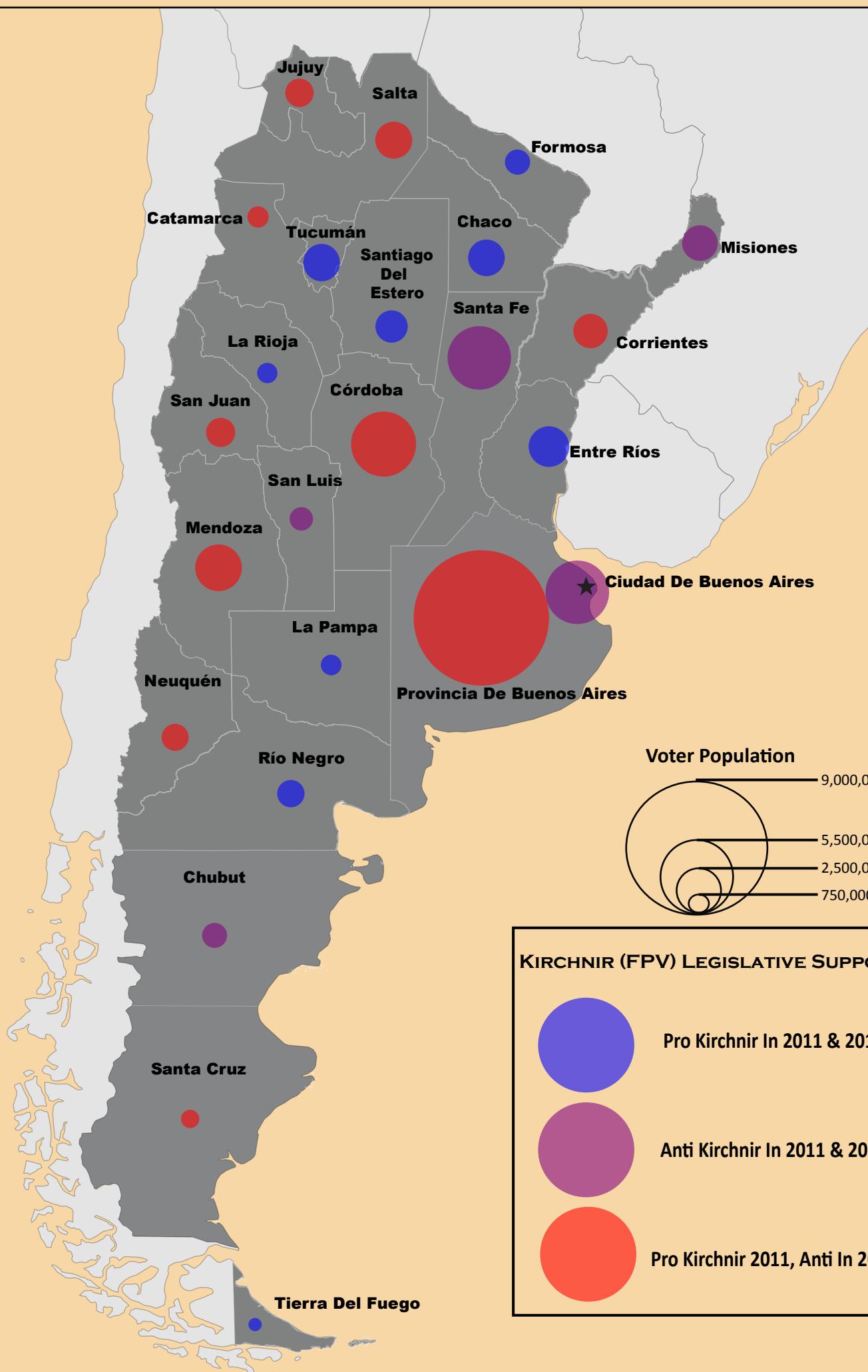
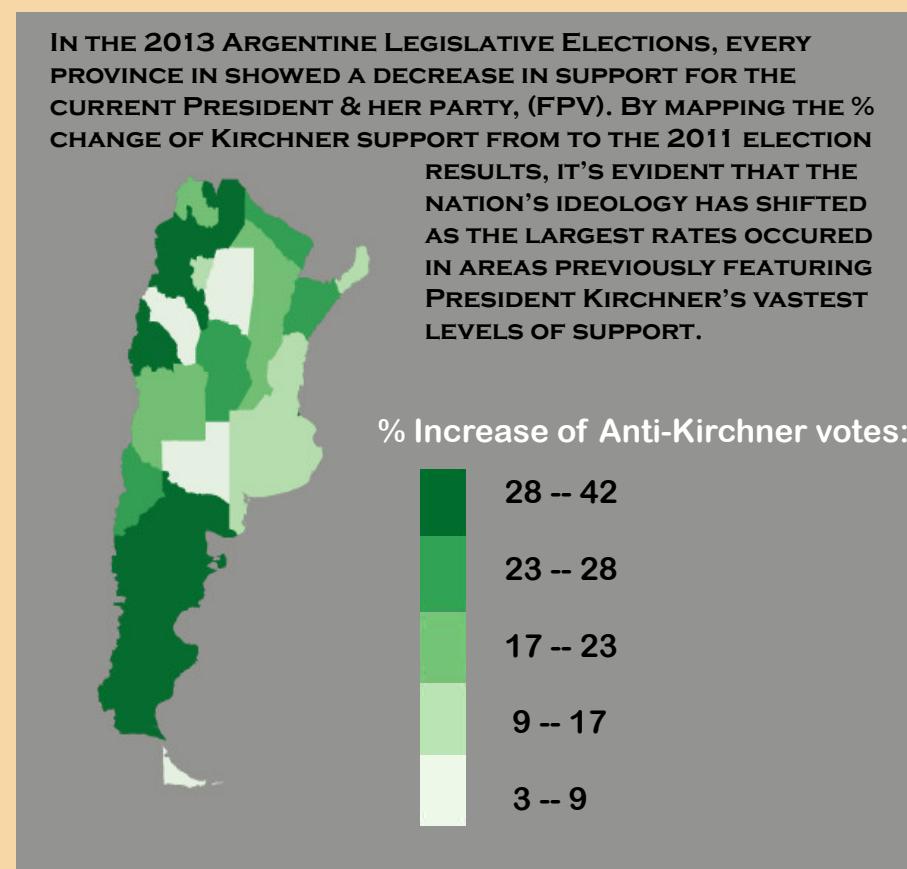


