

Learn more about your current political leaders and new leaders who may be running for office.

- **Choose 2** political leaders or future candidates and research to answer these questions:
 - What office do they hold/are they running for and from which party?
 - What are two policy issues they have worked on while in office or talked about on the campaign trail? Where do they stand on these issues?

Political leader	Office	Party	Policy issues
Andrés Manuel López Obrador (AMLO)	President of Mexico	National Regeneration Movement	<p>1.The huachicoleo (stealing gasoline from ducts) is a practice that AMLO is strongly against and since the beginning of his campaign has been trying to eliminate. In January 2019, a group of villagers from Hidalgo were stealing a PEMEX duct when it exploded, killing 137 people. Since the accident, the president decided to close all the ducts and adapt pipes to transport the gasoline, a decision which was strongly criticized due to the high risk, expensive and late to supply the gas stations of the states of the country.</p> <p>2.The most recent proposal in his mandate, has been gathering signatures for a request sheet to summon the court to former presidents who have stolen millions of pesos from their respective governments, being the most important ones Peña Nieto, Calderón and Salinas de Gortari. His followers immediately signed the paper, however the opposition party is renuent and is fighting to avoid this situation, claiming that is a constitutional right that no one can ever be in a jury without an official</p>

			order, which is what the whole thing is about.
Claudia Sheinbaum Pardo	Mayor of Mexico City	National Regeneration Movement	<p>1.Claudia, apart from her political career, has a degree in physics, thereby she is really interested in science and technological development in Mexico City. While in office, she has promoted science divulgation and research, providing programs especially for young girls to get involved and get interested in a scientific career.</p> <p>2.Claudia has also spoken in favor of the LGBT+ community, claiming that their rights will be defended upon any act of discrimination. The biggest takeout from this is a recent legislation that prohibits conversion therapies, considering them as a hate crime.</p>

I think is really important that people who have done so much damage to our country pay for their crimes and spent a lifetime in prison, however I believe that they have to modify the way they are approaching the situation so that there are no excuses or rights in the game.

Watching the pictures of the explosion was a real shock last year: a lot of people died and were blaming the government, however, it was actually their fault, they were stealing a national good that belongs to every citizen no to a few and they have to pay the consequences of their actions. I think there has to definitely be another way to transport gasoline without risks, but for now, the pipes option is the most viable one.

Women in science and the LGBT+ community are minorities that have been discriminated against, minimized and sadly killed because of the hate that lives in our society. There is still a long way to guarantee both groups rights, but for now we have to be happy with the progress that has been and benefits a great amount of people.

I have lived in Mexico my whole life, there is no other place I can call home and it hurts me when I see so much corruption and violence dominating everything. It is just not fair. Because I know that we are a strong country, full of people with dreams that everytime they are told no, they find another way, full of hard-workers who are not afraid of taking the risk if their loved ones will be safe and happy. We are

warriors and giants, corn's sons and daughters with a vast and rich culture acclaimed all around the world. But this giant is asleep in the shape of two volcanoes, Popocatépetl and Iztaccíhuatl "the lovers", and the day he wakes up, things will change.