Countdown to Implosion: The Chaotic and (Unintended?) Effects of Neo-Liberalism and Law Number 7 in Puerto Rico

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ABSTRACT

This research focuses on the political and economic changes observed in Puerto Rico after the implementation of neo-liberal policies during the last three years (2009-2012). These changes led to mass riots and political unrest throughout the island and have been continuous since the new neo-liberal policies took effect. The purpose of this research is to examine the expected outcomes of the law versus the true outcomes that have come to pass since the implementation of law 7. We will examine the economic, political, and social reality of Puerto Rico through statistical data will couple such results with interviews of two Congressmen from the national Puerto Rican legislative body that has been the vehicles for these changes. The results of this research show the actual outcomes of Law 7 have been negative affecting the political, economic and social stability of Puerto Rico.