

CHILE



- Chile is a Spanish speaking country in the western part of South America.
- It's the Southernmost country in the world and the closest to the Antarctica.
- Geographically it's a long and narrow strip of land between the Andes and the Pacific Ocean.
- It was colonized and conquered by Spain on the mid-16th century. Later, in 1818, Chile was able to declare their independency from them.
- Chile holds a vast and diverse climate, going from the driest desert in the world in the north (Atacama desert), trough a Mediterranean climate in the center to an oceanic climate in the east and south.





20th Century History: Salvador Allende


- In 1970, socialist senator Salvador Allende is elected president by popular vote.
- Allende's program included advancements in workers' interests and rights.
- Many enterprises within the copper, coal, nitrate, iron and steel industries were nationalized, expropriated or subjected to state intervention. Industrial output increased sharply and unemployment fell during the first year of his administration.
- Allende's socialist agenda was not liked by back then US president Richard Nixon, who organized and inserted secret operatives in Chile in order to swiftly destabilize the government.
- This intervention led to an economic depression in 1972. Production fell and unemployment rose, which eventually provoked a military coup in 1973 and the assassination of President Salvador Allende.



20th Century History: Military Dictatorship

- On 11th of September of 1973 a military coup took place, bombing the government palace and assassinating president Salvador Allende.
- Commander in chief Augusto Pinochet took command of the country, leading to 17 years of dictatorship and severe human right violations.
- According to Rettig Report and Valech Commission at least 2,155 people were killed and 27,265 people were tortured (88 children included) during this time.
- A new and controversial constitution was approved in 1980 under Pinochet's command, constitution that still rules until today.
- Pinochet dictatorship ends in 1989 after a plebiscite and a new president is elected, entering to a democratic from 1990 to 2001 and into the 21st century.





Chile in the 21st Century

- Once democracy was regained, Chile started to become a developing country with high-income economy.
- It is among the most economically stable nations in South America.
- It is a founding member of the United Nations.

Michelle Bachelet

- In January 2006, Chileans elected their first female president, Michelle Bachelet Jeria of the Socialist party.
- Her government was marked by great development and economical success and a 70% approval.
- She was re-elected again in 2014.





CHILEAN ATHLETES





Chile's most popular sports are Football and Tennis. Among its greatest figures we can find names such as:

