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# Workers Party debate

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**Brazil is facing a historic presidential election in 2002 which could see the victory of the candidate of the Workers Party, Lula. As the elections approach, debate is sharpening within the party.**

We present here [the positions of the Socialist Democracy \(DS\) tendency of the PT](#), together with [the theses put forward by the DS' slate of candidates in the PT's recent national leadership elections](#) and [the platform of DS supporter Raul Pont, who ran for the presidency of the PT](#).

In the elections the DS slate won 14.75% of the vote, as against 10% in 1999. Raul Pont came second in the presidential election with 17.5% of the vote (in his home state of Rio Grande do Sul Raul scored 47% and the DS slate registered the highest vote of any list). The victorious presidential candidate, Jose Dirceu, won 55% of votes cast.