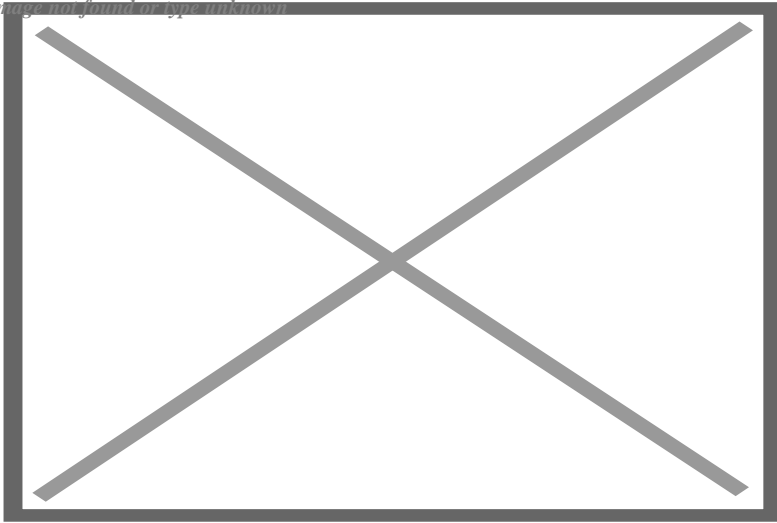


Beautiful Mexico, with fewer poor people

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In the midst of an intense heat wave that tenses the political climate, Mexicans go to general elections this Sunday, with a high profile, as they will also decide seats in Congress and in municipalities.

After hectic campaigns, debates on television and a high polarization induced mainly by the conservative press, Claudia Sheinbaum, former mayor of Mexico City, candidate for the government coalition Let's keep making history, is presented to the race, with an advantage in the surveys.

Academic Sheinbaum has the support of the main government party, Morena, and promises to continue the guidelines of the outgoing president, Andrés Manuel López Obrador, with high popularity.

The conservative sectors, atomized and lackluster, nevertheless managed to unite around a presidential candidate, Xóchitl Gálvez, opposition senator and technology entrepreneur.

This fierce criticism of López Obrador is accompanied in the line of opposition candidates by the little-known Jorge Álvarez, from the Citizen Movement party.

Subjected to the incisive scalpel of AMLO, as they call López Obrador, the traditional parties, oriented to the market and plagued by acts of corruption, have watched, irritated, how the outgoing Head of State holds on despite the attempts of the right to overshadow him .

With major construction plans, the much-publicized Mayan train, and progress to bring free health services to 50 million Mexicans without health insurance, AMLO signed attractive policies for millions of people who had felt excluded in a six-year term.

Mexico has doubled the minimum wage, does not demonize subsidies, elevates manual labor, rescues state companies and enhances family and indigenous values.

It is true that there are margins of violence and criminal groups have used local elections to extend power, but AMLO avoids the fratricidal combat that previous governments appealed to and attacks the origin of evil, social backwardness.

In recent years, almost 10 million Mexicans have left the classification of poor due to improvements in their income.

With the still unresolved issue of the growing external migration that Mexico is going through and the challenge of extending attention to the majorities, the next president, probably a woman, will lead the strings of a country where efforts will also be made to mitigate gender disparities.

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