



PLAN DE IGUALA, 1821 (MEXICO)

Augustin Iturbide (left),
commander of Spanish royal
forces, made a deal with
Vicente Guerrero (right),
a leading general of the
Mexican rebel forces.



ART. 1. The Mexican nation is independent of the Spanish nation, and of every other, even on its own Continent.

ART. 2. Its religion shall be the Catholic, which all its inhabitants profess.

ART. 4. The government shall be a constitutional monarchy.

ART. 11. The distinction of castes is abolished, which was made by the Spanish law, excluding them from the rights of citizenship. All the inhabitants of the country are citizens, and equal, and the door of advancement is open to virtue and merit.

ART. 12. An army shall be formed for the support of religion, independence, and union, guaranteeing these three principles, and therefore it shall be called the Army of the Three Guarantees.

Under Articles 8 & 9, the Spanish King Ferdinand VII was to be invited to be emperor of Mexico, or his two sons if he should refuse; barring that, the nation could choose another emperor.

Under Articles 20 & 21, all civic, military, and church officials who would support this plan, would retain their offices; those who opposed it, would have to leave the country.

An agreement signed between Iturbide and the Spanish viceroy secured property rights for everyone, as well.