

# The Political challenges of Brazilian President Dilma Rousseff

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# Public opinion: a very positive perception

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PRESIDENTS EVALUATION  
(LAST POLL)

	COLLOR	FRANCO	CARDOSO I	CARDOSO II	LULA I	LULA II	DILMA
EXCELLENT/GOOD	15	32	47	24	45	70	62
REGULAR	35	49	38	39	40	23	30
BAD/EXTREMELY BAD	48	13	12	35	13	7	7
DO NOT KNOW	2	6	3	2	1	0	1

source:DATAFOLHA

# Not only the President, but also the Presidency

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### TRUST IN INSTITUTIONS

	TRUST A LOT	TRUST A LITTLE	DO NOT TRUST
PRESIDENT	29	53	18
SUPREME COURT	21	49	29
NATIONAL CONGRESS	5	38	57
POLITICAL PARTIES	4	33	63
PRESS	22	50	28

in 12/13/2012

source:DATAFOLHA

# As for corruption....

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PERCEPTION OF CORRUPTION  
IN THE ADMINISTRATION (%)

	SEVERAL CASES	SOME CASES	NONE	NOT KNOW
SARNEY	38	30	5	27
COLLOR	61	18	2	19
FRANCO	23	37	7	33
CARDOSO	31	42	7	20
LULA	30	47	16	6
DILMA	21	48	20	10

in 12/13/2012

source:DATAFOLHA

# Evaluation of policy areas

## EVALUATING DILMA'S ADMINISTRATION

(December 2012)

POLICY ISSUE	POSITIVE	NEGATIVE
Science and Technology	39	
Foreign Relations	37	
Energy	29	
Housing	21	
Economy	17	
Fight against hunger and misery	17	
Environment	16	
Education	10	
Fight against unemployment	8	
Agrarian Reform	3	
Transportation		13
Fight against corruption		19
Health care		35
Public Security		50

cell values= differences in % points

source: DataFolha, 2012

Also

- 78% approves Dilma as a person
- And thinks she is firm, honest, tough on corruption, cares for the poor, continues Lula's policies.
- 59% Thinks her government is as good as Lula's and 21% thinks it is better.
- 62% believes the administration will be excellent or good in the next two years.

## Meanwhile, in Congress

- <http://estadaodados.herokuapp.com/html/basometro/>

## Brazilian Congress under Dilma

- 513 representatives
  - Majority = 257 votes
  - Majority required for Constitution amendment  $3/5 = 308$
- Government coalition = 328 representatives
- Government coalition's core:
  - 306 in 2011
  - 118 in 2012



At Congress, the core is shrinking

- In 2011,  
306 representatives voted with the government in 90% or more of roll call votings.
- In 2012,  
118 representatives voted with the government in 90% or more of roll call votings.