

# Cristina – from first lady to president

Argentina's first lady is almost certain to win Sunday's contest to succeed her husband, **Nestor Kirchner**, as president, crowning the so-called " Clintons of the South " as Latin America's ultimate power couple



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## ■ Cristina Fernandez de Kirchner:

Born February 19, 1953. Meets her future husband, **Nestor Kirchner**, while studying law at University of La Plata. They marry in 1975, and have two children, **Maximo** and **Florencia**

■ **Political career:** Elected in 1995 to represent Santa Cruz in **Senate**, and in 1997 to **Chamber of Deputies**. In 2001 she wins Senate seat again

■ **Nestor Kirchner:** Elected **Mayor** of Rio Gallegos in 1987. Becomes **Governor** of Santa Cruz in 1991 at age 41. Elected **Argentine President** in 2003 – guides nation's economic recovery with Fernandez as a key advisor. He looks forward to becoming country's "**first gentleman**"



## ■ Hillary Rodham Clinton:

Born October 26, 1947. Meets future husband **Bill Clinton** while studying at Yale Law School. They marry in 1975, only child, **Chelsea**, born in 1980

■ **Political career:** Member of impeachment inquiry during **Watergate** scandal. Elected to **U.S. Senate** in 2000 to represent New York

■ **Bill Clinton:** **Attorney General** of Arkansas from 1977, elected **Governor** of Arkansas in 1978 at age 32. When elected **U.S. President** in 1992, Hillary becomes his top advisor. Cheerleader-in-chief for his wife's election bid – jokes about becoming America's "**first laddie**"

