

# *Evo Morales leads latest Bolivian election poll*

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La Paz, April 29 (RHC)-- In Bolivia, a new survey by Pagina Siete reveals that President Evo Morales is ahead of his opponent Carlos Mesa by six points. Around 34 percent of those interviewed said they would vote for Evo while 28 percent said would vote for right-wing politician Carlos Mesa.

Edgar Monató, a lawmaker from Evo's party Movement Towards Socialism (MAS), said the poll shows that the majority of Bolivians are in favor of another presidential term for Evo. The poll was conducted from April 13th to 17th in 35 cities of the country. The survey has an expected margin of error of 3.47 percent.

In previous Pagina Siete polls, Carlos Mesa was slightly ahead of Evo Morales. However, as the country gets closer to elections, slated for October 20th, Evo seems to be leading the latest surveys. One survey, carried out by Latin American Geopolitical Strategic Center (CELAG), puts Evo ahead at 45 percent to Mesa's 35 percent.

The CELAG study highlighted that Evo Morales is the only candidate with a positive balance regarding his public image. Carlos Mesa is the one with the highest negative image index, according to almost half of the respondents.

According to the survey, education and health should be the priority of the next president of Bolivia, as well as the construction of hospitals and schools, according to 69 percent and 65 percent of the respondents, respectively. The fight against corruption is the third concern of Bolivians.

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