

Candidates in Ecuador's presidential race

Rafael Correa, the left-wing economist who has promised to renegotiate Ecuador's foreign debt, and rewrite oil contracts with foreign companies, is leading the polls ahead of Sunday's presidential election. The Andean nation is the second largest Latin American supplier of crude to the U.S.



■ **Rafael Correa:**
Leftist Alianza Pais. Age 43.

U.S.-educated economist. Briefly served as Minister of Economy. Would hold referendum to rewrite constitution. Opposes free-trade

deal with U.S. Oil revenues to be spent on health and education and to cut nation's 70% poverty rate



■ **Leon Roldos:**
Ethical and Democratic Network (RED).

Age 64. Academic, former vice president and former legal adviser to country's banks. Considered a

moderate, pragmatic leftist with reputation for honesty. Most of his support comes from people over 50

■ **Alvaro Noboa:**
Institutional Renewal Party of National Action (PRIAN). Age 55,

Ecuador's wealthiest man. In 1994 he inherited a business empire from his father,

banana magnate Luis Noboa. Educated as a lawyer, Noboa has twice before been defeated in presidential runoffs



■ **Cynthia Viteri:**
Social Christian Party (PSC).

Age 40. Right-wing lawyer, former TV reporter. A two-time congresswoman, she is strongly pro-business, advocating

free-trade pact with Washington. She is backed by powerful former President **Leon Febres Cordero**

