

## Dominican Republic: Leonel Fernández Leads in Voting Intention

**CID Latinoamérica**  
National Public Opinion Survey  
Dominican Republic,  
March, 2004

### Technical Details:

**Date of field work:** March 23<sup>rd</sup> to 31<sup>st</sup>, 2004.  
**Type of interview:** Personal, one per household.  
**Number of interviews:** 1,209  
**Margin of error:** ±3.0 points in its total results.  
**Respondent:** Dominican adult, resident in the country at the time of the survey.  
**Type of sample:** Random. Representative of the adult population residing in private households.  
**Geographic area:** Entire country.



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The latest public opinion poll conducted in the Dominican Republic by CID Latinoamérica before the country's presidential elections shows that, had the elections been held on the day this survey was conducted, Leonel Fernandez would have received more votes than any of the other candidates for the presidential office. In fact, Fernández receives more votes than the other candidates combined, and would have won in the first round with 55% of the effective votes cast. Voters for Fernandez are more likely to be found in the capital city, among women, young people and those who report that their family's current financial situation is worse than the one they faced last year.

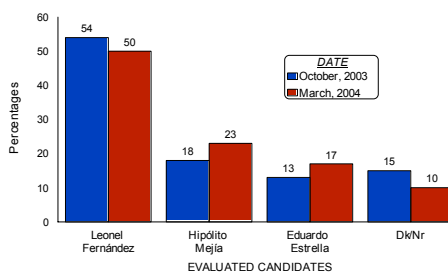
Hipólito Mejía would have come in second place if the voting had taken place the day of this survey.

He would have received 23% of the vote, followed by Eduardo Estrella, with 17% of responses.

The absolute majority of the respondents in this survey believe that the next president of their nation will be Leonel Fernandez of the PLD. Hipólito Mejía comes in a far second place in this regard among the respondents, although he experiences an eight point increase compared to the poll conducted in October 2003.

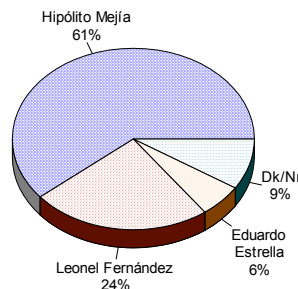
Three of five of the respondents claim they would never vote for Hipólito Mejía, their current president, for a second term in office. Even ten percent of those who profess to be followers of the PRD maintain they would never vote for Mejía and another nine per cent of the members of that political organization professed not to know if they would reject him or not. Mejía's reelection bid created a stir within his party, where it is not customary to seek immediate reelection.

"On this card, there are three names of candidates running for office in the May 16th elections. If the elections were held today and they were the candidates, who would you vote for?"



Source: CID Latinoamérica.  
Source: appendix, table 6

"Which of the following candidates would you never vote for under any circumstance?"



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