

Jair Bolsonaro, *far-right* populist, elected president of Brazil

Brazil on Sunday became the latest country to drift toward the far right, electing a *strident* populist as president in the nation's most radical political change since democracy was restored more than 30 years ago.

far-right 极右派的

strident 尖锐的

The new president, Jair Bolsonaro, won by *tapping into* a deep well of *resentment* at the status quo in Brazil --- a country whiplashed by rising crime and two years of political and economic *turmoil* --- and by presenting himself as the alternative.

resentment 愤怒; 怨恨

turmoil 混乱; 骚动

tap into 开发; 挖掘

"We have everything we need to become a great nation," Bolsonaro said Sunday night in a video broadcast on his Facebook account shortly after the race was called. "Together we will change the destiny of Brazil."

call 预测 (选举投票结果)

Bolsonaro, who will *take the helm of* Latin America's biggest nation, is farther to the right than any president in the region.

take the helm of 掌舵

Reeling from the deepest *recession* in the country's history, a *corruption* scandal that *tarnished* politicians across the ideological *spectrum*, and a record-high number of *homicides* last year, Brazilians picked a candidate who not only rejected *the political establishment* but at times also seemed to reject the most basic democratic *tenets*.

recession 衰退; 倒退

corruption 贪污; 腐败

tarnish 玷污

homicide 杀人；杀人犯

tenet 原则；信条

reel from 由...而不知所措

the establishment 权势集团

spectrum 范围；幅度

Part of the reason for his victory was the collapse of the left. Many cried *foul* after former President Luiz Inacio da Silva, the longtime front-runner in the race, was ruled *ineligible* after he was imprisoned in April to start serving a 12-year sentence for corruption and *money laundering*.

ineligible 不合格的；无选举资格的

money laundering 洗钱

foul 犯规；犯规的

cry foul 伸冤

in line with 与...一致

geopolitical 地缘政治

scale back 缩减

right = conservative

out of favor 失宠

consistency 一致性

authoritarian 独裁主义者

authoritarianism 独裁主义

cult 邪教

despise 鄙视

engrain 根深蒂固的

outrageous 粗暴的；离谱的

set the stage for 打下基础；埋下伏笔

military 军事的

dissident 意见不同的；持不同政见的

dictatorship 独裁；专政