


**Central America and the Dominican Republic**  
**Year begins whit Daniel Ortega as the region's**  
**rated president**

- "Mel" Zelaya follows in second place -

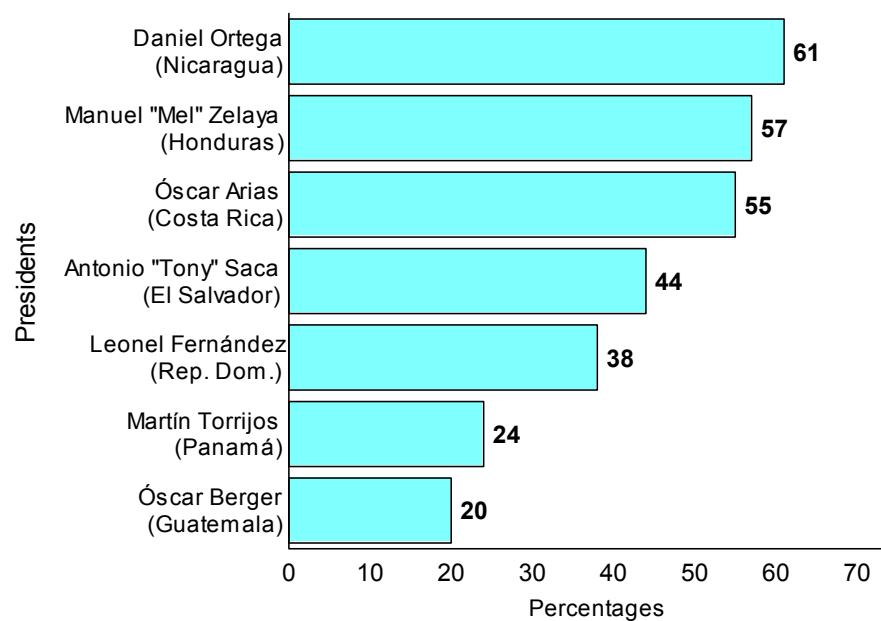
<b>CID Gallup Latin America</b> Public opinion surveys in Central America and the Dominican Republic, First trimester 2007	
<b>Field work dates:</b>	Honduras: 02/2007. Panamá: 01/2007. Costa Rica: 01/2007. El Salvador: 02/2007. Nicaragua: 02/2007. Rep. Dom: 02/2007. Guatemala: 01/2007.
<b>Type of interview:</b>	FACE to FACE or by phone
<b>Number of respondents:</b>	At least 1200 en each country
<b>Margino f error:</b>	Approximately ±2.8 points in total results of each study
<b>Respondent</b>	Adult citizen resident in the country during the dates of the research
<b>Type of sample</b>	Random Representative of the adult population of the country resident in private homes
<b>Region</b>	Central America and the Dominican Republic
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Based on research conducted in the first trimester of 2007 in Central America and the Dominican Republic (see technical data) by the CID-Gallup corporation, Nicaraguans give the best job rating to their president among all people surveyed in seven countries. Research in Nicaragua was conducted after Ortega had been in office for thirty days. Oscar Berger of Guatemala receives the worst job rating of the seven presidents evaluated.

▪ **Nobel Peace Prize Winner places Third**

Three of five Nicaraguans rate the way Sandinista leader Daniel Ortega does his job in positive terms after being on the job for approximately one month. In second place in terms of job approval is the Honduran **Manuel "Mel" Zelaya**, who receives slightly fewer positive opinions from his fellow citizens than does Ortega. Meanwhile, President **Oscar Arias** of Costa Rica, winner of the 1987 Nobel Peace Prize, receives a positive job approval rating from 55% of the citizens of his country, the third best rated president in the region. A second tier of presidents, who receive approval for the way they do their jobs from less than half of their fellow citizens is made up of **Antonio "Tony" Saca** of El Salvador, **Leonel Fernández** of the Dominican Republic, **Martin Torrijos** of Panama, and **Oscar Berger** of Guatemala, in that order. In the case of Torrijos and Berger of their fellow countrymen, consider their job performance in a negative light than those who give them a positive rating.

**Regional presidential evaluation: 1<sup>st</sup> trimester 2007.**  
 -Percentage indicates "very good" and "good"-



Source: CID Gallup Latin America .  
 Studies conducted between January and March 2007.