

**The global *flows* through the local even  
when the bridge is out:**

**honey, people & ideas in rural Paraguay**



# Discussion Point #1

**What do you know about Paraguay?**



# Peace Corps Goals



- 1) To help the people of interested countries in meeting their need for trained men and women.**
- 2) To help promote a better understanding of Americans on the part of the peoples served.**
- 3) To help promote a better understanding of other peoples on the part of Americans.**

# Where Volunteers Serve

Peace Corps provides technical assistance to countries that request it.

*Percentage of total Volunteers serving, by geographic region, in 2009:*

Africa: 37%

Latin America: 24%

Eastern Europe/Central Asia: 20%

Asia: 7%

North Africa/Middle East: 4%

Pacific Islands: 4%

The Caribbean: 4%

# Peace Corps Stats



## History

Officially established: **March 1, 1961**

Americans who have served: **Nearly 200,000**

Host countries served to date: **139**

## Peace Corps Today

Host countries: **76**

Volunteers and trainees: **7,671**

Gender: **60% female, 40% male**

Marital status: **93% single, 7% married**

Minorities: **16% of Volunteers**

Average age: **28**

Volunteers over 50: **7% of Volunteers**

Education: **89% have at least an undergraduate degree**



# Peace Corps Service

Volunteers work with local governments, communities, schools, and entrepreneurs to address changing and complex needs in education, health and HIV/AIDS, business, information technology, agriculture, youth development and the environment.

## ***Peace Corps Program Sectors:***

Education: 35%

Health and HIV/AIDS: 22%

Business Development: 15%

Environment: 14%

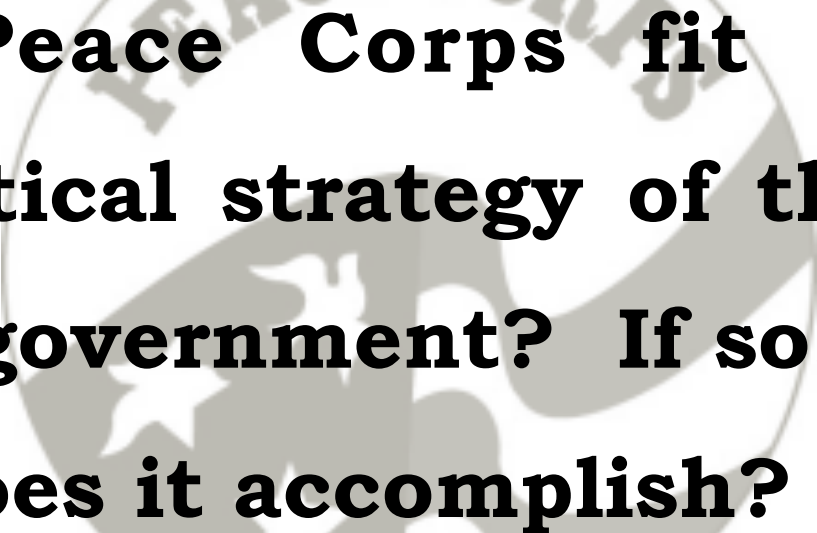
Agriculture: 5%

Youth Development: 5%

Other: 4%

# **Discussion Point #2**

**Does Peace Corps fit into the geopolitical strategy of the United States government? If so, how and what does it accomplish?**





**geopolitics** - the study of the relationship among politics and geography, demography, and economics, especially with respect to the foreign policy of a nation.

