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Amidst Marxist Protests, Chileans Vote to Rewrite their Constitution

The New American's Christian Gomez interviews Dr. Carlos Casanova, a professor of law at the Pontifical Catholic University in Santiago, Chile. Dr. Casanova discusses the results of the recent national referendum held on Sunday, October, 25, 2020, in which over 78% of Chilean voters voted to rewrite their country's constitution by way of a constitutional convention or "constituent assembly," made up of delegates elected by popular vote. Using both a rise of the country's metro subway fare, in the Fall 2019, and allegations of "systemic racism" against Chile's indigenous Mapuche people as the pretext, Chile's communist and socialist parties have fanned the flames of revolution in the country demanding for a new constitution. Chilean communists and socialists have accused the country's constitution, which was drafted under the reign of anticommunist Chilean President Augusto Pinochet, of being inherently racist and benefiting the rich. Earlier this year, Chile's purported conservative President Sebastian Pinera caved in the Marxist radical leftist demands to hold a referendum on whether or not to rewrite the constitution.





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