# The End of an Era:

Recent Legislative Elections Show Argentine President Christina Kirchner Fell Short In Her Efforts To Change The Constitution & Run For Her 3rd Term.



FOR THE LAST 10 YEARS THE ARGENTINE GOVERNMENT HAS BEEN RUN BY A KIRCHNER. IN THE MIDST OF HER 2ND TERM AS PRESIDENT, CHRISTINA KIRCHNER – WHO BECAME PRESIDENT WHEN HER LATE HUSBAND AND PRESIDENT, NESTOR DIED FROM HEART FAILURE – DECIDED SHE DIDN'T WANT TO GIVE UP HER POSITION MOVING FORWARD. KIRCHNER HAS OPENLY EXPRESSED HER INTENTIONS TO REMAIN IN POWER BY AMENDING THE CONSTITUTION'S 2 TERM LIMIT. IN ORDER TO DO THIS, KIRCHNER NEEDED TO RETAIN A 2/3 MAJORITY IN THE 2013 PROVINCIAL LEGISLATIVE ELECTIONS, WHICH SHE WAS EXPECTED TO DO EASILY. YET, DUE TO A MYRIAD OF ISSUES ARGENTINA HAS FACED OVER THE PAST FEW YEARS, INCLUDING THE SKYROCKETING INFLATION RATES AND SUBSEQUENT GOVERNMENT DISTRUST, THE 4 MOST POPULACE PROVINCES IN ARGENTINA SHOCKED THE POLITICAL WORLD BY GOING AGAINST THEIR 2011 SUPPORT OF KIRCHNER IN FAVOR OF Viable NEW CANDIDATES RUNNING IN VARIOUS OPPPOSING PARTIES. WHILE HER PARTY (FPV) STILL HOLDS THE MAJORITY IN CONGRESS, KIRCHNER SUFFERED AN ACCUMULATED 33% LOSS IN SUPPORT. IN 2015 ARGENTINA WILL ELECT A PRESIDENT WITHOUT THE KIRCHNER SURNAME, AND WITH THIS CHANGE IN LEADERSHIP – REGARDLESS OF THE NEWCOMER'S SUCCESS – COMES ANOTHER FIRST FOR ARGENTINE'S: EXPERIENCING *TRUE DEMOCRACY*.



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