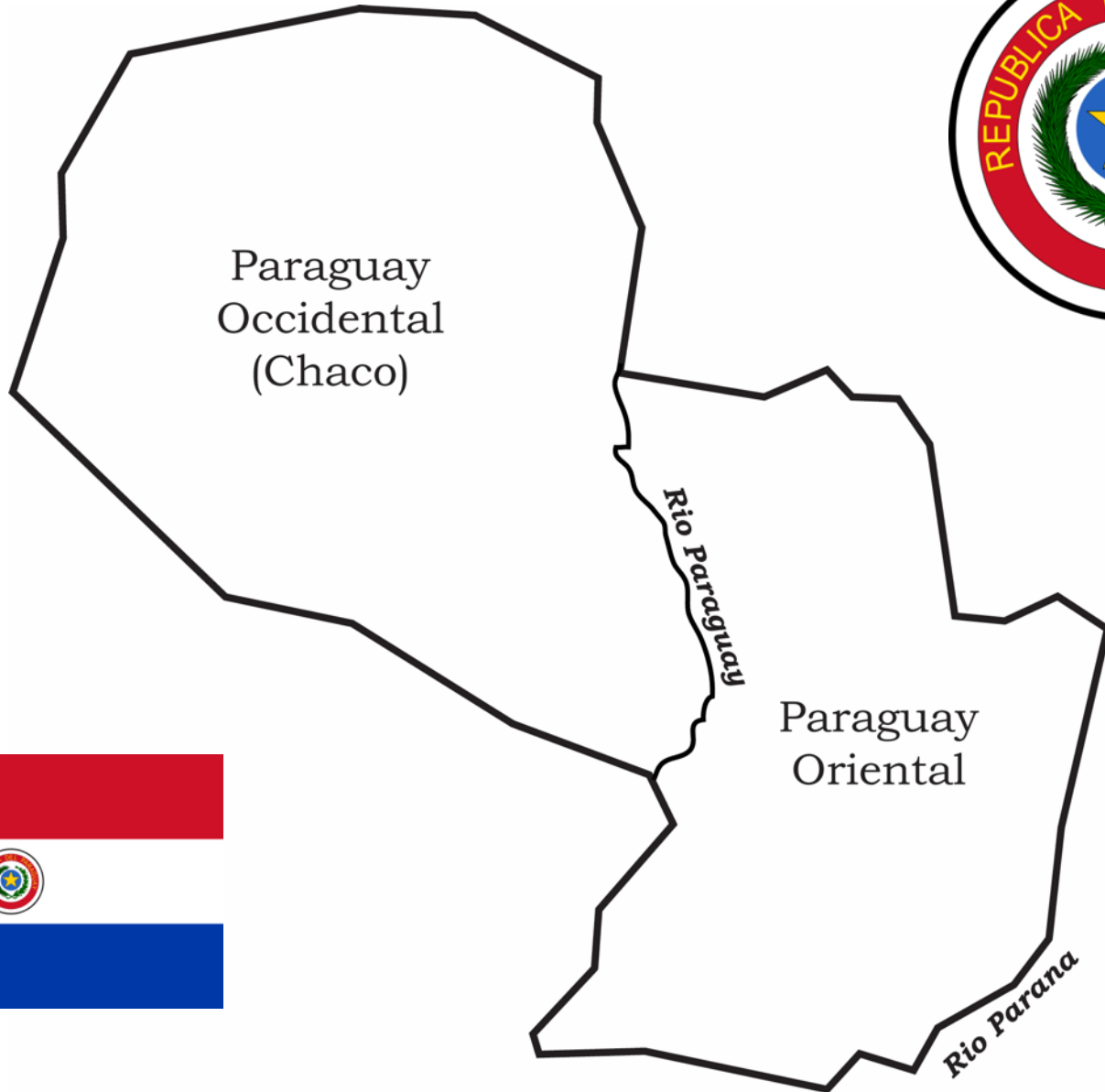


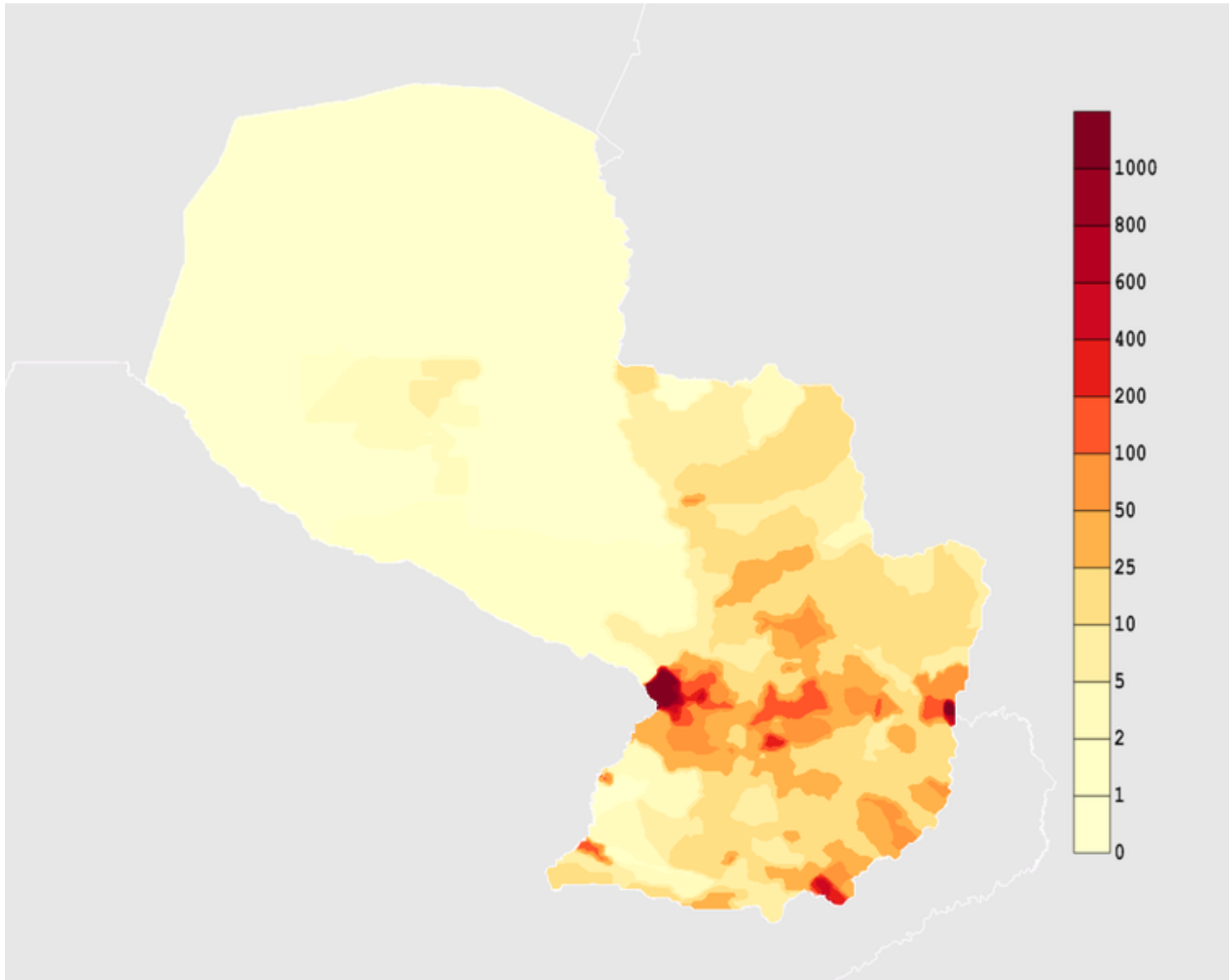
# Peace Corps in Latin America













