

A photograph of Laura Chinchilla, the first woman President of Costa Rica, smiling and pointing her right index finger towards the camera. She is wearing a white blazer over a green collared shirt. To her left, the face of an older man with glasses is partially visible. To her right, a person's arm in a blue and green striped sleeve is visible. The background is dark.

Today in History

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▲ **Laura Chinchilla was the first woman to be elected President of Costa Rica. A protege of outgoing president Oscar Arias, her term in office ended in 2014**

1783: Spain abandoned its siege of Gibraltar after more than three and a half years

1968: The leaders of all 10 provinces of Canada agreed to give the French language equal status with English

1999: Over 25,000 couples were married in Seoul by Unification Church Leader Sun Myung Moon

2016: North Korea successfully launched an earth observation satellite, Kwangmyongsong-4