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On Dec. 4, daily newspaper *Barricada* published results from a public opinion poll carried out in November by the Costa Rican firm *Consultoria Interdisciplinaria de Desarrollo (CID-Gallup)*. Poll results indicate that President Violeta Barrios de Chamorro has managed to maintain her personal popularity, achieving a 59% approval rating. Twenty percent of respondents said they disapproved of Chamorro. The next highest approval ratings were obtained by Cardinal Miguel Obando y Bravo, and Presidency Minister Antonio Lacayo. Forty-two percent (42%) of respondents said they disapproved of National Assembly president Alfredo Cesar. Vice President Virgilio Godoy ran a close second to Cesar with a 41% disapproval rating. Among political parties, the Sandinista National Liberation Front (FSLN) received the highest approval rating, or 26%, followed by the United Nicaraguan Opposition (UNO) coalition with 20%.

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