

# 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