"Argentinization" of strategic companies



- 2003-07: Under Nestor Kirchner presidency, *Correo Argentina* postal service, *San Martín Railway*, and French-controlled *Aguas Argentinas* water utility are nationalized.
 France's *EDF* sells its 65% stake in power distributor *Edenor* to *Grupo Dolphin*, owned by Kirchner-ally
- 2007: Cristina Fernández de Kirchner succeeds her husband as president. Brazil's *Petrobras* sells its stake in Argentine power transmitter *Transener* to state-run *Enarsa* and to private *Electroingeniería*. Spanish oil company *Repsol* sells 15% of *YPF* to Argentina's Eskenazi family

- 2008: President Kirchner nationalizes private pension system, grabbing \$26 billion in foreign holdings to service government debt
- 2009: Government takes control of flagship *Aerolineas Argentinas* from Spain's *Grupo Marsans*
- 2010: Kirchner sacks president of central bank and taps \$6.59 billion of reserves to pay down foreign debt
- **2011:** Eskenazi family buys additional 10% in YPF from Repsol
- 2012: Kirchner seizes control of YPF. Repsol demands \$10.5 billion in compensation from Argentina