

**Differing Viewpoints:
Mexican Government and Texas Colonists
Early 1830s**

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| <i>Tariffs (taxes on imported goods)</i> | If you are Mexican citizens, you should support the Mexican nation. This means that you should trade with Mexican companies and help build the Mexican economy. We only tax American goods so that you will buy from Mexican companies. | <i>Tariffs (taxes on imported goods)</i> | Most Mexican companies are too far from where we live. You should let us buy from U.S. manufacturers that are near to us. It is unfair for you to place this tax on goods that you know we need. |
| <i>Religion</i> | You knew before you came that Mexico was a Catholic country. We did not require that you practice Catholicism; you just could not practice any other religion publicly. Furthermore, you gave your word that you would convert. | <i>Religion</i> | It was unfair of you to require that we become Catholics. No government should be able to tell an individual how to worship. Besides that, most of us are Baptists or Methodists from the South. |
| <i>Government</i> | You knew when you came that our government was different from that of the United States. You should not expect us to change our entire government to suit the tastes of 30,000 people. | <i>Government</i> | You don't have to change your entire government. Just let Texas become a separate state in the Mexican nation and we can make some laws that are more like the ones we used to have in the U.S. |
| <i>Immigration</i> | We have the right to control who comes into our nation. We prefer immigrants who think as we do. So many Americans means too much American thinking. | <i>Immigration</i> | Your immigration laws are cutting us off from our friends and families. There are hundreds of people who could help Mexico become a great nation. You are hurting everyone. |