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result of the new character of the Mexican post-revolutionary regime, there was a decoupling between the state's maximalist discourse on sovereignty, and its practice. Sovereignty as an undifferentiated whole does not exist; it should instead be disaggregated into the myriad issue areas in which it is constantly negotiated. Focusing on a tripartite classification relating to the construction of Mexico's sovereignty towards its northern neighbo