

Lula's Popularity Falls to 57%. And 47% of Brazilians Condemn His Politics.

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Compared with December, 2004, there was an increase in the percentage of Brazilians interviewed for the CNT-Sensus poll for whom the government "is not on the right path."

According to the 76th edition of the survey, released today, this judgment is applicable in similar doses to the political, social, and economic spheres.

The portion that considers that the government "is not on the right path" in the social area rose from 33.5% in December to 42.8%.

In its handling of the political area, the percentage that considers that the government is not on the right path was up from 36.4% in December to 46.7%.

With regard to economy policy, the share that regards the government's performance as adequate slipped from 41% in December to 37.5%.

The portion that thinks that federal government actions have been managed "in an ineffective manner" increased from 36.5% to 44.8% over this period, while the percentage that perceives efficacy has remained unchanged (40.2%).

The survey also shows that, since March, 2004, the percentage of interviewees who think that corruption has increased in Lula's government rose from 25.2% to 31.2%.

The study indicates, as well, that positive assessments of President Lula's personal performance declined from 60.1% to 57.4%.

For the poll, two thousand people were interviewed in 24 Brazilian states between May 24 and 27. The margin of error is three percentage points, up or down.

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