

Understanding Venezuela's National Assembly Elections. Background Analysis

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Venezuela: Crucial Times

Following around two years of what the government has labelled an “economic war”, as well as months and interspersed days of opposition violence, Venezuelans will head to the polls on Dec. 6 in what could be the country's most important elections yet.

These National Assembly elections will see a divided opposition, with the support of the region's business class elites and private media, go against an alliance of pro-Bolivarian parties.

With the governing United Socialist Party of Venezuela (PSUV) facing internal criticism as well as general discontent after two challenging years, the elections are likely to be close, with the opposition so far refusing to commit to recognize the results.

Fifteen years of social gains are at stake: community organizing and empowerment, millions educated in the higher education mission, health care, a budget for free housing, cultural achievements, pensions, and more. teleSUR will provide in-depth coverage on various aspects of these crucial times in Venezuela, keeping readers up-to-date on all the latest developments:

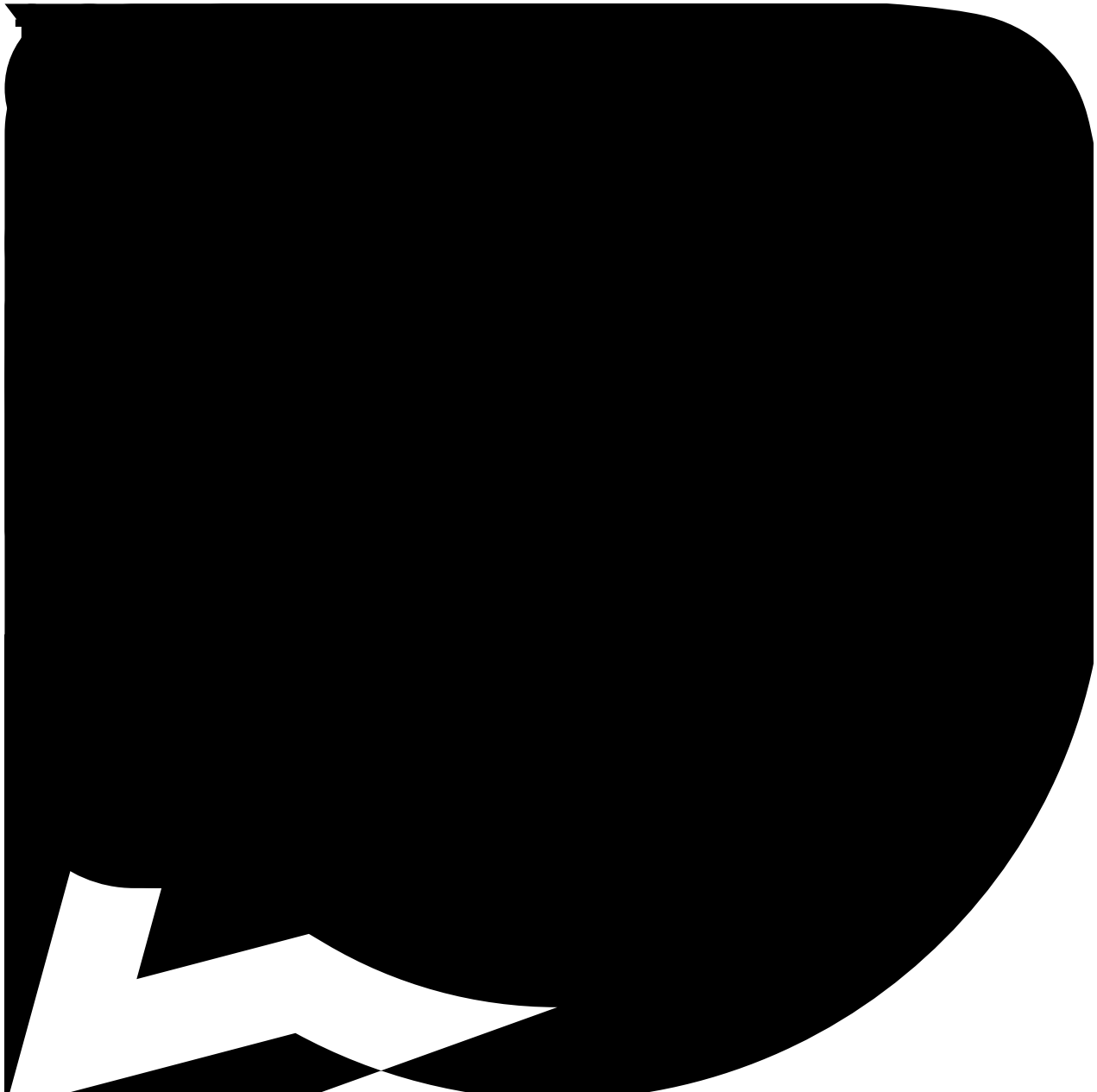
What's on the line on Dec. 6?

