

A photograph of Gabriel Boric, a man with a beard and glasses, wearing a dark suit and a Chilean sash (red, white, and blue). He is standing at a blue podium with the Chilean coat of arms, waving his right hand. A microphone and a glass of water are on the podium. The background is a solid brown color.

# Today in History

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▲ **Former activist Gabriel Boric was elected as Chile's youngest president, pledging to install a welfare state in one of the world's most unequal countries**

**1871:** Author Mark Twain received a patent for suspenders (braces) for "pantaloon, or other garments"

**1946: The First Indochina War began, resulting in the partition of North and South Vietnam**

**1958:** U.S. President Eisenhower's Christmas greeting was the first to be relayed worldwide via satellite

**1961: The small Indian state of Goa became independent from Portugal after 500 years**