Costa Rica: Rise Of Right Consolidates As Elections Near

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By George Rodriguez Right-wing candidate Otto Guevara seems to have secured his second-best position in voter opinion polls as Costa Rica gears up for next month’s elections. So has center-left hopeful Otton Solis, in his case as the faraway third option. These two politicians, co-founders and top leaders of the Movimiento Libertario (ML) and the Partido Acción Ciudadana (PAC), respectively, have swapped the places they had been holding since the last elections. Founded eight years apart, the ML and PAC managed to position themselves alternately as Costa Rica’s second and third political forces, after the long-standing bipartisan structure of power began to crumble. This structure had kept the traditional Partido Liberacion Nacional (PLN) and Partido Unidad Social Cristiana (PUSC)-

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