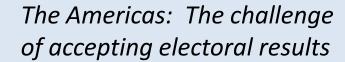
REINFORCING CREDIBILITY AND ACCEPTANCE OF ELECTORAL PROCESSES

The Role of Electoral Stakeholders and Electoral Administrations



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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

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

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V. Facts for accepting electoral results:

