

ABSTRACT

The objective of this document was to evaluate the changes in state institutions and state branches in general provoked by the 2000 political pact between the Constitutionalist Liberal Party and the Sandinista National Liberation Front and how have those changes affected the process of consolidating democracy in Nicaragua. This thesis was primarily supported by the analysis of secondary sources such as journals on democracy and political science, articles from Nicaraguan and international magazines, interviews to political figures and political analyst found on local newspapers amongst others, official government publications, the Constitution of Nicaragua and the laws product of the alliance.

It was assessed that the influence of both parties on the decisions and resolutions of the state branches has come to weaken the institutions by replacing the norms that govern their performance appointed in the Constitutions by those of their parties causing the breakdown of the checks and balances control system the branches of the state form as well as the centralization of power which not only threatens the country with a return to authoritarianism but also allows impunity to irresponsible political actors. By doing so, the institutions had set the conditions to transform the fundamental constitutional right of liberty into abandoned licentiousness.