

The election results announced by Honduras' Supreme Electoral Tribunal (TSE) have received serious criticism alleging the changing of the numbers on the voting certificates (*actas*) that were transmitted to the TSE from the voting stations in order for the TSE results to favor the National party's Juan Orlando Hernandez, whose party currently controls the government, and take votes away from opposition leader Xiomara Castro of Libre who was leading in the polls for much of this year. Here is one blatant example, which was among several discrepancies documented in a Honduran newspaper and even still it has not be corrected:

MER N° 14233

DEPARTAMENTO: SANTA BARBARA

CENTRO DE VOTACION: ESC. ESPAMINDAS PORTILLO

MUNICIPIO: SAN FRANCISCO DE OJUELA

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ACTA DE CIERRE PRESIDENCIAL

PARTIDO	VOTOS EN NUMEROS	VOTOS EN LETRAS	COMENTARIOS
DC	0 0 0	CERO CERO CERO	0801-1965-02689 Dolores Nazaret Pineda
LIBRE	0 0 0	CERO CERO CERO	0318-1988-00050 Jesus Evaron Mejia Hernandez
LIBRE	0 3 6	CERO TRES SEIS	1619-1984-00067 Elida Sonia Pineda Pineda
LIBRE	0 1 4	CERO UNO CUATRO	1619-1980-00078 Alma Xiomara Pineda Pineda
LIBRE	1 0 7	UNO CERO SIETE	1624-1993-00088 Edecar Adan Cristobalano Rodriguez Edecar Adan
LIBRE	0 0 0	CERO CERO CERO	1619-1980-00170 Ingris Yanovy Hernandez Pineda
LIBRE	0 0 0	CERO CERO CERO	0318-1982-00587 Elida Yessenia Mendoza Rojas Elida Yessenia MR
LIBRE	0 0 0	CERO CERO CERO	1619-1980-00101 Antonio Rodriguez Cubreya
LIBRE	0 0 0	CERO CERO CERO	0321-1988-00034 Raiza Enid Castro Rodriguez Raiza E. Castro R.
LIBRE	0 0 1	CERO CERO UNO	0318-1984-01075 Delia Noemy Mendoza Reyes Delia Noemy MR
LIBRE	0 8 6	CERO OCHO SEIS	1619-1993-00152 Maynor Anael Perez Mejia
LIBRE	0 0 4	CERO CERO CUATRO	0801-1991-12937 Osman Jose Portillo Osman Jose Portillo
LIBRE	0 0 2	CERO CERO DOS	1619-1985-00149 Diana Margarita Garcia Diana M Garcia
LIBRE	3 3 8	TRES TRES OCHO	0304-1988-00665 Pancydy Suyapa Palma Laitaan Pancydy MR
LIBRE	2 4 9	DOS CUATRO NUEVE	0318-1982-00588 Elida Yessenia Mendoza Rojas Elida Yessenia MR
LIBRE			0804-1990-00193 Wendy Elizabeth Betancourt Wendy MR

[Acta #14233](#) shows on the original handwritten document that has been scanned that Xiomara Castro received the most votes, with 107 votes. The electronic TSE summary on the side gives Xiomara Castro only 7 votes, robbing her of 100 votes and putting her in last place among the major candidates.

Other problems have to do with the falsification of *actas*, alleging that the "original" documents posted by the TSE were falsified, whether by the TSE or by National Party controlled table workers at the voting stations before being transmitted to the TSE. The selling of table credentials from smaller parties to the National Party has been well documented and enabled the National Party activists to control the vote recording at some locations.

[Still another strategy was to force Libre table workers out of the polls, threaten Libre table workers at gunpoint, and kidnap other Libre workers.](#)

Below are several examples of suspicious *actas*, just from the municipality of El Paraiso in the state of Copan, in western Honduras, that should be investigated:

Acta #2711 shows 97% voter turnout. 360 out of 371 people on the voter rolls supposedly voted, which is suspicious given that the European Union Election Observer Mission found that

According to acta #2681, 99% of the votes reported were for the National Party. There are also 27 Null votes recorded, which is abnormally high. Null votes are ballots which are thrown out because it wasn't clear who the person voted for. It has been alleged that vote counters marked extra marks on ballots for Libre to make them not count.

Acta #2692 also has an extremely high number of null votes: 33 Null votes out of 174 votes cast meaning 19% votes were nullified. Only 2 votes were tallied for Xiomara, a few others, and 135 for Juan Orlando.

These examples show the extreme level of control exercised by the National Party in some areas of the country, whether it be by falsifying actas before or after submitting them to the TSE, credential buying to enable votes to be miscounted or thrown out as null, or generating votes via vote buying, intimidation, threats of lost employment, and other techniques.