

## Chapter 14: Brazil's Century?

Brazil has made great strides during the 20th century, leaving behind a dictatorship and forming a new democracy. It began wrestling with an unstable economy, and closed the gap of social inequalities. In 2014, and 2016 Brazil will have the chance to show off to the world by hosting two of the largest sporting event is the world. The leaders began to fear this instead of rejoicing. These event could show them as a global power or could show the dramatic weakness that plagued the country.

Brazil's past history and growth to tady is riddled with either failed, butchered or missed historic opportunities. On the other hand Brazil has also found a stronghold in aspects of the world's economy, through oil, farming and biofuels. At the current state, Brazil is again in rough time economically and socially. The People are upset of mistreatment of their right, corruption and the crumbling infrastructure of the country.

Brazil is facing the growing battles between the left and the right, much like America right now. Both have strong views and feel they are correct. The more underlying fight is between moving forward or holding onto the past. Some want to go forward and modernise, while other want to hold true to their foundational beliefs that have been around as long as Brazil has. Right now, the people of Brazil are demanding reform from the bottom up. They want a fair and equal country, not the patrimonial privilege it holds now. They want Brazil to be a truly free and equal democracy. If that happens, along with some other reforms, Brazil may soon become a global power.

Brazil's Century? That is such a good question. Brazil has so much untapped potential and it is being wasted. The world will not wait for Brazil, and Brazil has to stop waiting on the World to realize the potential that lies within.