



REINFORCING CREDIBILITY AND ACCEPTANCE OF ELECTORAL PROCESSES

The Role of Electoral Stakeholders and Electoral Administrations

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of accepting electoral results*

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– One of the most important challenges for Democracy is:

Electoral Results Acceptability.

– Credibility depends on:

- **political agreements** between those who fight for the political power.
- **Independent and Effective EMBs.**

– Credibility gives us:

- **Political stability**
- **Democratic legitimacy**

- Why is credibility important in electoral processes?
 - Elections involve dispute for political power.
 - Elections are the unique legitimate and legal means.
 - EMBs manage citizens' willing of their vote.
 - EMBs profile depends of political agreements.
 - Political stability and democratic legitimacy.

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III. Too close to call...

Country	Type of election	Date	Electoral Roll	Candidates	Relative Results	Margin	Alternation
Costa Rica	Presidential	2006	2,548,577	Oscar Arias Sánchez (National Liberation Party-PLN)	40.9%	1.1% (18,169)	NO
				Ottón Solís Fallas (Citizen Action Party-PAC)	39.8%		
El Salvador	Presidential (second round)	2014	4,955,107	Salvador Sánchez Cerén (FMLN)	50.11%	0.22% (6,364)	NO
				Norman Quijano (ARENA)	49.89%		
Mexico	Presidential	2006	71,374,373	Felipe Calderón Hinojosa (National Action Party-PAN)	35.89%	0.56% (233,831)	NO
				Andrés Manuel López Obrador (Coalition Por el bien de todos: PRD, PT and C)	35.33%		
Puerto Rico	Governor	2004	2,440,131	Aníbal Acevedo Villa (Popular Democratic Party-PPD)	48.4%	0.2% (3,556)	NO
				Pedro Roselló (New Progressive Party -PNP)	48.2%		
Venezuela	President	2013	18,904,364	Nicolás Maduro (Great Patriotic Pole)	50.61%	1.49% (223,599)	NO
				Henrique Capriles (Democratic Unity Table)	49.12%		

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IV. Electoral Management Bodies

Country	EMB	Nature	EMB's Integration
Costa Rica	Supreme Electoral Tribunal	Independent	Non-party
El Salvador	Supreme Electoral Tribunal	Independent	Partisan
Mexico	Federal Electoral Institute	Independent	Non-party
Puerto Rico	State Electoral Commission	Governmental	Partisan
Venezuela	National Electoral Council	Independent	Non-party

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V. Facts for accepting electoral results:

Technical

Political

Cultural

EMB's Profile