in his district, El Oro, who had been victimized by Villa Katz , p. Salas was sentenced to twenty years in prison on September 13 but was pardoned and released a few months later. Instead, he is a complex figure whose memory continues to flourish in both Mexico and the United States. Western Folklore 7 4: The Making of a Modern Legend. Verdad y leyenda de Pancho Villa. Francisco Villa ante la historia. The Life and Times of Pancho Villa. Jackson Pick a style below, and copy the text for your bibliography.

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Early life[ edit ] Villa told a number of conflicting stories about his early life, and his "early life remains shrouded in mystery. He grew up at the Rancho de la Coyotada, [8] one of the largest haciendas in the state of Durango. He became a bandit at some point early on, but also worked as a sharecropper, muleskinner arriero , butcher, bricklayer, and foreman for a U. Eventually, he became a member of a bandit band headed by Ignacio Parra, one of the most famous bandits in Durango at the time. Pancho Villa was forcibly inducted into the Federal Army , a practice often adopted under the Diaz regime to deal with troublemakers. Several months later, he deserted and fled to the neighboring state of Chihuahua. Madero, Villa and the Mexican Revolution[ edit ] Main article: Madero ordered Villa to deal with the threat, which he did, disarming and arresting them. Madero rewarded Villa by promoting him to colonel in the revolutionary forces. The rebel forces, including Villa, were demobilized, and Madero called on the men of action to return to civilian life. Orozco and Villa demanded that hacienda land seized during the violence bringing Madero to power be distributed to revolutionary soldiers. Madero refused, saying that the government would buy the properties from their owners and then distribute them to the revolutionaries at some future date. Once elected President in November , Madero proved a disastrous politician, dismissing his revolutionary supporters and relying on the existing power structure. Although Orozco appealed with him to join his rebellion, [22] Villa again gave Madero key military victories. His execution by General Victoriano Huerta was averted at the last moment by a telegram from President Madero. As he was about to be executed by firing squad , he made appeal to Generals Emilio Madero and Raul Madero, brothers of President Madero. Villa was first imprisoned in Belem Prison , in Mexico City. There he received further tutelage in civics and history from imprisoned Federal Army general Bernardo Reyes. Huerta faced opposition from Zapata, who continued leading the revolutionary peasant movement in Morelos under a slightly revised Plan de Ayala. He proclaimed the Plan of Guadalupe to oust Huerta as an unconstitutional usurper. Considering Carranza the lesser of two evils, [11] Villa joined him to overthrow his old enemy, Huerta, but he also made him the butt of jokes and pranks. Sommerfeld and Ivor Thord-Gray , and raised money using methods such as forced assessments on hostile hacienda owners and train robberies. In one notable escapade, after robbing a train he held bars of silver and a Wells Fargo employee hostage, forcing Wells Fargo to help him sell the bars for cash. Villa considered Tierra Blanca, fought from 23 to 24 November , his most spectacular victory, [32] although General Talamantes died in the fighting. His disappearance has never been solved. Oral accounts of his execution by firing squad were never verified. Army Chief of Staff Hugh L. In , local military commanders elected him provisional governor of the state of Chihuahua [8] against the wishes of First Chief Carranza, who wished to name Manuel Chao instead. He printed his own currency and decreed that it could be traded and accepted at par with gold Mexican pesos. He forced the wealthy to give loans to fund the revolutionary war machinery. He also appropriated land owned by the hacendados owners of the haciendas and redistributed it to the widows and family of dead revolutionaries. His generalship drew enough admiration from the U. He also recruited fighters from Chihuahua and Durango and created a large army known as the Division del Norte Division of the North , [8]: Each day of delay cost thousands of pesos. A memorial to and museum of the Toma de Zacatecas is on the Cerro de la Bufa, a key defense point where the Federal Army was entrenched. The Federal Army collapsed, ceasing to exist as an institution. Villa is sitting in the presidential chair in the Palacio Nacional. Once Huerta was ousted, the power struggle between factions of the revolution came into the open. The revolutionary caudillos convened the Convention of Aguascalientes , attempting to sort out power in the political sphere rather than on the battlefield. This meeting set out a path towards democracy. None of the armed revolutionaries were allowed to be nominated for government positions, and Eulalio Gutierrez was chosen as interim president. Emiliano Zapata , a military general from southern Mexico, [11] and Villa met at the convention. Fearing that Carranza was intending to impose a dictatorship, Villa and Zapata broke with him.

The Army of the Convention was constituted with the alliance of Villa and Zapata, and a civil war of the winners ensued. Carranza was able to collect more revenue than Villa. However, Carranza had reinforced Sonora, and Villa was again badly defeated. The celebrated Division of the North was thus eliminated as a capital military force. United States involvement in the Mexican Revolution Villa wearing bandoliers in front of an insurgent camp. Villa felt betrayed by the Americans. The passengers included eighteen Americans, fifteen of whom worked for American Smelting. There was only one survivor, who gave the details to the press. Villa admitted to ordering the attack, but denied that he had authorized the shedding of American blood. While some believed the raid was conducted because of the U. Glenn Springs, Texas " one civilian was killed, three American soldiers were wounded, and two Mexicans were estimated killed. San Ygnacio, Texas " four soldiers were killed and five soldiers were wounded by bandits, six Mexicans were killed. Fort Hancock, Texas " two American soldiers were killed. Pancho Villa Expedition[ edit ] Main article: Pancho Villa Expedition Political cartoon in the U. Employing aircraft and trucks for the first time in U. The Mexican population was against U. There were several demonstrations of opposition to the Punitive Expedition and that counted towards the failure of that expedition. Villa was supplied arms from the U. Villa opposed the armed participation of the United States in Mexico, but he did not act against the Veracruz occupation in order to maintain the connections in the U. German agents tried to interfere in the Mexican Revolution , but were unsuccessful. They attempted to plot with Victoriano Huerta to assist him to retake the country and, in the infamous Zimmermann Telegram to the Mexican government, proposed an alliance with the government of Venustiano Carranza. This was principally in the person of Felix A. A plausible explanation for contacts between Villa and the German after is that they were a futile extension of increasingly desperate German diplomatic efforts and Villista dreams of victory as progress of their respective wars bogged down. Villa effectively did not have anything useful to offer in exchange for German help at that point. When assessing claims of Villa conspiring with Germans, portrayal of Villa as a German sympathizer served the propaganda needs of both Carranza and Wilson and has to be taken into account. These weapons were widely used by all parties in the Mexican Revolution , Mauser longarms being enormously popular. Anti-re-electionists threatened the locals for monetary contributions to their cause, which the two women could not afford. The widow Corral did not want to seem a counter-revolutionary, and went to Villa, who allowed her to make a token contribution to the cause. It shows a sturdy woman with her hair in a bun, wearing a floor-length embellished skirt and white blouse, with a rebozo beside a smiling Villa. She died at the age of 89 on July 6, Villa was usually accompanied by his entourage of Dorados, or bodyguards, but for some unknown reason on that day he had gone into the town without most of them, taking with him only three guards and two other employees. He went to pick up a consignment of gold from the local bank with which to pay his Canutillo ranch staff. While driving back through the city in his black Dodge touring car, [77] Villa passed by a school, and a pumpkinseed vendor ran toward his car and shouted Viva Villa!

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