

Álvaro Dias

"We Can" Party
(Podemos)



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Date of Birth: 7 December, 1944 (age 73)

Hometown: Quatá, Paraná

Education: History, State University of Londrina

Running mate: Paulo Rabello de Castro - Social Christian Party (PSC)

Political History

Álvaro Dias, whose career began as a popular radio host in the 1960s, is **running for president** for the **second time**. Dias' political career began in 1970, when he was elected as a **state deputy** in his native State of Paraná. He subsequently served as a **federal deputy** and a **senator** with the Democratic Movement Party (MDB) until 1986, when he was elected **governor of Paraná**.

After losing his party's presidential primary in 1989, Dias left MDB and joined the Social Labor Party (PST) and then the Progressive Party (PP), finally settling on the Social Democracy Party (PSDB) in 1994. In 2002, Dias was **briefly expelled from the PSDB** for signing an official Parliamentary Commission Inquiry (CPI) on corruption, an act that many in the party labeled "treasonous." In 2015, Dias left the PSDB for the Green Party (PV), later joining his current party, Podemos (We Can). Dias was **elected as a senator** for the second time in 1998, and has **remained in the Senate** since.

Corruption

Álvaro Dias has **not been charged** of any crimes. He was **vaguely mentioned in a plea bargain** by Pedro Novis, a collaborator of Odebrecht, but the Attorney General did not find sufficient evidence to open an investigation on the senator.

The Republic we have today resembles an **empire**; rulers have hijacked power in the country...to preserve their privileges, and sustain a **promiscuous system of governance.**"