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- ^{New}Spain ② Provinces, or Viceroyalties
- 1 based in Mexico, 1 in Peru.

* in theory, this system highly centralized; in practice, colonial territory far too vast ~~to~~ for effective central control, which gave local officials, church leaders, & estate owners considerable latitude

- Latin America would long be characterized by a gap b/t apparently strong political authority & the actual weakness of the state in local regions leads to 2 developments

① Recognition of its weakness would encourage the Spanish to extend government power into the countryside, a practice continued (with mixed results) ~~into~~ by successor states into the present day

② Tight control by Europeans marginalizes colonial elites (or Creoles) and also indigenous peoples. Frustration over this circumstance would lead the Creoles to rebel against Colonial Control in the 1810s - 1820s, and would motivate indigenous opposition movements (such as the Shining Path & Tupac Amaru) into the present.

Economy

- Generation of unique market economy creates need for labor - leads to the development of △ Trade