

President
Luis Alberto Lacalle Herrera

Luis Alberto Lacalle Herrera was born in Montevideo on July 13, 1941. He was educated at Windsor school and the Jesuit High School before obtaining a law degree from the Universidad de la República in Montevideo in 1974.

Mr. Lacalle Herrera joined the Blanco Party as a teenager and was elected to congress in 1971. The first phase of his political life ended in 1973 when the military-dominated government closed congress and briefly detained him, along with hundreds of other political prisoners.

A vocal opponent of the military regime, Mr. Lacalle Herrera founded a clandestine newspaper that was closed by the authorities after four days.

In 1980, Mr. Lacalle Herrera was appointed director of the Blanco Party and in 1984 he became a senator. He devoted himself to finance, transport, and public works issues. At the same time he ran his own radio program, "Country and Party."

Mr. Lacalle Herrera was named vice-president of the senate in 1987. He won the November 1989 presidential elections and took office on March 1, 1990.

President Lacalle Herrera is married to Maria Julia de Lacalle Herrera. They have three children: Pilar, Luis Alberto, and Juan José.

