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Re-Politicization of the Military

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1980s-2000s: a Hopeful Moment

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Policía hondureña ya es civil

Nuevo paso para la desmilitarización

22 octubre, 1997

Tegucigalpa. Las fuerzas armadas de Honduras entregaron ayer formalmente el mando de la policía al poder civil en un nuevo paso en la desmilitarización de esta nación centroamericana.



Gobierno promulgó ley que crea el nuevo Ministerio del Interior y Seguridad Pública

11 de febrero de 2011



Prior uses of military



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Macri desplegó al Ejército en la frontera para luchar contra el narcotráfico



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Mais de 30 militares em postos-chave do governo Jair Bolsonaro





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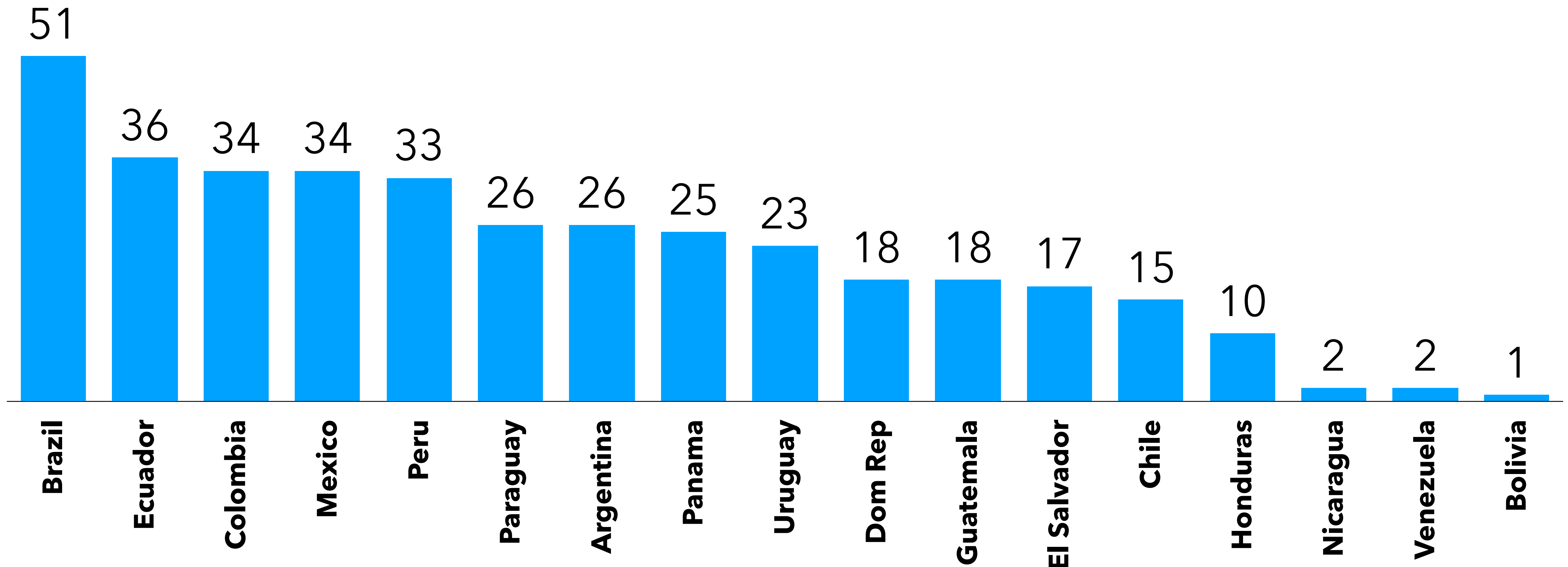
Post-Conflict Military Roles in Colombia



- Combat remaining **organized armed groups**
- Support combat against **organized criminal groups**
- Support the National Police in fight against **common crime**, especially in rural areas
- Patrol **coasts, rivers, and borders**
- **Manual eradication** of illicit crops
- Participation in **UN peacekeeping missions**
- Operational **de-mining**
- **Development projects**, especially infrastructure
- Help during **natural disasters**
- **Environmental protection**, especially forests

1. Elected civilian leaders are increasingly weak compared to the armed forces

Difference, in percentage points, between Latinobarómetro 2018 poll respondents' "Trust in the Military" and "Trust in the Government"



2. Weak elected civilians are using the military to “defend” against their own people



3. "Tutelary Democracy"



Patricio Aylwin, right, with Gen. Augusto Pinochet in Santiago, Chile, in 1993. Cris Bouroncle/Agence France-Presse — Getty Images

4. Civilians have neglected defense and security policy



5. The U.S. Role Hasn't Been Helpful



Vice President Mike Pence ✓
@VP

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[#SOUTHCOM](#)'s Adm. Craig Faller in Honduras today w/ Min. of Defense Fredy Díaz & Chief of the Armed Forces, Maj. Gen. René Ponce Fonseca. Faller is presenting the Legion of Merit to Ponce for "significant contributions" to U.S.-Honduras mil-to-mil relationship. [@usembassyhn](#)



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Momentos en el que llega a la @AereaHn, el almirante de la Marina de los EEUU Craig S. Faller, Comandante del @Southcom, quién condecorará al Jefe del Estado Mayor Conjunto, René Ponce Fonseca. @USAmbHonduras @FFAATV



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