



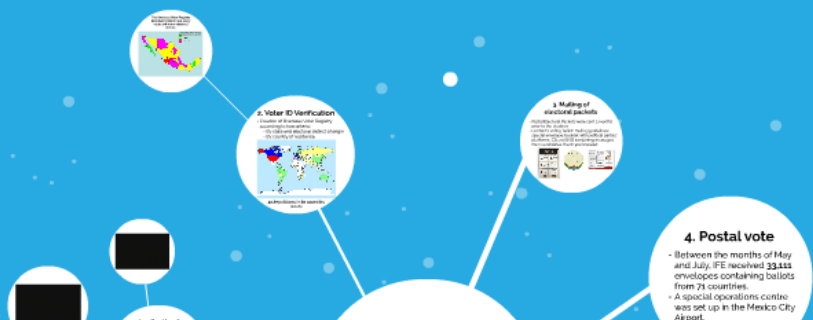
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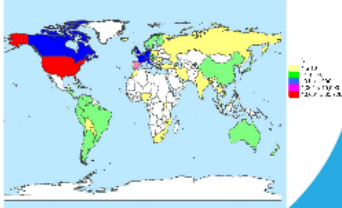
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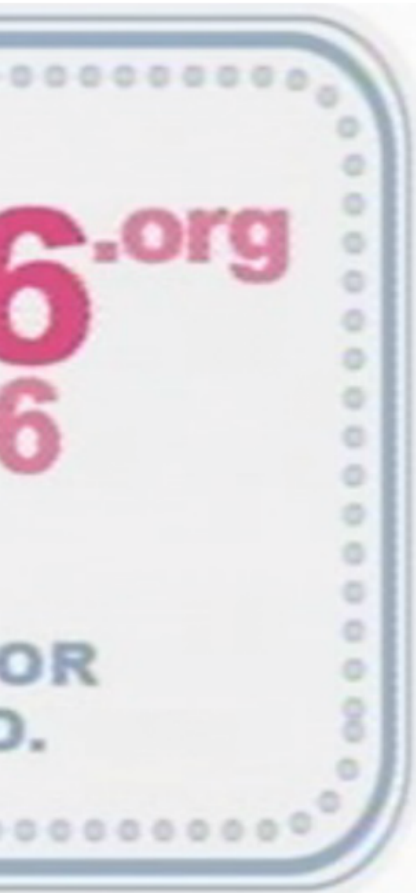
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- Applying for registration by certified mail.
 - Form distribution strategy: 7,000 distribution points were set up.
- Communication strategy: Mexican and American Media, special events, phone hotline.



Únete a los mexicanos
en el extranjero
que van a votar.



