

# *Mass Media Supports Conservative Ideology in Brazil*

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Brasilia, August 4 (teleSUR-RHC)-- Brazilian President Dilma Rousseff has been facing constant attacks by the conservative media in her country that are linked to corruption scandals around the oil giant Petrobras, the ruling Worker's Party (PT) and the inflation and unemployment rates.

These attacks have contributed to the sharp drop in Rousseff's popularity, however, the allegations are promoted by media conglomerates in the country that hold tight control over the airwaves, said political scientist Carlos Enrique Santana in an interview with teleSUR English.

Regarding the recent scandals that have surrounded the PT, the analyst said the corruption found in Brazil is systematic and runs in all the parties, especially in the opposition. However, he said the media is manipulating the information only against the left-wing forces in order to prevent former President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva to become a front runner in the 2018 general elections.

The Speaker of the South American country's lower house of Congress, Eduardo Cunha, recently announced he was leaving the governing coalition. Santana said he only left in order to support the conservative opposition ideas and gain more power.

Just like in other Latin American countries with progressive governments, Brazil's economic performance has been coupled with a backlash from opposition groups over the past few years, some of which the president says are conspiring to have her removed from office.

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