Jair Bolsonaro
Social Liberal Party
(PSL)

Date of Birth: 21 March, 1955 (age 63)
Hometown: Campinas, São Paulo
Education: Agulhas Negras Military Academy
Running mate: General Antonio Hamilton Mourão - Brazilian Labor Renewal Party (PRTB)

Political History

Jair Bolsonaro is currently serving in his seventh term as a federal deputy for the State of Rio de Janeiro. Bolsonaro spent his early career in the military, where he achieved some notoriety as an army captain when he published an article criticizing the military’s pay system in the well-known Veja magazine.

In 1988, after leaving the military with the rank of captain, Bolsonaro was elected to the Rio de Janeiro city chamber with the Christian Democrat Party (PDC). In 1990, he became a federal deputy for the State of Rio de Janeiro. During his subsequent seven consecutive terms as a federal deputy, Bolsonaro became affiliated with the Progressive Republican Party (PRP), the Progressive Party (PP), the Brazilian Labor Party (PTB), and the Liberal Front Party (PFL). Bolsonaro’s time in Congress has been marked by intermittent appeals for authoritarian intervention and polemic incidents between the congressman and his adversaries. Bolsonaro holds controversial social and political views and is sometimes referred to as the Brazilian Donald Trump.

Corruption

Bolsonaro has not been convicted of corruption or any other crime. However, he has been mentioned in an investigation for supposedly receiving bribes from JBS. In addition, there are two cases in the Federal Supreme Court (STF) in which he is accused of slander and incitement of rape.

"Brazil needs to be free from the scourge of corruption, regardless of who the author or accused is."