

Latin American Election Series

Peru

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Key Candidates



- Lourdes Flores – Alianza Unidad Nacional
 - Background in law and international business
 - Supporter of FTAA; has neoliberal pro-US leanings
 - Has served as a congresswoman; lobbied for political accountability, women's and human rights
 - In 2000, founded the Alianza Unidad Nacional, a pact between several political parties

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- Ollanta Humala (outsider)
 - Father is an extreme ethno-nationalist, source of most of his votes
 - “El Comandante”
 - Accused of human rights violations while serving in the military
 - Led an uprising in October 2000
 - Backed by Chávez and Morales
 - Peruvian nationalist agenda (which could be interpreted as either right or left)

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- Alan García – Partido Aprista Peruano
 - President from 1985 to 1990 during Latin American debt crisis; reputation fell precipitously
 - Went into exile after Fujimori's self-coup in 1992
 - Has regained some of his former popularity, but less now than in 2000
 - Part of the coalition of *social democracia internacional*

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- Valentín Paniagua – Frente del Centro
 - President of interim government following the Fujimori corruption scandal
 - Served as a congressman representing Cuzco
 - Has recently veered more to the right
 - Prominent member of opposition to Fujimori; credited with the capture of Vladimiro Montesinos
 - Elected as secretary general of Acción Popular following death of founder, Fernando Belaunde