

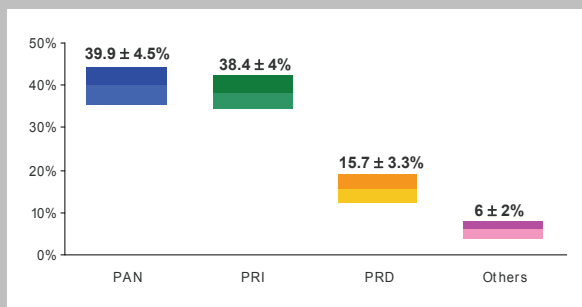
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Polls

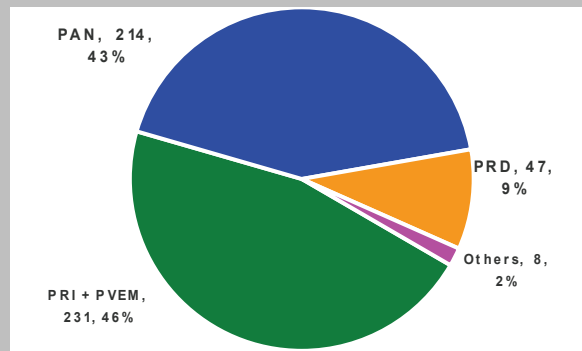
Advantage PAN

In contrast with other recent polls, the [GEA-ISA national poll](#) shows the PAN and the PRI running even, within the margin of error, with a slight advantage to the PAN. Based on probable voters, and excluding undecideds, the GEA-ISA poll showed the PAN increasing its support from 39% in March to 40% at the end of May. The PRI's support fell from 41% to 38%. The GEA-ISA estimate gives the PRI and its Green Party allies a plurality of 231 seats in the Chamber of Deputies, with the PAN at 214 seats and the PRD at 47. This is a significantly better outcome for the PAN and worse for the PRD, as compared to the Mitofsky poll reported last week.

Preferences for Federal Deputy, probable voters, excluding undecideds



Potential distribution of seats in Chamber, based on current voting intentions



Key Dates

- 6/17:** Debate between German Martínez (PAN) and Beatriz Paredes (PRI)
- 7/5:** National congressional, 6 gubernatorial, and 5 other local elections.
- 9/1:** Start of new Congressional session; President delivers *Informe*.
- 10/18:** Tabasco and Coahuila local elections

PAN candidate acknowledges negotiating with cartels

Reporte Indigo published audiotapes of **Mauricio Fernández Garza**, the PAN candidate for mayor in San Pedro Garza García, the home of many of Monterrey's major corporations. Fernández Garza is heard stating during a private lunch meeting with backers that family members of the **Beltrán Leyva** cartel live in San Pedro, that they are as responsible as the authorities for the low crime rate by keeping the rival **Los Zetas** out, that the Beltrán Leyvas are 'in agreement' with the town's public security plan, and that authorities accept drug dealing as long as it is not done in the open. *Reporte Indigo* editor **Ramón Alberto Garza** argues, "These revelations ... are a direct hit at the political waterline of the PAN. ... We have here a PANista confessing to negotiating with one of the most powerful cartels. And this isn't the candidate in some forgotten hamlet. Fernández Garza ... is a person of the highest political and economic profile in ... Monterrey, the national enclave of *panismo*." Fernández Garza said his comments were misinterpreted and denied ever negotiating with the Beltrán Leyvas. ([Reporte Indigo 6/12](#), [Universal 6/12](#))

Electoral Tribunal creates new chaos inside PRD

The Federal Electoral Tribunal overturned the PRD primary election for mayor of the borough of Iztapalapa, one of the PRD's strongholds in Mexico City. The Tribunal revoked the results from 47 voting stations, giving the victory to **Silvia Oliva** (of the New Left wing headed by **Jesús Ortega**) instead of **Clara Brugada** (of the United Left wing of AMLO-protégé **Alejandro Encinas**). Control over a major part of the PRD's patronage machine in the capital is at stake, since the borough "is capable of organizing true armies of people, in favor or against any party or political movement," said columnist Ricardo Alemán. He also predicted, "There will be massive confusion. Clara Brugada's name will probably be on the ballot, without being the candidate.... Silvia Oliva has no money to campaign, since Brugada has already spent it." ([Reforma 6/12](#), [Universal 6/14](#))

Vote nullification proponents field a candidate

The civic group [Propuesta Cívica](#), headed by human rights activist **Sergio Aguayo**, is calling for voters to cast their ballots for a fictitious candidate, **Esperanza Marchita** ("Faded Hope") as a way of registering their demands for political reform. In her weekly video and a *Reforma* Op-ed, top political commentator **Denise Dresser** joined the campaign. "The moment has arrived to recognize what doesn't work, and to fix it. I am planning on annulling my vote and casting my ballot for 'Esperanza Marchita.' Because nullification is participation. And it is to hope for more," she said. ([Reporte Indigo 6/12](#), [Reforma 6/15](#))

Hermosillo scorecard: "Deaths: 46, Persons arrested: 0"

Some 20,000 citizens marched in Hermosillo, Sonora to demand accountability for the fire in the ABC Day Care Center. One banner read: "Deaths: 46, Persons arrested: 0, Total Impunity." Attorney General **Eduardo Medina Mora** pledged a complete investigation. **Daniel Karam**, the head of the Social Security Institute, fired four Institute officials in Sonora and ordered four other day care centers operated by the owners of ABC to be closed down. The spouses of two of the owners – both senior officials in the government of PRI Governor **Eduardo Bours**—resigned their posts. ([Reforma 6/9](#), [6/12](#), [6/13](#), [6/14](#))

10 Army officers arrested for ties to traffickers

The Ministry of Defense announced the arrest of ten junior officers for leaking confidential information to the **Pacific Cartel** of **Joaquín "El Chapo" Guzmán**. No other details were released. ([Universal 6/14](#))