# PARAGUAY

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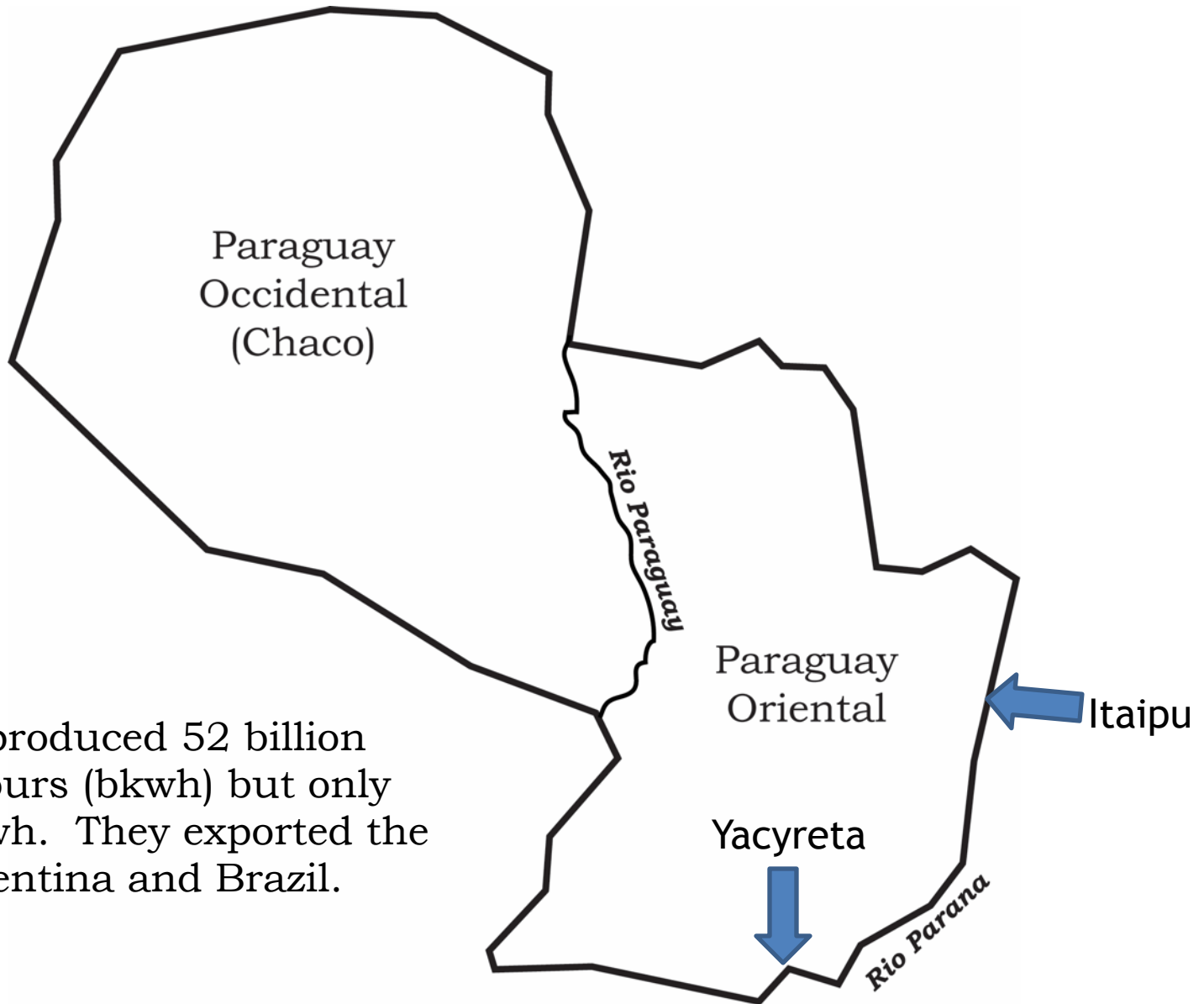


