

Who is Andrés Manuel López Obrador?

■ **1953:** *López Obrador*, widely known as **AMLO**, born into Mexican family of modest means in southeastern state of Tabasco

■ **1970s:** Works for state's indigenous affairs bureau

■ **1980s:** Begins political career in Mexico's long-ruling **Institutional Revolutionary Party (PRI)**, eventually becoming Tabasco state party president in 1983

■ **1988:** Joins political movement against candidacy of **Salinas de Gortari**, which leads to founding of centre-left **Party of the Democratic Revolution (PRD)**

■ **1996-99:** Serves as national president of PRD

■ **2000:** Elected mayor of Mexico City, embarking on series of public works and social-welfare programmes for the poor and disadvantaged

■ **2006:** Narrowly defeated in first presidential bid against **Felipe Calderón** – refuses to recognise result. Organises protest that closes one of Mexico City's main thoroughfares for weeks, causing chaos

■ **2012:** Obrador again loses bid for presidency against PRI's candidate **Enrique Peña Nieto**



■ **2014:** Disenchanted with PRD's support for Peña Nieto's economic initiatives, Obrador founds new party – **National Regeneration Movement (MORENA)**

■ **2018:** Obrador on brink of winning Mexico's presidential election after crusading against what he calls "the mafia of power" and neoliberal policies