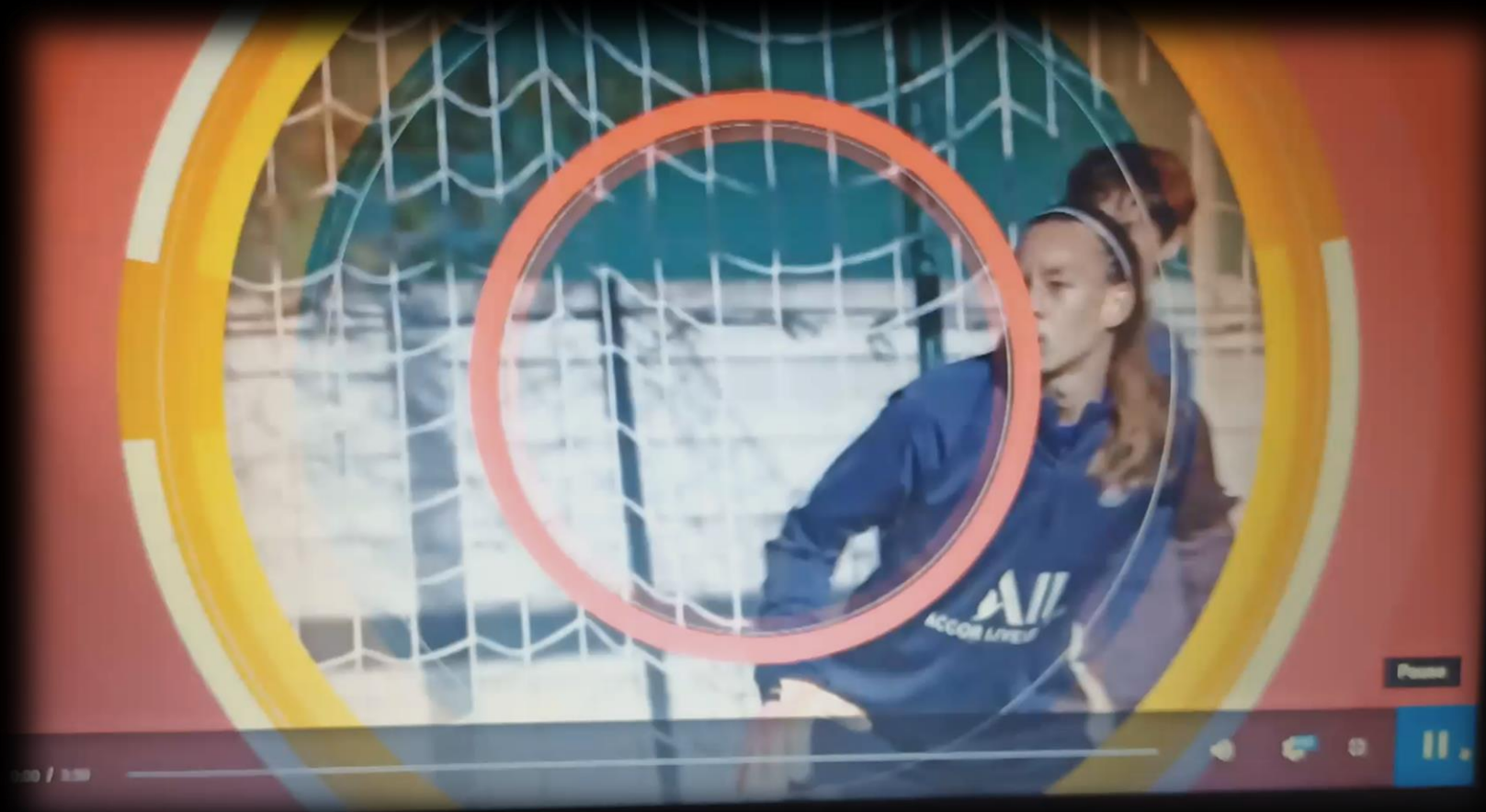
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- Alexis Sanchez (Football – Arsenal FC, Manchester United)
 - Christiane Endler (Football – PSG)
 - Ben Brereton Diaz (Football - Blackburn Rovers)
 - Fernando Gonzalez (Tennis - Gold Olympic Medallist)
 - Nicolas Massu (Tennis – Gold Olympic Medallist)
 - Marcelo Rios (Tennis – Ex Number 1 ATP Ranking)
 - Marcelo Salas (Football – Lazio, Juventus, River Plate)
 - Ivan Zamorano (Football – Real Madrid, Inter Milan)
 - Claudio Bravo (Football – Ex Barcelona, Manchester City)

Christiane Endler

- One of the most renowned athletes Chile has today is Paris Saint Germain's goalkeeper Christiane Endler.
- She's been nominated three times at FIFA's The Best goalkeeper, and we are expecting to see how her last nomination goes now in 2022.
- One of her biggest achievements is her influence in developing women's football in Chile, which today is gaining more popularity than ever in the country.
- She is a worldwide sensation and one of the best goalkeepers in the world today.



Here's a little
message from her...





Chilean Celebrities



PEDRO PASCAL



- Pedro Pascal is the most popular Chilean actor worldwide. He's known for his work on series like Game Of Thrones (HBO), Narcos (Netflix) and more recently for starring the popular Disney+ series "The Mandalorian" from the Star Wars universe.

Daniela Vega

- Daniela Vega is a Chilean actress known for starring the movie “Una Mujer Fantastica”, the first Chilean movie to ever win the Oscar to “best non-English speaking movie”.
- She has been the first transgender woman to host the Oscar awards.
- In 2018 she was selected by Time Magazine among the “100th most influent people in the world”.
- She has been acclaimed by her professional work and for her impact in creating awareness and raising the voice for transgender people and LGBTQ rights.



