

# *Poll Shows Nicaraguan President Daniel Ortega Enjoys High Approval Ratings*

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Managua, April 27 (RHC)-- Nicaraguan President Daniel Ortega and his ruling party, the Frente Sandinista, are enjoying high approval ratings according to a new survey. The poll by M&R Consultants reveals that the Nicaraguan government is strongly supported with a more than 70 percent positive rating.

The study also showed that 73.9 percent of families were happy with how the government was running the country. An even higher margin, 74.8 percent, believed that the conditions in the country had improved over the past five years.

The report showed that Daniel Ortega had a Poll Shows Nicaraguan President Daniel Ortega Enjoys High Approval Ratings 74.1 percent rating and his Vice President Rosario Murillo was not far behind with a 73.7 percent nod of approval. Nearly 73 percent of people who participated in the study viewed the government as a unifying force for the nation.

The ruling Sandinista National Liberation Front, the FSLN, held a marginal 51.5 percent general support, but a resounding 60.3 percent confidence vote. Ortega has been president since January 2007 and was re-elected last year. Over the decade he has been in power, his main focus became to reduce poverty in

Nicaragua. Ortega stated that his administration, through job creation and social programs, has managed to reduce overall poverty from 42.5 to 29.5 percent in the last five years.

Data from the Central Bank of Nicaragua showed that country maintain a stable economic growth of between 4.5 and 5 percent.

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