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Venezuela's electoral system is, according to many, the most advanced in the world, while its National Assembly has advanced the democratic rights of all social sectors, particularly the poor.

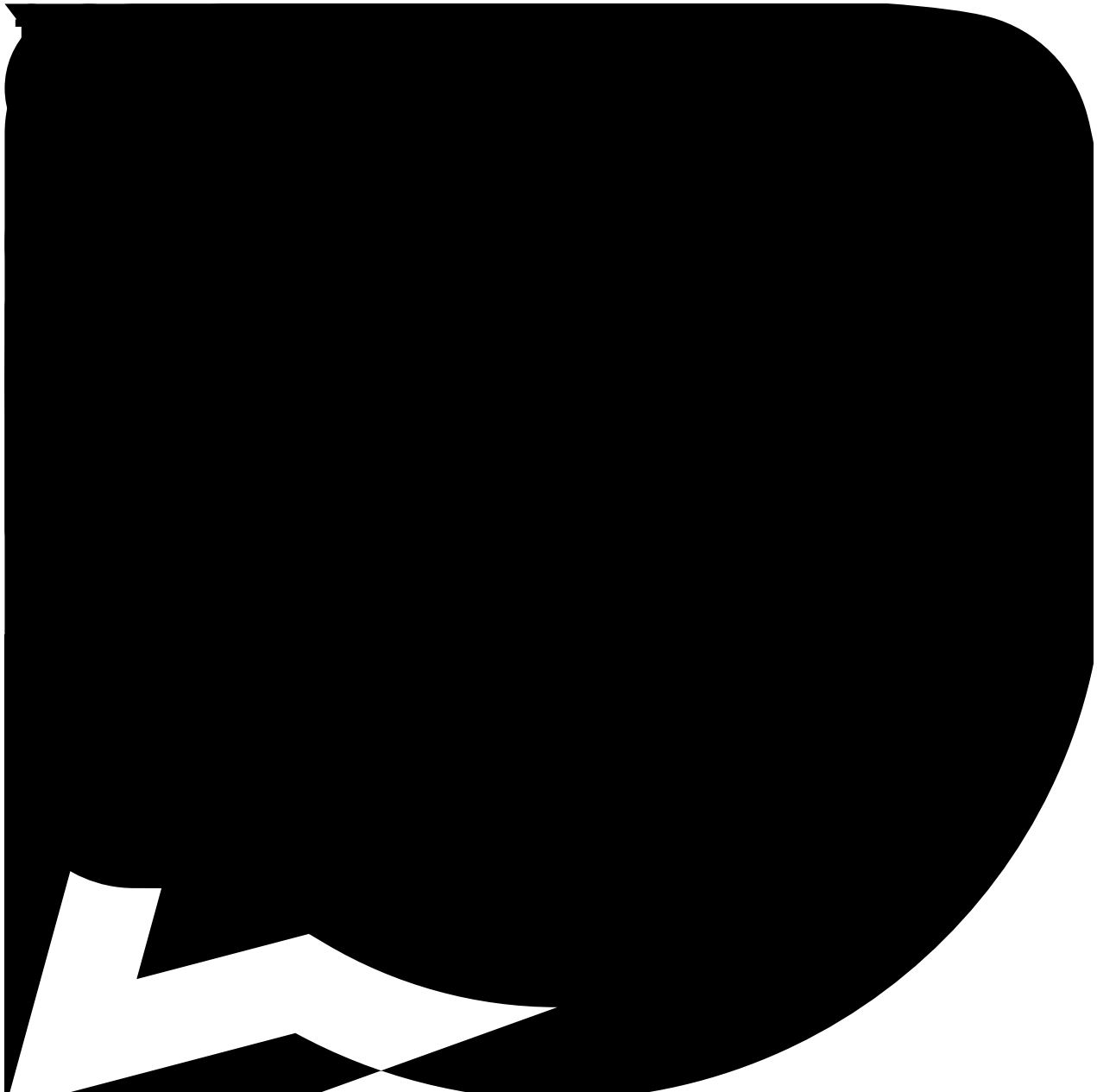


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