

Wages in the Mexican neo-liberal regime.

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This paper describes the behavior of wages in Mexico during the neoliberal period, from the beginning of the 1980s to date, contrasting it with the behavior of previous years.

During the neo-liberalism Mexican wages have fallen strongly.

The wage fall, which occurred not only in the Mexico but in most capitalist countries has been result of economic crises and a deliberate policy of the ruling class. The capitalists and their governments have asserted in its neoliberal discourse that the market should set prices for all goods; but they except, in practice, the price of the labor force.

In the paper we will see the crisis economic also have played a decisive role in the behavior of average and minimum wages.

To analyze the role of the crisis on wages we'll discuss briefly the major crises since 1982 at the latest in 2008-09.

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