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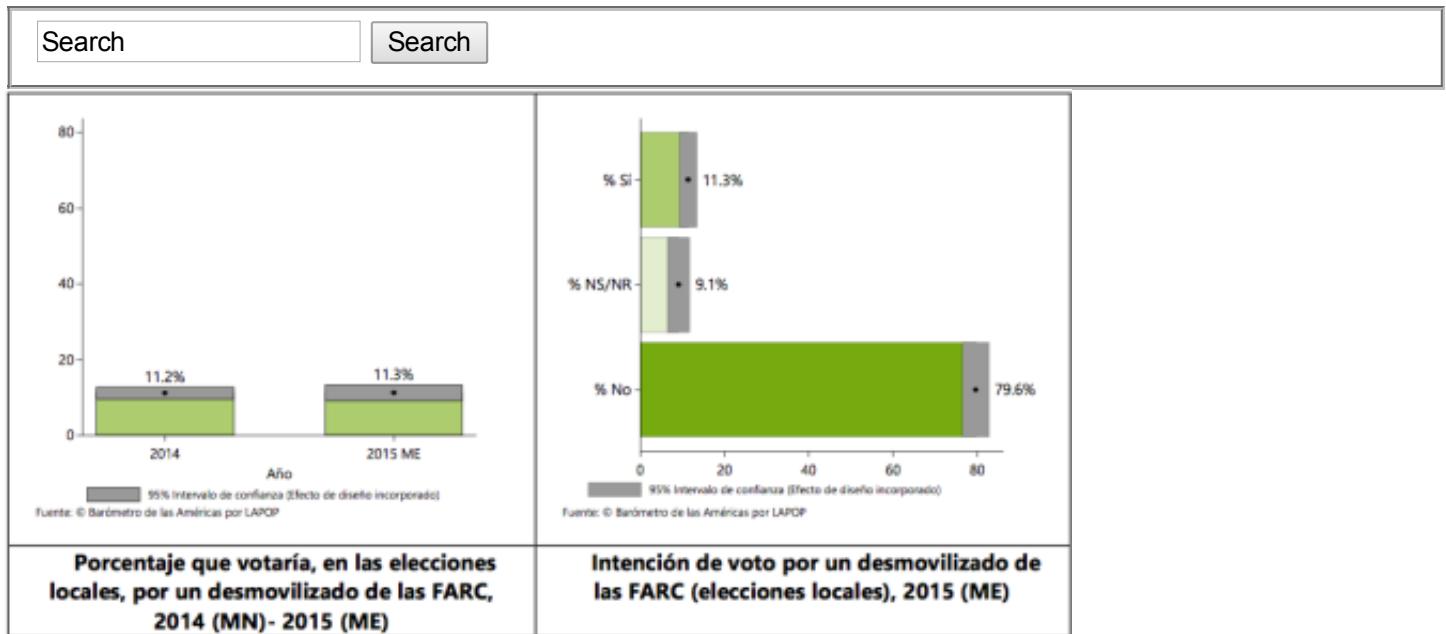


Gráfico 5.15. Intención de voto por un desmovilizado de las FARC (elecciones locales)

Polling Colombia's Conflict Zones: Strong Support For Peace, Weak Support for FARC

Vanderbilt University's Latin American Public Opinion Project just published ([PDF](#)) the extensive results of a poll of Colombians who live in some of the most conflictive parts of the country.

In March and April, they talked to 1,390 people in 62 municipalities that the Colombian government has prioritized for its counterinsurgency or humanitarian strategies.

They found that **people living in these zones are more supportive of the FARC peace process** (65.1%) than Colombians as a whole (53.4% in 2014). But they share the rest of the country's pessimism about whether an accord might be possible (27.4% seeing a negotiated solution as "possible" or "very possible," compared to 24.2% nationwide in 2014.)

The chart above shows 11.3 percent of conflictive zones' residents saying that they would vote for a demobilized FARC candidate in a local election. 79.6% would not. This is similar to the national vote intention that LAPOP found nationwide in 2014.

The FARC appear to be no more popular with Colombians who live in regular contact with them than they are with Colombians as a whole. Based on the result in this chart and responses to a question about special congressional districts, the LAPOP authors note, "we can affirm that, **in the 'Consolidation zone' municipalities, about one out of every ten people interviewed supports the FARC.**"

Download the study in Spanish [here as a PDF](#).

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