Lauren - Colombia Presentation

* Fuerzas Armadas Revolucionarios de Colombia
  + Born as political movement to institute land reform in 1950s
* Colombia has been mostly right wing in 20th century
* FARC fled from cities to the jungle
* Paramilitary groups and bacrimes
* Former president granted amnesty to paramilitary groups - but now doesn’t want to grant amnesty to FARC
* “Falsos Positivos”
  + Vacation days dependent on killing FARC
    - Faked killings
* FARC primarily near the Pacific coca-growing regions (Narino, Cauca, Putumayo
  + Only 7,000 FARC soldiers in Colombia
    - “Eyes and ears everywhere”
* FARC supports drug trafficking - people engaged in coca farming like them because they come directly to you and buy your coca
* Gov’t does aerial spraying of coca fields - really bad externalities for farmers - they can’t grow other crops or make any money
* The FARC kidnapped people primarily in rural areas
* FARC also bombed a church in the 90s, BUT the people in this town (Bojaya) voted 96% for peace
* [Map of yes vs. no](http://plebiscito.registraduria.gov.co/99PL/DPLZZZZZZZZZZZZZZZZZ_L1.htm)
* Will: radicalization as a result of political disenfranchisement and marginalization