

Roberto D'AUBUISSON Arrieta
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President, Constituent Assembly
(since April 1982)

Addressed as:
Mr. D'Aubuisson

Roberto D'Aubuisson is the leader of the ultrarightist National Republican Alliance (ARENA). ARENA polled the most votes of any of the right-of-center political parties that participated in the March 1982 elections for the Constituent Assembly. The US Ambassador to El Salvador has told the press that D'Aubuisson's popularity as leader of ARENA can be attributed to the fact that he appeals to many people who are attracted to the idea of restoring law and order with a strongman.

After his election as Assembly President, D'Aubuisson announced that human rights in El Salvador would be guaranteed and that the social and economic reforms begun in October 1979 would be continued but would be promoted in the future with "technique, speed, and social dynamics."

D'Aubuisson was born into a middle-class family in Santa Tecla, a suburb of San Salvador. (His mother, a retired civil servant, is now living on a state pension.) He entered military school at the age of 15 and was assigned to the National Guard after graduation. He has attended intelligence courses at private police academies in New York and Virginia. D'Aubuisson, 38, is married to the former Yolanda Munguía and has two sons and two daughters.

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