
Presidential Hopeful Macri Pushes Privatization for Argentina

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"We are not here against anyone. We're here giving all for our future" [#Mendoza](#)

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cultural heritage, as well as plans to concession parts of key industries like touGovernment-aligned political opposition figures have slammed Macri's plans for delivering major bonuses to big business in the form of land, infrastructure, and future profits without addressing critical issues faced by people in Buenos Aires, such as housing crisis.

In the presidential race, Macri presents himself as an alternative to President Cristina Fernandez and her Peronist political movement. Backed by big business and private media, Macri promotes neoliberal policies and has promised to introduce free market reforms to Argentina's economy.

Critics say Macri's policies favor the wealthy and big business at the expense of sidelining problems of systemic inequality.

Macri achieved a surprise surge in support in the Oct. 21 first-round elections that polls predicted Front for Victory coalition candidate Scioli would win. The tight race between the two frontrunners forced a runoff election, set to take place Nov. 22.

But Scioli is also working to capture the portion of votes won by third place A New Alternative coalition candidate Sergio Massa, who won just over 21 percent of the vote. A major debate between the two candidates on Sunday, expected to attract a massive audience, could be a turning point in determining who will pull ahead in the race.

With voters facing a choice between Scioli's continuity with the current policies of President Fernandez and Macri's proposed return to 1990's-style neoliberalism, the elections are seen as a significant crossroads in Argentina's future.

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