

Argentina Goes to Second Round of Elections in November



In results contradicting survey predictions, Scioli did not get the minimum 40 percent of the votes with 10 points of advantage over Macri to be declared the winner after this Sunday's election.

With 90.68 percent of the votes counted, the FpV's candidate had 36.21 percent while his rival from "Cambiemos" had 34.89 percent.

Sergio Massa, from the coalition "Una Nueva Alternativa" (A New Alternative), ended in the third place, with a 21.23 percent, the average predicted by surveys before the elections, in which 79 percent of 32,064,366 voters took part.

The other three presidential candidates were far behind with Nicolás Cano, of the Left Front, in the fourth position with 3.37 percent, while Margarita Stolbitzer, of Progressive Front, ended fifth with 2.63, and Adolfo Rodríguez Saa, from Federal Commitment, 1.73.

In these elections, Argentines also elected a third of the Senate and half the House of Representatives, 43 members to the South American Parliament (PARLATINO), governors and officials from 11 out of the 24 provinces, plus many other public offices.

The FpV is the most represented force in the lower house of Congress of the Nation, where it would lose

eight or nine seats, while it could enhance its presence in the Senate, according to results.

Among the provinces that defined their governments until 03:00 a.m. local time on Monday, the FpV lost in the important province of Buenos Aires and Jujuy, won by Vidal the first and by the radical senator Gerardo Morales the second one mentioned.

The FpV won in Catamarca (Lucía Corpacci), Entre Ríos (Gustavo Bordet), Formosa (Gildo Insfrán), San Juan (Sergio Uñac) and Santa Cruz, where the vote counting gave Alicia Kirchner at that time 56,47 percent of the votes against the 41 of the candidate from an opposition conglomerate.

In Chubut and La Pampa won two justicialists, although not members of the FpV, but belonging to local parties, Mario Das Neves, in the first, and Carlos Verna, in the second. However, politicians in these provinces are allies of the Kirchner block in Congress.

In Misiones, the votes favor Hugo Passalacqua, the Renewal Front, and in San Luis continues to be strong the Rodríguez Saa fief, now with his brother Alberto.

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