Los Diablos del Paraguay



# Yerba Mate





**Paraguay:**

In 2000 – produced 52 billion kilowatt hours (bkwh) but only used 2 bkwh. They exported the rest to Argentina and Brazil.

# Itaipu Dam



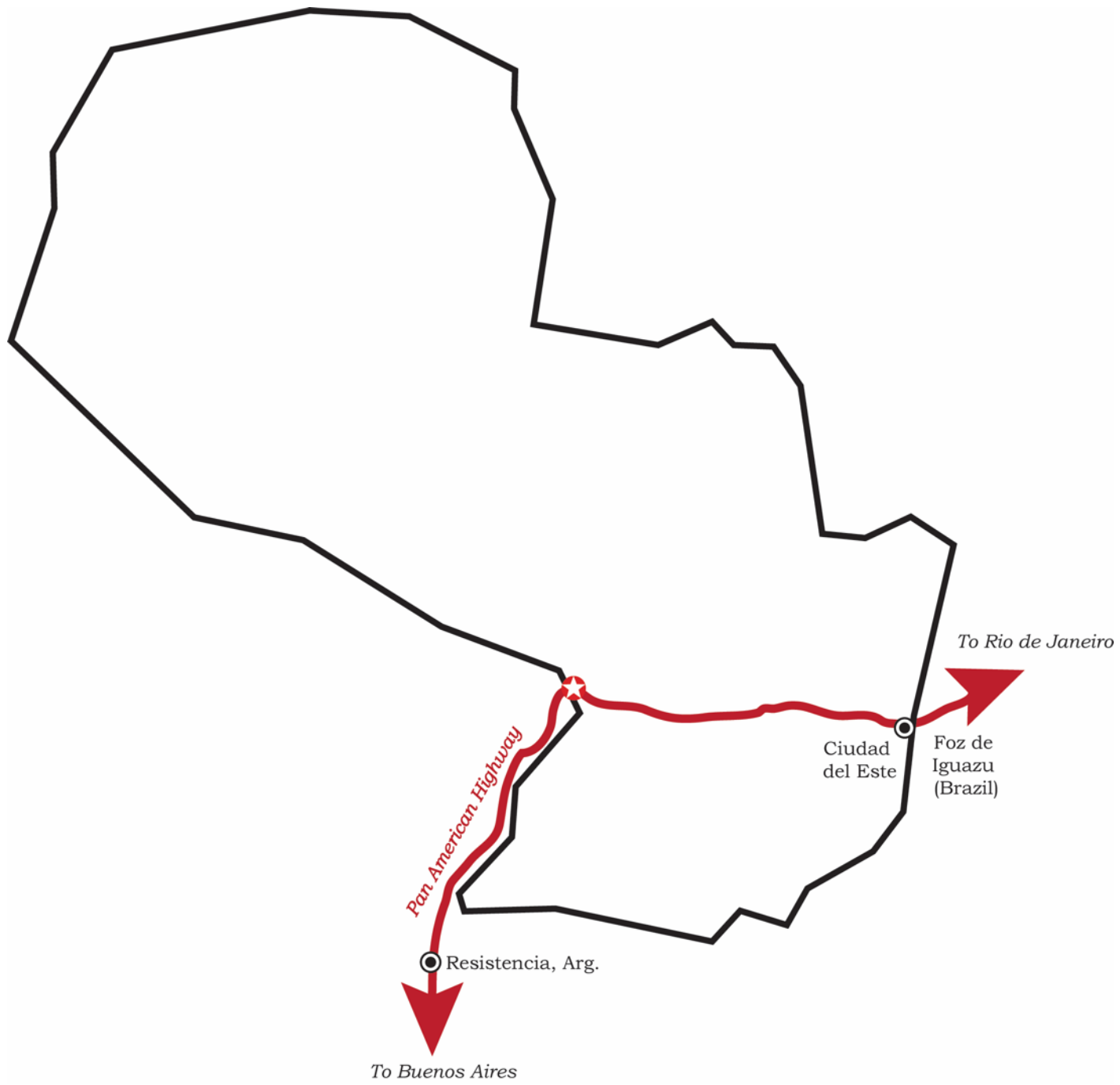
# Yacyreta Dam



# PARAGUAY

17 Departamentos





*Pan American Highway*

Resistencia, Arg.

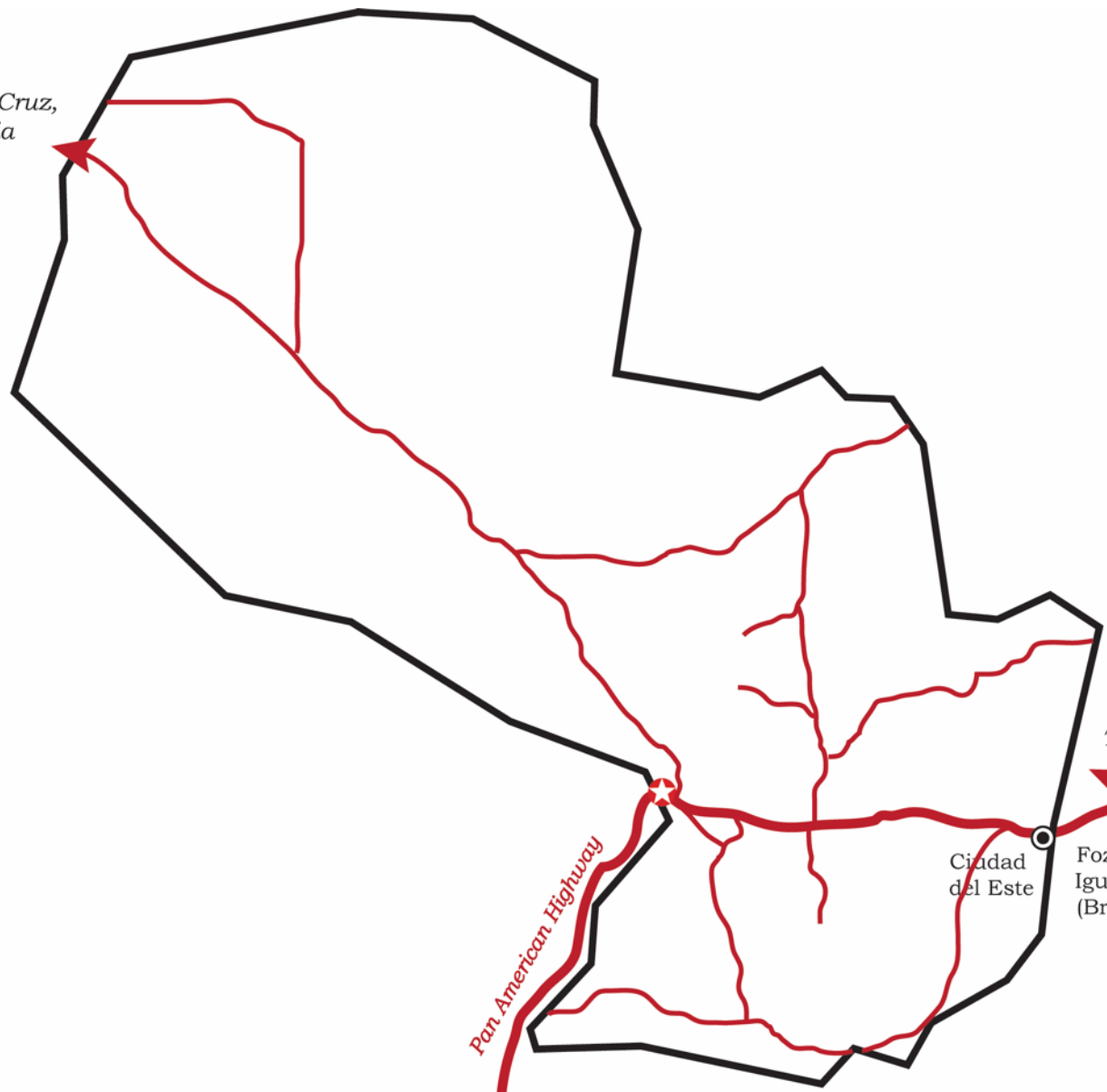
Ciudad del Este

Foz de Iguazu (Brazil)

