Colombia election heads to run-off

A leftist senator and a rightwing populist outsider who admires Donald Trump will go to a run-off presidential election on June 21 after no candidate won outright in the first round of voting on May 31



FIRST ROUND RESULT

Espriella 43.7%

Votes: **10.4 million**

Cepeda 40.9%

Votes: **9.6 million**



Abelardo de la Espriella, 47
Right-wing lawyer and millionaire businessman known as ***"El Tigre"***

- Vows to mend relationship with U.S. and promises to build 10 mega-prisons in jungle in style of El Salvador's strongman leader ***Nayib Bukele*** as part of plan to tackle crime and illegal armed groups
- De la Espriella campaigns on market-friendly platform and plans to lower taxes and encourage private mining and energy investment

Iván Cepeda, 63
Left-wing senator and human rights advocate

- Son of murdered communist leader, pledges to continue outgoing President ***Gustavo Petro's*** policy of seeking negotiations with insurgent groups
- Plans to reduce inequality by raising taxes on high-income earners, granting one million hectares to victims of country's six-decade internal conflict, and expanding healthcare coverage

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