



# In Brazil Election, Marxism-loving Rousseff Makes Comeback

If Brazil's latest presidential election offers any indication, the quiet but ongoing socialist conquest of Latin America is likely to continue gathering steam. Former communist terrorist and current President Dilma Rousseff looked set for a tough battle over the weekend, with polls last month showing Socialist Party candidate Marina Silva ahead. Instead, Rousseff, who makes no secret of her ongoing affinity for brutal Marxism-Leninism, will face off against the more market-friendly contender Aecio Neves in a run-off election. No candidate secured the required 50 percent to win outright in the first round.



With 99 percent of the votes counted, Rousseff, who has purchased the loyalty of many poorer Brazilians using taxpayer funds, was supposedly supported by about 40 percent of voters. Neves, a senator widely described as a "centrist" and a leader of the Social Democracy party, obtained slightly more than one-third of the votes. The two will face off in a second round scheduled for October 26, with most analysts and opinion polls suggesting that Rousseff is likely to win absent some major developments. Silva, the self-styled socialist who is still viewed as far more moderate than Rousseff, secured just 21 percent of the vote and was eliminated ahead of the runoff.

Analysts expressed surprise about the results — especially because Brazilians have increasingly turned against Rousseff and her extreme "Workers' Party" (PT) amid non-stop scandals, corruption, economic malaise, attacks on liberties, Marxist rhetoric, and more. Until late last month, polls showed Silva, the Socialist Party candidate, as the leading contender, although a run-off between the two far-left women was still widely expected. In the end, Neves, whose family has been active in Brazilian politics for generations, ended up finishing ahead of Silva to make it into the runoff. His campaign says it seeks to reduce the role of government in the Brazilian economy which is now, like Communist China's, largely dominated by state-run giants and regime cronies.

Of course, more than a few critics have blasted the election itself. Among other concerns, Rousseff and her party have come under fire for scandals involving the unlawful funneling of public funds from the Obama-backed, state-run oil behemoth Petrobras into campaign coffers (or personal bank accounts) of her political allies. Before that, the Mensalão scandal, also involving Rousseff's party, featured the use of public funds to unlawfully bribe members of the Brazilian Congress into supporting legislation favored by the PT and her predecessor, fellow Workers' Party bigwig Luiz Inacio "Lula" da Silva. Also troubling to some analysts is the fact that Rousseff's most prominent opponent in the election, Eduardo Campos, died in a freak plane crash less than three months before voting began.

Meanwhile, security experts pointed out even before the vote that the Brazilian government's paperless



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"e-voting" system was easy to hack and potentially vulnerable to manipulation — tampering that could not even be discovered or documented. That means the accuracy of the results could be in question, but no independent checks can take place due to the lack of a paper trail. Shortly before the election, experts who exposed some of the problems spoke out yet again — to no avail. Numerous other voting irregularities also sparked outrage and accusations of fraud.

"The reality is that there appears to be a conflict of interests, since the government wants to portray the system as bullet-proof and at the same time cover up these vulnerabilities," explained Professor Diego Aranha, an encryption specialist who exposed flaws in the e-voting system in 2012 only to be chastised by authorities for allegedly being a "threat to democracy." He was also quoted by ZDNet highlighting the "lack of independent checks" in the electronic electoral process. The election went ahead without any effort at addressing the major security vulnerabilities.

Beyond the election itself, the profound implications of Rousseff being reelected — as seems likely right now — will affect Brazil, Latin America, and even the globe for years to come. The radical Brazilian leader continues solidifying alliances with the communist regime ruling mainland China, Vladimir Putin in Russia, and the African National Congress-South African Communist Party regime, currently under scrutiny for its role in genocidal preparations. In Latin America, though, the significance is greater still, with Brasilia at the center of the ongoing socialist takeover of the region — sometimes downplayed by establishment analysts as the "pink tide" rather than "red tsunami," which might be more appropriate.

As *The New American* has <u>documented extensively</u>, Rousseff's predecessor and mentor as Brazilian president, known affectionately as "Lula," not only hand-picked Rousseff to take over Brazil, he was a key figure in the accelerating effort to dismantle what remains of liberty and markets in the region. Working with Communist Cuban despot Fidel Castro, the bloodthirsty Sandinistas, Marxist narcoterrorist groups, and a broad coalition of socialist and communist forces, Lula was one of the chief founders of the São Paulo Forum (Foro de São Paulo, or FSP). The shadowy network now dominates regional politics, with most national governments and transnational institutions in the region firmly under the control of its members.