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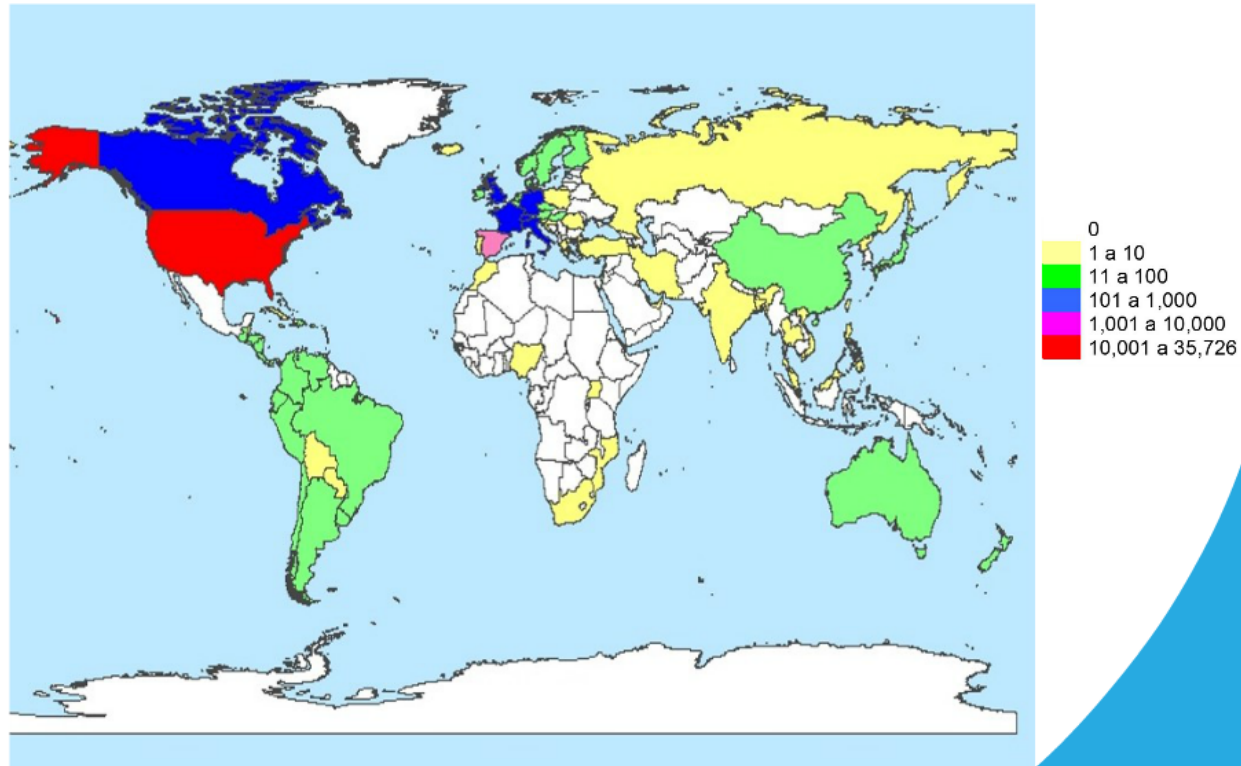
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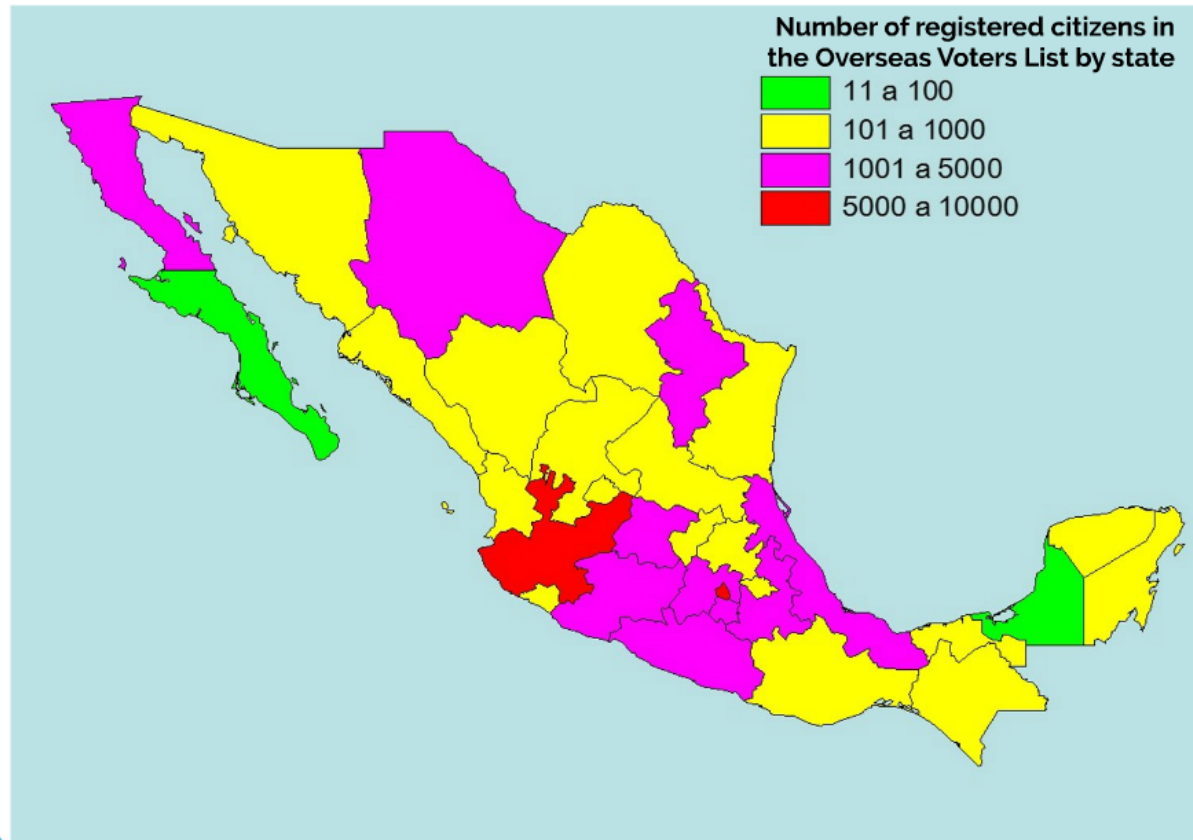
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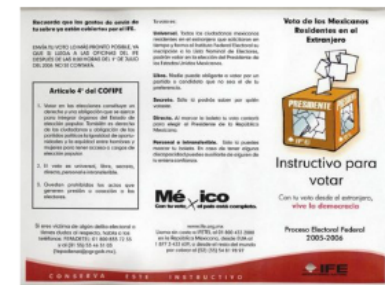
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MARQUE UN SOLO RECUADRO,
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ALTERNATIVA SOCIALDEMÓCRATA Y CAMPESINA



Si desea votar por algún candidato no registrado,
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Recuerda que los gastos de envío de tu sobre ya están cubiertos por el IFE.

ENVÍA TU VOTO LO MÁS PRONTO POSIBLE, YA QUE SI LLEGA A LAS OFICINAS DEL IFE DESPUÉS DE LAS 8:00 HORAS DEL 1° DE JULIO DEL 2006 NO SE CONTARÁ.

Artículo 4° del COFIPE

1. Votar en las elecciones constituye un derecho y una obligación que se ejerce para integrar órganos del Estado de elección popular. También es derecho de los ciudadanos y obligación de los partidos políticos la igualdad de oportunidades y la equidad entre hombres y mujeres para tener acceso a cargos de elección popular.
2. El voto es universal, libre, secreto, directo, personal e intransferible.
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Si eres víctima de algún delito electoral e tienes dudas al respecto, habla a los teléfonos: FERADETEL: 01 800 833 72 33 y al (01 55) 53 46 31 03 (fepadenet@pgr.gob.mx).

Tu voto es:

Universal. Todos los ciudadanos mexicanos residentes en el extranjero que solicitaron en tiempo y forma al Instituto Federal Electoral su inscripción a la Lista Nominal de Electores, podrán votar en la elección del Presidente de los Estados Unidos Mexicanos.

Libre. Nadie puede obligarte a votar por un partido o candidato que no sea el de tu preferencia.

Secreto. Sólo tú podrás saber por quién votaste.

Directa. Al marcar la boleta tu voto contará para elegir al Presidente de la República Mexicana.

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Instructivo para votar

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