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Slovenia shows what proportional representation can do

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I celebrate this historic win in Slovenia:

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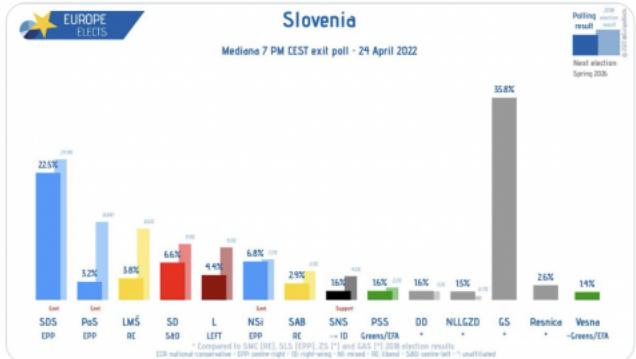
BREAKING: #Slovenia exit polls show landslide defeat of far-right Prime Minister Janež Janša (a friend of Hungary's autocrat Orbán).

This green-centrist landslide is another win for democracy & European values!

And a bad day for Putin 😡

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 The chart shows the results of the 2022 Slovenian election. The y-axis represents the percentage of votes. The x-axis lists political parties: SDS (EPP), PoS (EPP), LMS (RE), SD (SD), L (LEFT), NSI (EPP), SAB (RE), SNS (RE), PSS (Greens/ETA), DD (DD), NLGZD (NLGZD), GS (GS), Resnice (Resnice), and Vesna (-Greens/ETA). The legend indicates the 2022 election result (blue) and the 2020 election result (grey). The 2022 results show a significant shift, particularly for the Freedom Movement (GS) which won 35.8% of the vote.

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As [The Guardian notes](#):

Political newcomer liberal Robert Golob has defeated Slovenia's three-time prime minister, populist conservative Janez Janša, in elections in a country split by bitter political divisions over the rule of law.

Golob's Freedom Movement (GS), which he launched only in January, has built on anger with Janša's regime in the former Yugoslav state.

The opposition accuses Janša of having tried to undermine democratic institutions and press freedoms since he returned to power in 2020.

With almost all the votes counted on Sunday in the country of around two million people, GS stood at 34.5% of the vote compared with 23.6% for Janša's Slovenian Democratic party.

If the third paragraph sounds familiar that is because I think it should.

This is what proportional representation can do, of course.

If only we could build the same confidence for a green / socially liberal alliance here.