
Early results in Argentinean elections give easy win to Alberto Fernandez

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Preliminary results in Argentina's presidential elections gives an easy victory to candidates Alberto Fernandez and Cristina Fernandez, for president and vice president, respectively.

According to a survey from the Proyeccion Management and Consultoria, one hour after the polls closed in Argentina:

Alberto Fernandez -- 52.7

Mauricio Macri -- 34.7

Around the country, in an overcast Buenos Aires, amid the Pampas farmlands and the vineyards of Mendoza, polling stations opened their doors at 8 a.m. local time. Voting ended at 6 p.m. and local media said first official results were expected by 9:00 p.m. local time.

The ballot is effectively a referendum between Macri's austerity and the "social contract" of the left-leaning opposition, who have attracted voters hurt badly by the Macri's neoliberal model that led to the most severe economic crisis in decades.

Argentina's choice could have far-reaching implications: it is one the world's top grain exporters, is stirring the energy world with its huge Vaca Muerta shale field and is on the cusp of restructuring talks with creditors over \$100 billion USD in debt.