*To Rio de Janeiro*

*To Buenos Aires*

*To Santa Cruz,  
Bolivia*



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*To Buenos Aires*



# Paraguayan Diaspora

It is estimated that nearly half (40%) of the Paraguayan Nation lives abroad.

- Buenos Aires
- NYC (Queens)



# Migration Patterns

- Rural to Urban (regional)
- Rural to Urban (national)
- Rural to Urban (international)
- Urban (regional) to Urban (national)
- Urban (national) to Urban (international)

*To Santa Cruz,  
Bolivia*



CAAGUAZU

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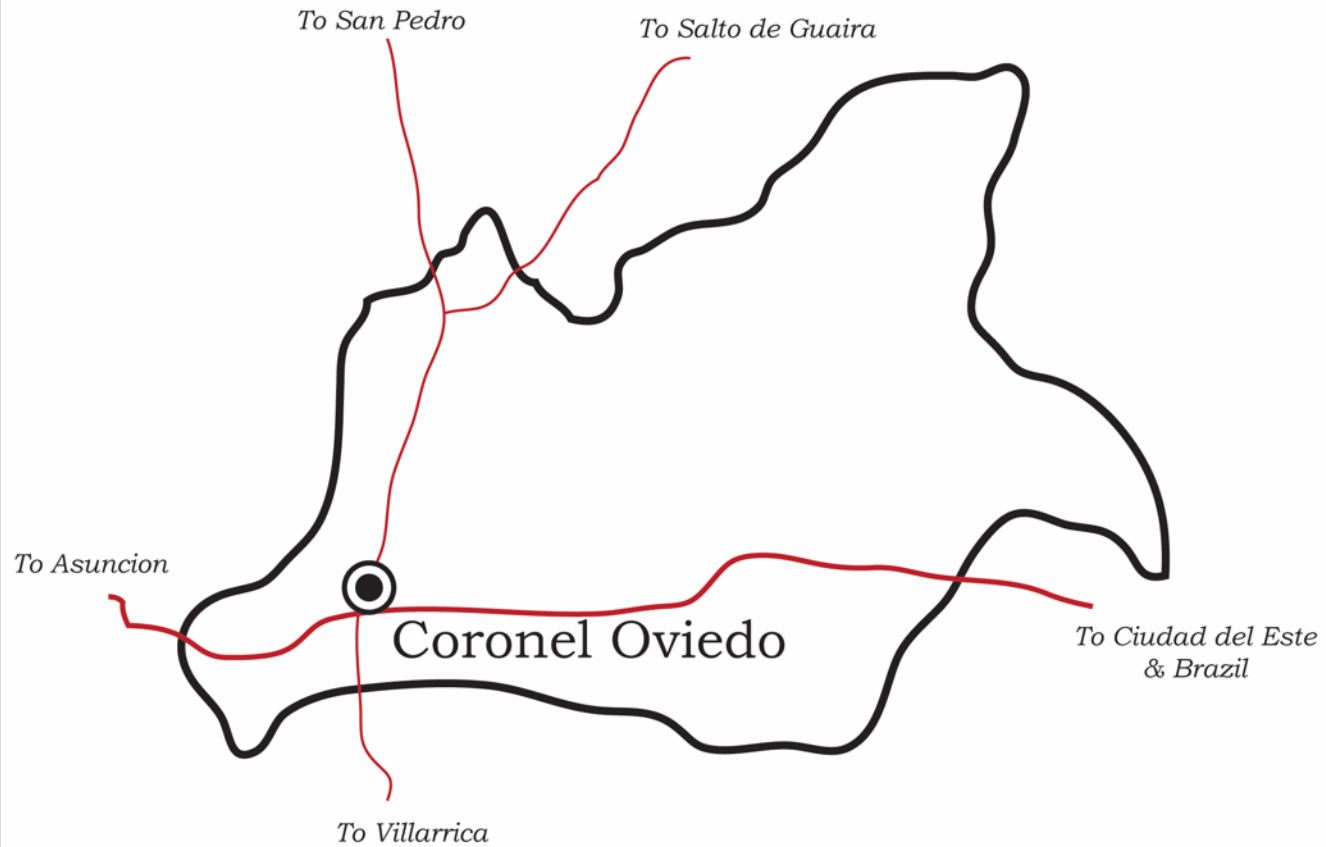
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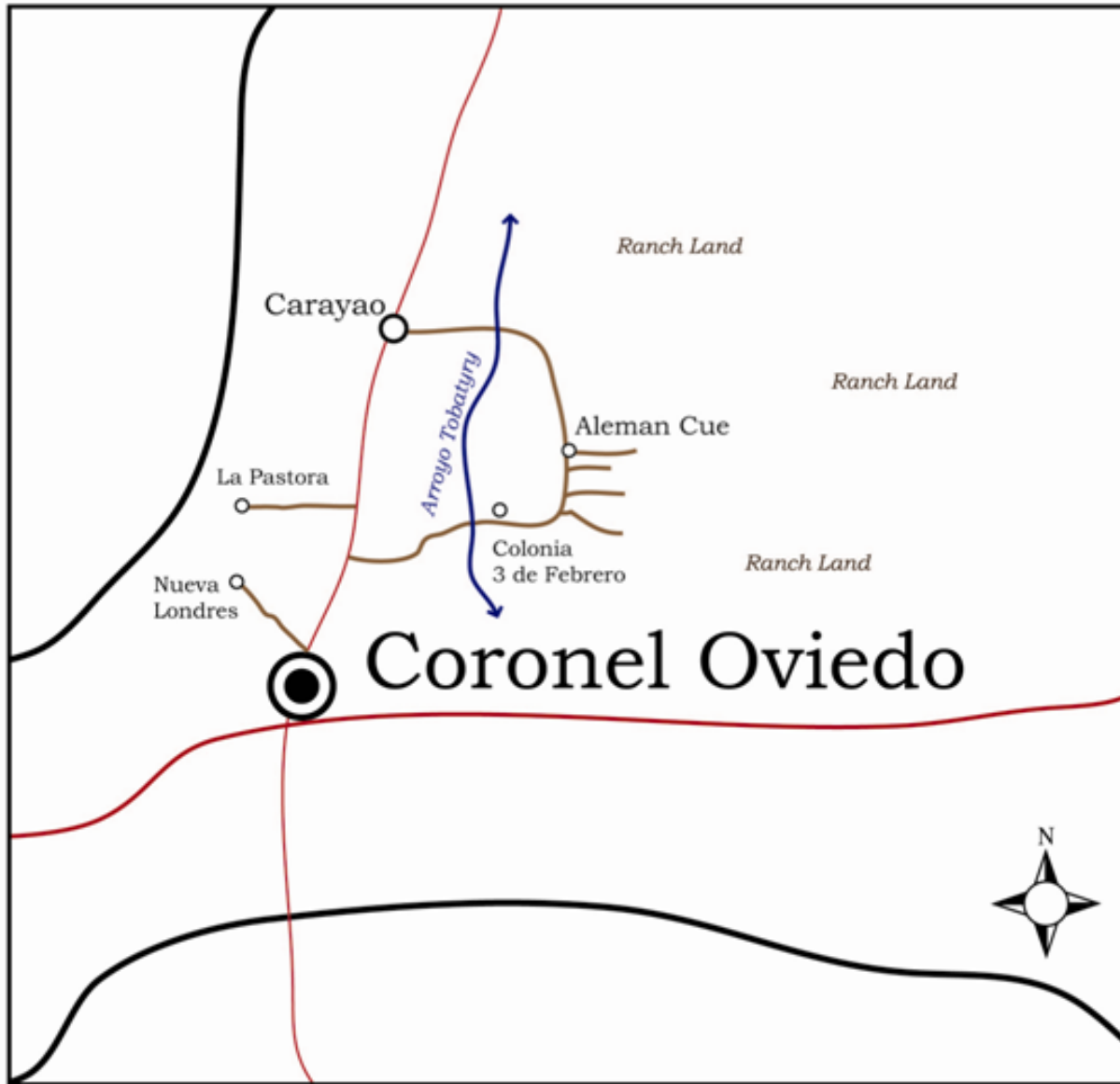
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*To Buenos Aires*

