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Democracy won, the people won: Petro president, France vice president

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There were more than 130 large demonstrations in public squares, with thousands of people uniting little around the hope of reaching for the first time in the history of the country, an ascent to power of a president and a vice president fully and directly supported by the popular sectors. It is an indisputable and deserved triumph of the people, of the common people, of the nobodies and the nobodies of the country 200 years ago controlled by solid structures of elites. It is a triumph of the victims who exceed 9 million in the country, of the young people who since 2018 have not ceased to fill the streets with protests against state policies contrary to their demands, of peasants who agreed on unfulfilled answers, of the 104 indigenous nations cornered by a slow and silent genocide, of university students in search of opportunities and guarantees for a free and quality education, of women faced with marginalization and oblivion, of Afro communities, of signatories of peace waiting to see their dreams of civility respected, and of hundreds and hundreds of organizations and social movements, of intellectuals, academics, workers, artists and personalities of recognized prestige for the permanent coherence of their democratic positions and of groups and movements politicians who knew how to put the interest of the nation above their own interests.

Francia Márquez is a woman who legitimately represents the women and men of the everyday country, who suffer from unemployment, hunger, misery, academically prepared and morally aware of the demands of the territories. Gustavo Petro is an honest, honest, studious, academically trained man with the necessary and sufficient knowledge and experience to advance the rule of law, justice and peace.



Colombia has won, obtained the long-awaited result, having a president and vice president legitimized by a people, with the capacity to compose a diverse plural government. Petro wins in the midst of the adversity forged from the very establishment and his alliances of parties and regional heads of political power, who articulated and designed infamy, deception, misinformation and obstacles, oriented by all means to retain control of the state and the government. It is the beginning of change, of leaving behind the horror and barbarism suffered and continuing to close wounds that put the agenda of reconciliation, peace and rights ahead to move the country forward towards a goal of being a power of life.

Colombia is partying, Petro and France surpassed by more than a million votes their absent contender a businessman who at some point declared himself an admirer of Hitler. They were more than 3 percentage points above, which make up the definitive and resounding triumph. It is time for popular celebration, to turn water into wine and bread into a multiplier of emotions to show the joy with which the tasty life that Francia Márquez taught and the Historical Pact to achieve the unity of the nation in a great national agreement begins, which Petro will know how to weave.



The dignity of a people has won. He managed to defeat the fear, the hopelessness, the formulas of absence and silence of those who gave no respite to abandon the routes of hatred that moved passions and poisoned the democratic environment. Colombia has reached its maturity, on its own, manages to get ahead, knew how to vote conscientiously, get together, make meetings in the campaign and now it will know how to do them to govern. Nothing will be easy, but there are enough, capable, responsible people to chart the path of a democracy that can be rebuilt, in an area of generosity in victory. Gustavo Petro was by far the best candidate, the most capable in this tough campaign test, his verb, his wisdom, his tenacity, sanity and pause not to overact, or let himself be isolated from the people deserved to be what will be the president of Colombia. The Historic Pact has been the best human fusion of groups, parties, movements and personalities and already augurs the best government in the entire history of Colombia and the most pleasant hope for the rule of law, rights, peace and above all dignity. Petro and France will have the support of the country, the recognition of the other democratic nations, of the economic and political sectors and in general of the whole world that participated in this experience in which the people were right and knew how to make intelligent use of their right to vote, their resistance and solidarity for this collective triumph, the best victory in the entire electoral and political history of the country.

To celebrate, to celebrate, that water is wine and bread reaches for all, is what cries out for the happy ending of this campaign, which ends the popular victory. That is the tasty life that inspired France, and that is the beginning of a president to whom the mamos of the Sierra Nevada, in their last campaign event offered their energy and declared the president for the heart of the earth. June 19 remains in the memory as the day of the people, and will be the time of the feast for democracy. The opportunity comes to begin to create other frameworks of possibility for the effective implementation of the 1991 constitution, the product of a constituent assembly. The story has the opportunity to be written with other lyrics and told by other voices hitherto invisible, excluded. Around the most hectic and rare campaign. Today was a day to change history.

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