A portrait of Mon Laferte, a Chilean singer, songwriter, and musician. She has long dark hair with bangs and is wearing a black strapless top. A large red rose is tucked into her hair on the right side. She is smiling slightly and looking towards the camera.

MON LAFERTE

- Mon Laferte is a Chilean singer, songwriter and musician.
- She's the Chilean singer with most Spotify listeners worldwide.
- She received a Latin Grammy in 2017 for Best Alternative Song for her song "Amarrame".
- She's also the Chilean artist with most Grammy nominations in a single edition (5 nominations in 2017).
- She's the best-selling Chilean artist in the digital era.

A portrait of Ana Tijoux, a Chilean-French singer and musician. She has long dark hair and is wearing a black leather jacket over a black top. She is holding a microphone and looking upwards with a focused expression.

ANA TIJOUX

- Ana Tijoux is a Chilean-French singer and musician.
- She crossed over to mainstream of Latin Pop after her collaboration with the Mexican singer Julieta Venegas in the radio hit "Eres Para Mi" in 2006.
- In 2014 she won the Latin Grammy award "Record of the Year" for her work "Universos Paralelos" with singer Jorge Drexler

EARTHQUAKES & TSUNAMIS

- Chile is allocated along a highly seismic and volcanic zone.
- Earthquakes and Tsunamis are very common to happen in Chile.
- In 1960 in the city of Valdivia happened the most powerful earthquake ever recorded with an intensity of 9.6 on the moment magnitude scale.
- On February 2010 was Chile's most recent earthquake, with a magnitude of 8.8 and causing more than 500 deaths.





2019 Chilean Protests



ESTALLIDO SOCIAL

Despite being an apparently successful country, if we consider economic parameters, Chile has a huge social breach in terms of social income and a very increased poverty line provoked by years of free market policies, high cost of living, low wages and huge privatization of basic services such as Health, Education and Pensions.

Even though many governments have tried to implement social reforms they never reach a favourable outcome due to being “unconstitutional” according to the current constitution, which happens to be the 1980 constitution approved under dictator Pinochet’s regime.

These differences were even more evident and stronger under President Sebastian Pinera’s actual administration which originated a social abruption against his government and this neoliberal policies.

This social abruption is known until today as “Estallido Social” and it englobed several marches and protests along the country.

2020 Referendum: Apruebo vs Rechazo

- In order to provide a solution to the ongoing protests both opposition and government reach an agreement to set a referendum in order to change Pinochet's constitution.
- These referendum had to options: Approve a new constitution (Apruebo) or Reject it (Rechazo).
- The referendum took place the 25th of October of 2020 and the option APRUEBO won by an 80-20 margin, meaning Chileans had approved to write a new constitution.





CONVENCIÓN CONSTITUCIONAL



Chile's constitutional convention

- Chile's new constitution is currently being drafted by a constitutional convention conformed by 155 people selected by popular vote.
- This convention is composed equally by men and women and considers representation of native peoples through 17 reserved seats.

ELISA LONCON ANTILEO

- Elisa Loncon Antileo was elected president of the constitutional convention.
- She is a Mapuche academic linguist and indigenous rights activist.
- She has a Ph.D. from Leiden University in The Netherlands and a doctorate in literature at the Pontifical Catholic University of Chile.
- She was selected by TIME Magazine as one of the 100 most influential people of 2021.

