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
Key Candidates

- 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)
Key Candidates

- Alan García – Partido Aprista Perúano
  - 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