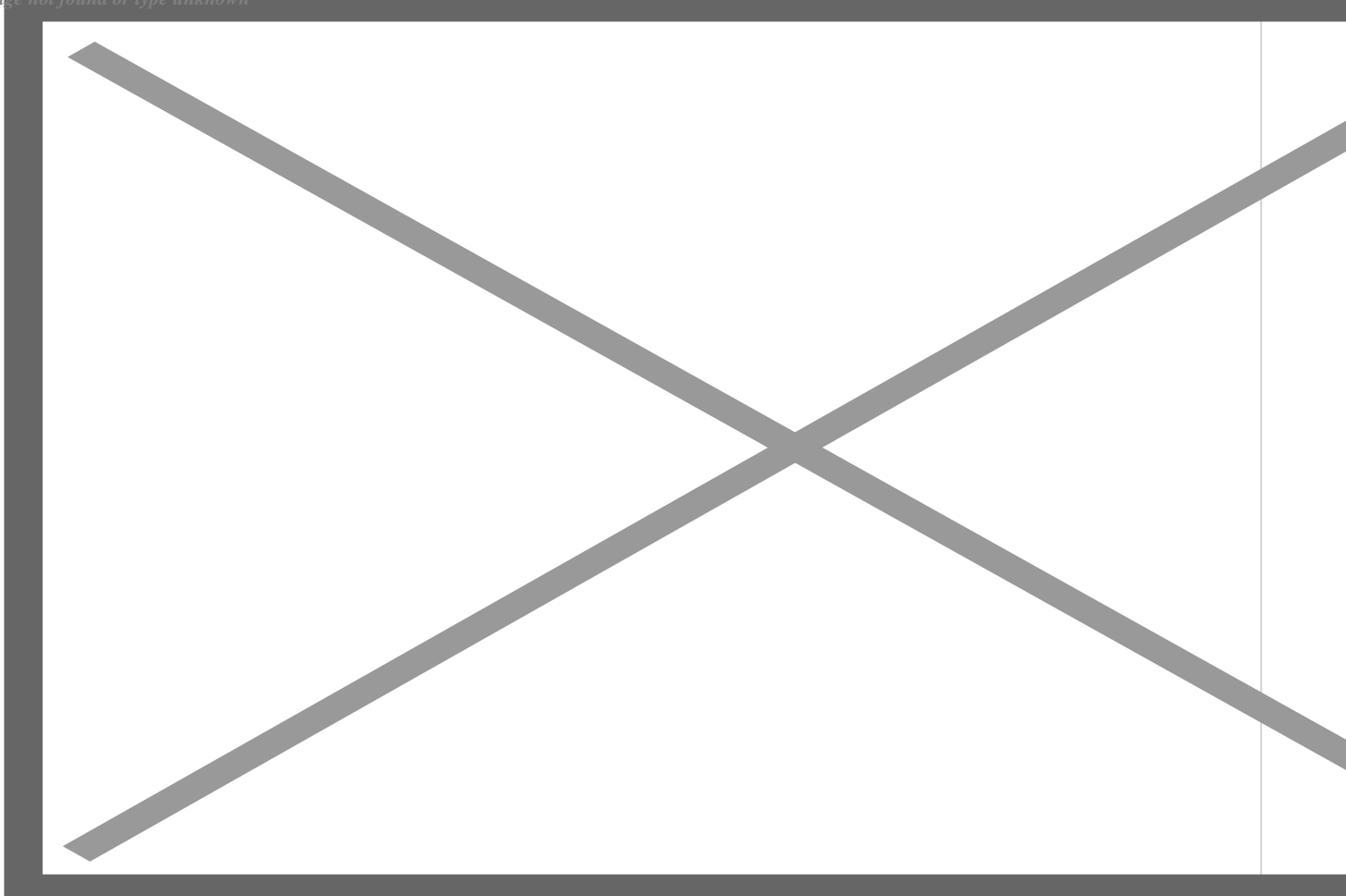


Pedro Castillo increases his approval in Peru

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Peru's new president, Pedro Castillo, will govern the country with a 53 percent approval rating from a sample of its citizens. | Photo: EFE

Lima, July 25 (RHC)-- The Institute of Peruvian Studies (IEP) revealed this Saturday the results of a survey where it indicates that the approval of the president of Peru, Pedro Castillo, increased to a majority.

According to the survey, support to Castillo's post-electoral performance increased six percentage points with respect to June, reaching 53 percent, while his disapproval dropped from 49 to 45 percent.

Likewise, 45 percent of those polled considered him to be a very democratic leader (15) or somewhat democratic (30). Regarding the legality of the result of the June 6 presidential runoff, where Castillo defeated Keiko Fujimori, those interviewed expressed confidence, even though she insisted on denying its legitimacy.

In this sense, 51 percent said that there was no fraud and that the allegations against him were only trying to delegitimize the future head of government. Furthermore, 29 percent indicated that Fujimori has the right to complain, but that this would not affect the result (19 percent); and finally, 24 percent considered that there was fraud.

Eighty-one percent of those polled consider that Castillo should replace or make changes to the current neoliberal economic model, divided into 23 percent for total change and 58 percent who vote for reform, compared to 19 percent who think it should remain intact.

The new government generates hope in 34 percent of those polled and confidence in 16 percent of them, compared to 29 percent who feel uncertainty, 15 percent who feel fear and three percent who express anger.

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