

The Corruption Genealogy, as a Sourced Timeline

Eight links, one chain, one named owner per link. Fill in the date, the mechanism, the scholar, the citation, and one primary document that could appear on screen.

How to use this page

- One card per link. The link names below are prompts carried from the course's own research base (*o1a-history-map.md* §3) — use them to find your own date, mechanism, scholar, citation, and camera-ready document. The cards are blank on purpose.
- Every link needs a date, a one-sentence mechanism, a named scholar, and a full citation.
- The chain must include at least one disputed number, handled correctly: both figures, both sources, and the on-screen rule stated. Use the box near the end of this page for that.

Link 1 • A pre-colonial elite of personal, hereditary authority

Raw material, not cause. What existed before 1594, and why it mattered for what came next.

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Link 2 • Spain converts that elite into unpaid tax farmers

The office is designed to be paid by the people it governs. Where the compensation model starts.

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Link 3 • Monopoly, not production, is where the money is made

The galleon trade and official monopolies. Proximity to licensing beats productivity.

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Link 4 • A mestizo class fills the opening the friars left

No hacendado dynasty could form by inheritance, so a new propertied class grows up beside the office instead.

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Link 5 • The United States gives that class a nation

A franchise built municipality upward. Elections that entrench provincial families instead of dispersing their power.

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Link 6 • Independence makes it permanent

Patronage becomes the state's operating system. Two parties, one class, financed by public works.

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Link 7 • The theory: a weak state facing a strong oligarchy

Pick the lens you are naming as the owner here: cacique democracy, booty capitalism, anarchy of families, or bossism.

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Link 8 • Marcos, then restoration

The chain does not break. It centralizes, then survives EDSA. Name the mechanism, not the man.

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The disputed number, handled correctly

At least one link above needs a number with a real dispute behind it. Give both figures, both sources, and the rule you are using on screen.

FIGURE A + SOURCE

FIGURE B + SOURCE

ON-SCREEN RULE

Example, already established by the course (for format only, not to copy into your chain)

Figure A: US\$5 to 10 billion in Marcos-era plunder (Jovito R. Salonga, *Presidential Plunder*, 2000, and the PCGG's own figure). **Figure B:** outer estimates run as high as US\$30 billion, less directly documented. **On-screen rule:** state the range, name both figures and both sources in the same sentence, and do not collapse them into one number.

Rubric reminders

- **Not yet:** the timeline is a list of events rather than a chain of causes, or any link is uncited.
- **Passing:** eight links, each with a date, an owner, and a citation, and one disputed number correctly flagged.
- **Strong:** the above, plus the counter-argument carried on its own line (kinship obligation is real and is a resource a rent-seeking structure exploits, not a cause that generates it), and at least three public-domain primary documents identified with their Gutenberg or archive locations, ready to shoot.

The gate: walk the chain from 1594 to 2025 out loud, with a source for every link, and name the one link you cannot yet defend.