Latin American Election Series

Peru

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Background on Peru

- **Transition to Democracy, pt. 1**
  - Belaunde (AP) overthrown by Velasco in 1968
  - Velasco replaced by Morales in 1972
  - Constitutional Assembly of 1979
  - Belaunde elected in 1980

- **Transition to Democracy, pt. 2**
  - Fujimori flees to Japan/fired by Congress
  - Transition government headed by Paniagua (AP)
  - Toledo (PP) vs. Garcia (APRA) in 2001
Background on Peru

- Political Decentralization
  - Pre-2002: 24 provinces
  - 2002: 25 regions
  - 2005: referendum for 5 “macroregiones” failed
    - Low voter awareness
    - Viewed as referendum on Toledo
Peruvian Political System

- **Executive**
  - President is head of government and state
  - 2 vice-presidents
  - Council of Ministers
  - 5 year term
  - No consecutive re-election

- **Legislative**
  - Unicameral congress
  - 120 members
  - 5 year terms