



Venezuelan democracy receives highest score in an ongoing global study

Venezuela's federal electoral system received an overall score of 85 percent for electoral fairness in a global study being conducted by the [Foundation of Democratic Advancement \(FDA\)](#), a non-partisan organization which aims to advance fair and transparent democratic processes. Out of the twelve countries the FDA has audited so far, Venezuela has scored the highest. Areas of analysis in the study includes fairness in electoral spending, equality of voter say, equality of candidate and party influence and equality of media coverage. A group of diverse and non-partisan electoral auditors rated each section out of 10 points in terms of fairness.

Key points gleaned from the [study](#):

- The Venezuelan federal electoral system, in terms of electoral legislation and regulations, received an overall exceptional passing grade of 85 percent.
- The Venezuelan score of 80 percent on electoral finance means that there is significant fairness in candidate and party electoral finance.
- The Venezuelan score of 90 percent for the political content of the media and broadcasters means that the political content of media and broadcasters in Venezuela is significantly more fair than unfair.
- Venezuela's score of 90 percent for equality of political candidate and party influence means that Venezuela is very close to having an equal political playing field.
- Venezuela scored 80 percent for equality of voter say based on third-party freedom of expression, protection of voters, and ambiguity in the role of the National Electoral Council in offsetting unequal third-party electoral spending.

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