

Ricardo Lagos Escobar

President of Chile

Born on March 2, 1938, Ricardo Lagos Escobar is a graduate of law and received a doctorate in economics from Duke University.

A former member of the Radical Party, Mr. Lagos founded the Party for Democracy. He has held government portfolios in education and public works. Mr. Lagos was elected President of Chile in January 2000. He is married and has three children.

Andrés Pastrana Arango

President of Colombia

Andrés Pastrana Arango was born in Bogotá on Aug. 17, 1954. He received a doctorate in law from the University of El Rosario in Bogotá and is a fellow of Harvard University's centre for international affairs. A journalist and television news director for 10 years, Mr. Pastrana won an international journalism prize in 1985 and 1987 for his reporting.

After two terms as a city councillor for Bogotá, in 1988 Mr. Pastrana became the city's first elected mayor. The son of a former Colombian president, Mr. Pastrana became a Senator in 1991 but resigned in 1993 in an unsuccessful bid for the presidency as head of the conservative coalition, the New Democratic Force. Mr. Pastrana was elected President of Colombia on June 21, 1998. He is married and has three children.