

Abstract

This bachelor thesis portrays Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva, a Brazilian ex-president and tries to find answers to two suppositions stating that “Bolsa Família led to Lula’s popularity and his reelection in 2006” and “Mensalão – a corruption scandal harmed Lula’s image and affected his political career, while still having been reelected”. Based on this I collected data regarding Lula’s poor childhood, his presidency and especially Bolsa Família and mensalão. An analysis of these dates resulted in verification and falsification of key problems.

Key words

Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva

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