Peru and Ecuador: Elections and Democracy in the Andes

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Results

- Lasso 52.36 % valid votes
- Arauz 47.64 % valid votes
- Regional divide between candidates
- Coast:
- Arauz strongholds in Esmeraldas, Manabí, Los Ríos
- Arauz wins but difference is closer between the candidates in Guayas and El Oro
- Arauz in strong in Sucumbios (border with Colombia)
- Highlands and Amazon:
- Lasso and null votes are stronger there

National Assembly



El voto nulo por cantones en las elecciones presidenciales Haga click en cada cantón para ver los resultados.

Null vote

- Null votes (promoted by Pachakutik) 16.3 %
- Null had more votes than the candidates in:
- Azuay: Yaku Pérez's area of influence, impact of mining
- Cañar
- Chimborazo
- Loja (Saraguro): strongly repressed by Correa
- Zamora-Chinchipe: Area of influence of Salvador Quishpe, an environmentally oriented indigenous leader

Divisions in indigenous movement

- Two important leaders Leonidas Iza (President of MICC and leader in 2019 protests against fuel subsidy cuts) and Jaime Vargas (president of CONAIE, Achuar from Morona) seem to support Arauz in the runoff and only reluctantly supported Pérez as candidate for Pachakutik in the first round.
- However, in Cotopaxi null vote is still high (around 30 % of the vote) and Lasso wins (63 %).
- In Morona there is also null vote higher than national percentage and Lasso wins (69 %).
- This sector of the indigenous movement does not seem to be strong according to the electoral results.
- This division in the indigenous movement seems to be the result of cooptation and fragmentation introduced by Correa in the indigenous movement



- The source for the maps is the Consejo Nacional Electoral.
- The graphic for Asamblea Nacional is taken from Primicias (consulted February 12, 2021).