THE WORLD'S MOST INFLUENTIAL PEOPLE

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GABRIEL BORIC FONT

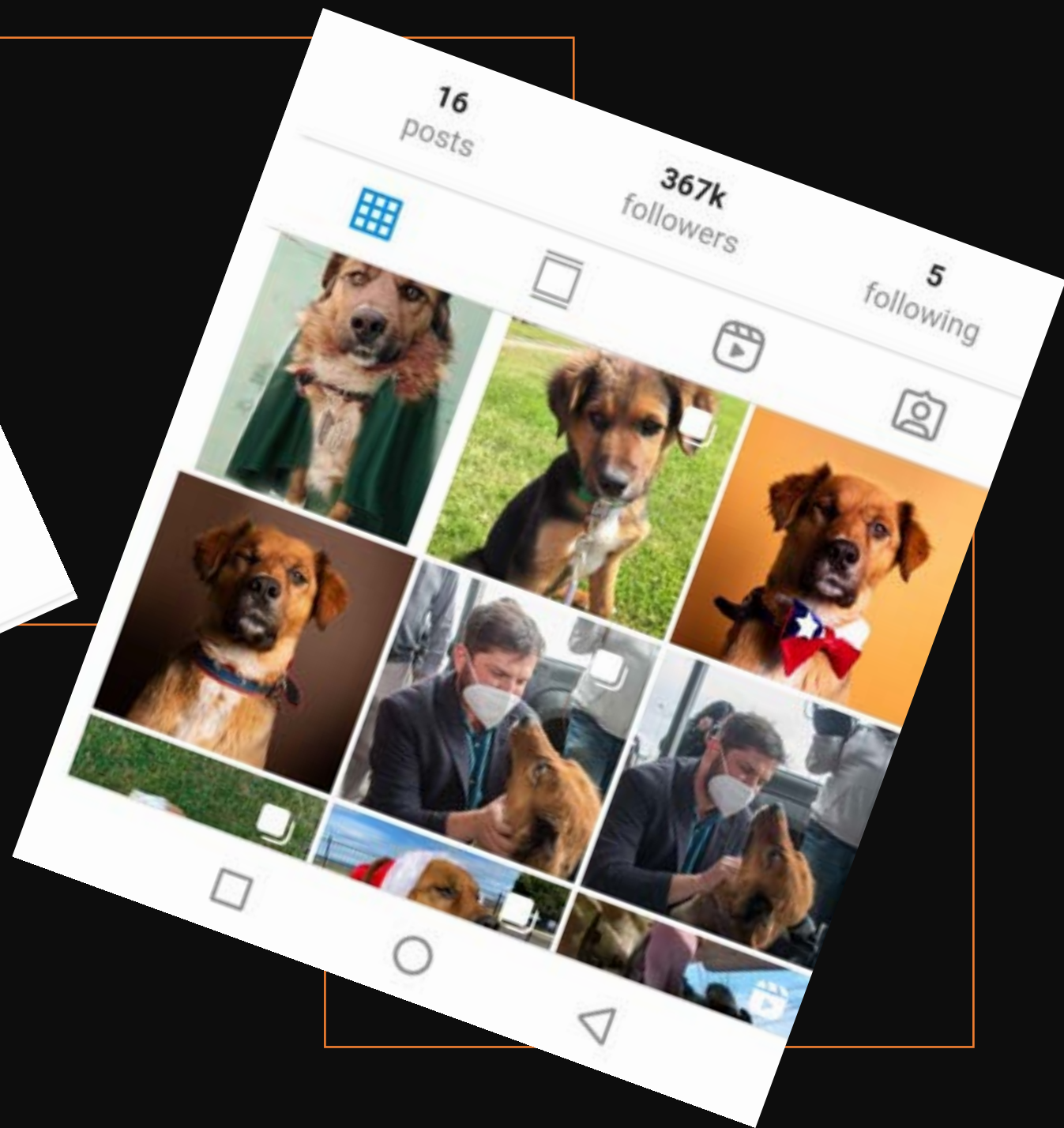
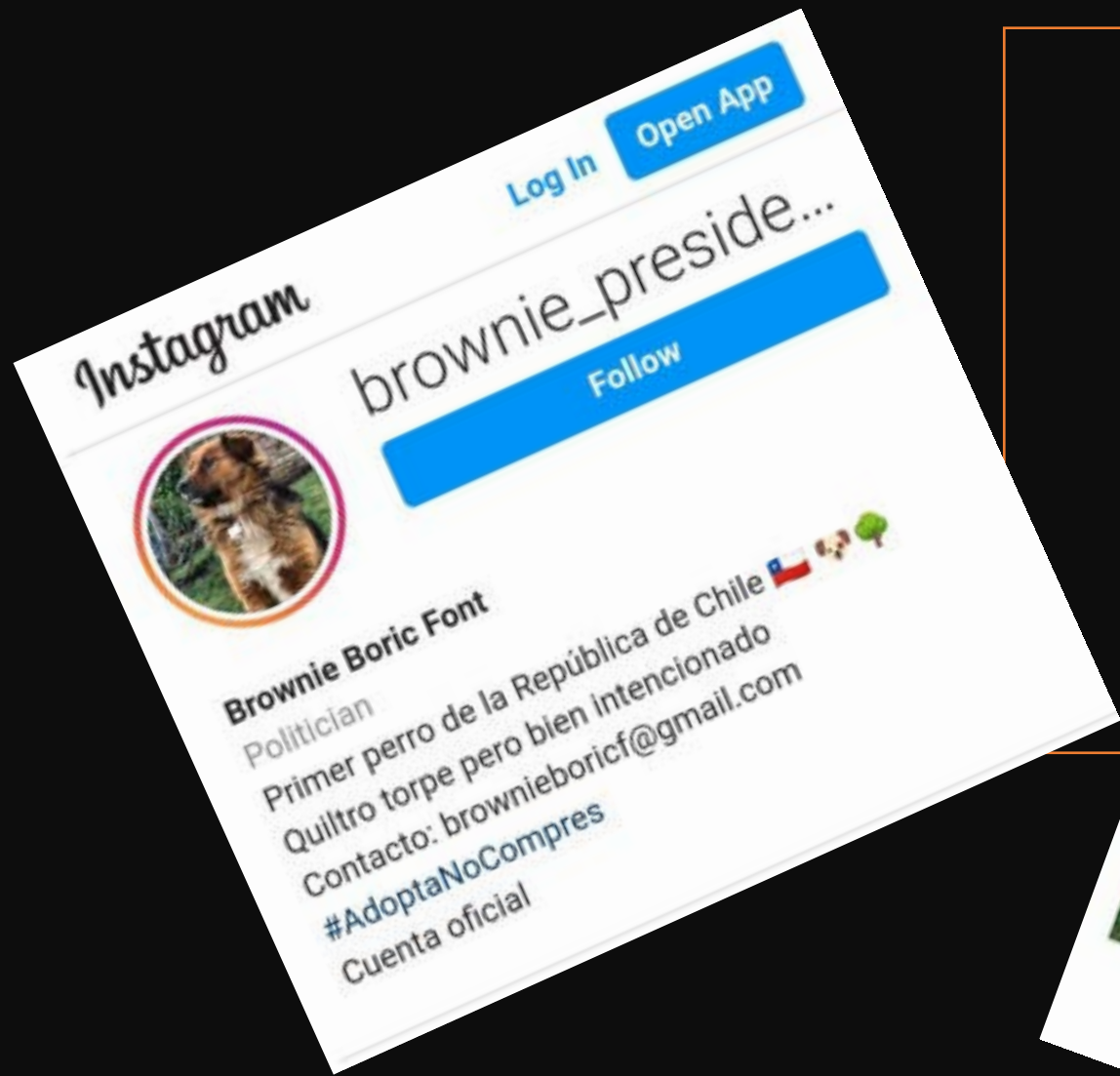
- Gabriel Boric is a former student leader and Chile's actual President Elect.
- He's set to become the youngest president in Chile's history and the second youngest state leader in the world.
- He was elected with the highest number of votes in the country's history.
- He will become President on the 11th March 2022



He also has a dog who is being named by Chileans as “The First Dog of the Republic”

His name is Brownie Boric Font. You can follow him on Instagram!





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