Rousseff, whose Cabinet is packed with self-declared communists, has worked furiously toward that vision as well. In her younger years, she was a leading operative with the brutal communist terrorist group known as Movimento Revolucionário 8 de Outubro (MR8, or Revolutionary Movement 8th October). The date in the name commemorates the day that communist mass-murderer Ernesto "Che" Guevara, a cold-blooded executioner for Castro's regime, was finally captured. In the United States, the Brazilian terror organization was perhaps most infamous for kidnapping U.S. Ambassador to Brazil Charles Burke Elbrick in 1969. Under the guise of fighting the military-led regime in Brazil at the time, the group robbed banks to finance its reign of terror — mercilessly murdering, kidnapping, and torturing its political foes.

More recently, Rousseff has continued her communist activities, <u>minus the outright terrorism</u>, as totalitarian-minded forces consolidate their grip on Brazil and much of the region. Between <u>confiscating land from its owners at gunpoint</u> and collaborating with the world's most ruthless despots in the drive for socialist tyranny, the supposedly "moderate" president found time late last year to <u>re-affirm her alliance with Marxists at the Communist Party of Brazil's 13th Congress</u>. Virtually nobody noticed it — especially in the establishment press — but the dramatic scene featuring the radical Brazilian leader speaking next to giant posters of Karl Marx and mass-murdering Soviet dictator Vladimir Lenin was captured on camera and posted online.



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The crowd at the Communist Party (PCdoB) summit, which took place under the banner "to advance in change," certainly loved the spectacle. As Rousseff approached the podium, the Communist Party zealots stood up, clapped their hands above their heads, chanted, and cheered. "The Communist Party of Brazil, it's good to say, was the only party, aside from the PT, which stood beside [former Brazilian President and fellow PT leader] 'Lula' in all of the elections since 1989," Rousseff told the roaring crowd before her remarks were drowned out by hysterical chanting. She also celebrated communist terrorists and the deep bonds between her party and the communists, who she said were fighting "the good battle" on behalf of the people of Brazil.

In a bizarre twist, Socialist candidate Silva, a former environment minister, was actually viewed as the more business-friendly candidate despite her open socialism. "The great effort of this century will be to integrate the economy and ecology," Silva told *The New American* during a 2012 interview in Rio de Janeiro, using United Nations-speak to describe what <u>essentially amounts to unrestrained government control</u>. "Sustainability is not a pure and simple way of doing things; it's a way of being. When we understand that sustainable development is the ideal of life, in the present and in the future, our companies, our activities in government, our activities as people, will integrate the criteria of sustainability — without separating things like we do, placing the economy in opposition to ecology."

Rousseff, too, is a big fan of "sustainable development" — essentially, centralized coercive control over every facet of human life at the planetary level. However, Silva, who served in Lula's administration, is hardly as hard-core as Rousseff, whose administration is working constantly behind the scenes to turn Brazil into a full-blown Marxist "utopia" ruled with an iron fist by her radical comrades as they build what they call a "New World Order." Consider, for instance, that many prominent members and collaborators in the FSP Lula founded with Castro remain active terrorists today, including the brutal FARC narco-terrorists in Colombia. Much of that blood money finances FSP operatives in dubious elections.

Indeed, all across Latin America today, "former" communist terrorists are <u>seizing control of</u> governments in deeply suspect "elections," often bankrolled by U.S. taxpayer-funded "foreign aid" schemes. This year in El Salvador, for instance, the Obama administration has been <u>showering</u> unprecedented amounts of funding on the regime of ex-communist mass-murderer Salvador Sánchez <u>Cerén</u>. The Obama administration has also been a strong ally of Rousseff, even <u>sending \$1 billion in</u> <u>U.S. taxpayer funds to Petrobras to support oil exploration</u>. All of it is happening with the active collaboration of U.S.-based globalist powerhouse the <u>Council on Foreign Relations</u>, which includes as its <u>Latin America chief a Castro apologist described by former intelligence officials as an agent of influence for the autocracy in Havana</u>. The U.S. government is <u>well aware of what is happening</u>.

"I clearly understood the message from the streets and from the ballot boxes," Rousseff said after the results of the weekend's vote were announced. "The majority of Brazilians want us to speed up the Brazil we are building." Of course, even based on the dubious election results, that claim is objectively untrue, as Silva pointed out when she said: "There is no way to misinterpret the sentiment of voters, of the 60% who moved for change." It remains to be seen which candidate Silva, now described as a potential "kingmaker," will support. However, for Rousseff and the PT — like her comrades in Havana, Caracas, Beijing, Moscow, and beyond — what the "majority" wants means nothing, unless it happens to coincide with their own totalitarian agenda.

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