

Poll Shows Ecuadorean President Rafael Correa with 65 Percent Support



Quito, July 10 (teleSUR-RHC)-- According to a survey conducted by the Ecuadorean pollster firm *Perfiles de Opinión* or Opinion Profiles, more than 65 percent of the people in the South American country support the government of President Rafael Correa and its achievements through its Citizens' Revolution project.

The poll results were released on Thursday, the same day that several right-wing demonstrators rallied in front of the ruling PAIS Alliance party's headquarters in Quito to protest Correa's tax reforms aimed at redistributing wealth and combating inequality.

The socialist leader announced last month that the vote on the bills would be temporarily delayed in order to allow for a national debate on wealth distribution and to avoid violence. Earlier this month, Correa denounced plans by the country's right-wing opposition to overthrow the government during protests, similar to the failed attempt on Sept. 30, 2010.

The president has described the support expressed by the people as "genuine." This is not the first time that a survey shows positive results as other Ecuadorean pollsters have consistently put Correa's approval rating between 60 and 85 percent, making him one of the region's most popular leaders.

After becoming president in 2007, Correa's Citizens' Revolution has positioned Ecuador as one of the most stable economies in Latin America, after decades of turmoil, including the 1999 financial crisis prompted by a bank bailout, which resulted in mass unemployment, inflation and poverty. Correa's left-wing government has undertaken a series of reforms which have taken an estimated 1.1 million people out of poverty.

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