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The Revolution Just around the Corner: Italian American Radicals and the Mexican Revolution, 1910–1914

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In 1911, Italian radicals from the United States crossed the border with Mexico to go and fight in Tijuana. Their presence in revolutionary Mexico was brief, and they soon returned to California. In the United States, a series of debates and controversies began about the true nature of the Mexican Revolution that would last until the beginning of the First World War.

The author uses Italian, Mexican, and American sources to reconstruct the debate among several groups in Italian, Spanish, and English. Among the factions, we find on one side the newspapers *L'Era Nuova* of Paterson and *Regeneración* of Los Angeles (which also printed a supplement in Italian), and on the other side *Cronaca Sovversiva* of Barre.

This article is a historic reconstruction rooted in the relationship between Italian and Mexican immigrants in the United States, encompassing their political experiences in the receiving society as well as in their places of origin. It addresses diverse groups, newspapers, and personalities, among them Luigi Galleani, Ludovico Caminita, and Umberto Postiglione.



Cartoon by Ludovico Caminita, "The True Causes of the Mexican Revolution," 1913.

This article also analyzes the impact of immigrant workers, particularly Italians, on the movement for solidarity with the Mexican Revolution in the United States. At the same time, it studies the evolution of the Italian American radical movement at the beginning of the twentieth century.