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# Departamento de CAAGUAZU



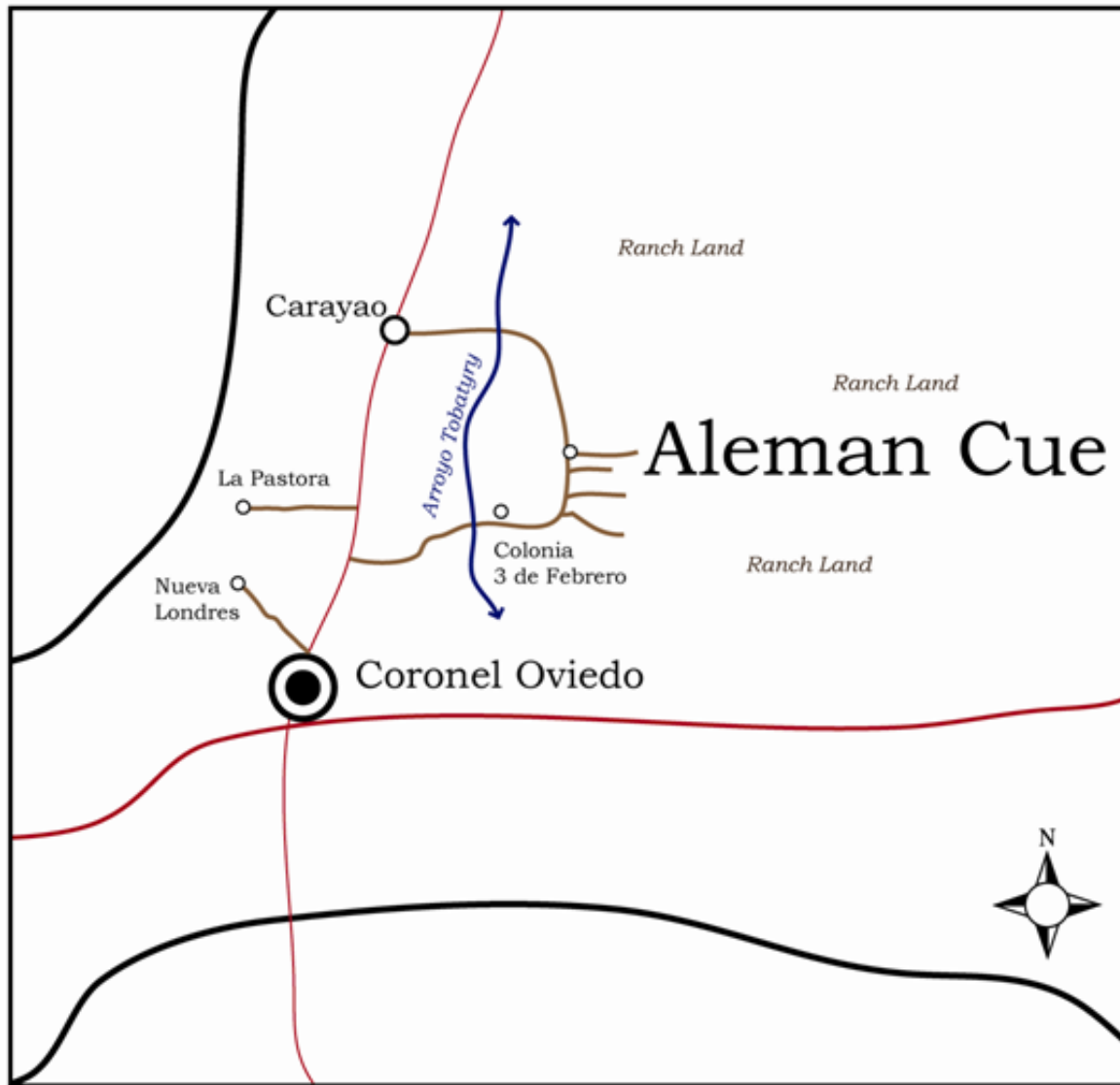


# Peace Corps Paraguay

- Work Areas
  - Agriculture & Beekeeping
  - Cooperatives and Small Business Promotions
  - Municipal Services Development
  - Early Elementary Education
  - Agro-Forestry and Environmental Education
  - Health Extension and Environmental Sanitation
  - Urban Youth Development

# Beekeeping Project

- Counterpart agency: Ministry of Agriculture
- Farm diversification
- Honey production
- Training of Trainers Methodology
- 4 communities



# Keeping Africanized (aka Killer) Bees

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# **Discussion Point #3**

**Today we looked at Latin America at the local scale. What are the global themes we see playing out there?**

## **RESPONSE ASSIGNMENT #2**

- 1) What did you know about Paraguay before today?**
- 2) Does Peace Corps fit into the geopolitical strategy of the United States government? If so, how and what does it accomplish?**
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# **More Questions & Discussion**