



## Georgian Parliamentary Elections 2016: Preliminary results

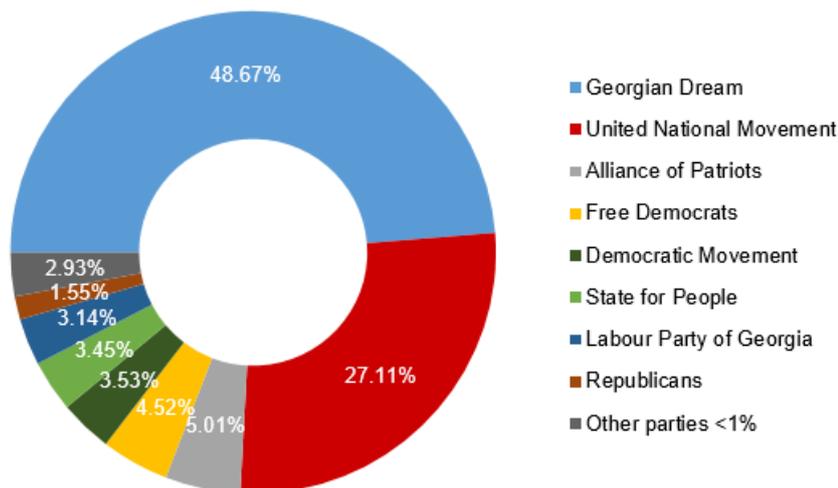
On 8 October the Georgian people voted to elect a new parliament and government in an election declared free and fair by international observers. The successful conduct and results of this vote confirm Georgia's continued European and Euro-Atlantic integration path. Preliminary results show a clear victory for the ruling Georgian Dream party, and more generally for pro-Western parties which took more than 80% of the vote. On 30 October, a second round will be held in 48 majoritarian electoral districts, while four precincts of two election districts will hold repeat votes for majoritarian MPs on 22 October, after the first results were annulled by the CEC. [More details](#).

The election was monitored by 30,000 non-partisan observers from 55 International delegations and over 100 national organisations. In spite of a few isolated incidents currently being investigated, the vote was widely confirmed as meeting democratic standards and fundamental rights, with the results reflecting the will of the Georgian people.

*“This was a truly free and fair election, which firmly cements Georgia’s democracy. I would like to thank all foreign and domestic election observers for their commitment to Georgia’s democracy and help in protecting the will of the Georgian people” - Prime Minister Giorgi Kvirikashvili*

### Official results by Central Election Commission

Georgia's Central Election Commission (CEC) has counted all the votes. According to the preliminary results, three parties passed the 5% threshold and have gained seats in Parliament: The Georgian Dream (48.67%), the United National Movement (27.11%), and the Alliance of Patriots (5.006%).



### What observers from intergovernmental organisations have said about the elections:

- [Joint Statement by the OSCE/ODIHR, OSCE PA, PACE, NATO PA, and EP](#): “The 8 October parliamentary elections in Georgia were competitive, well-administered and fundamental freedoms were generally respected.”

- [Guglielmo Picchi, head of the OSCE PA delegation](#): “The elections have lived up to our expectations, with voters focusing primarily on the country’s future and getting there through competitive elections.”
- [Ignacio Sanchez Amor, special coordinator and leader of the short-term OSCE observer mission](#): “Strongly competitive and well-run, yesterday’s elections offered an opportunity for voters to make informed choices about their options in a pluralistic but polarized media environment.”
- [Paolo Alli, Head of the NATO PA delegation](#): “Georgia has reaffirmed its status as the leader of democratic transformation in this region. [...] The conduct of this election is greatly encouraging for all those who support Georgia on its path towards Euro-Atlantic integration.”
- [Amb. Alexandre Keltchewsky, Head of the OSCE/ODIHR long-term EOM](#): “Fundamental rights were respected during a competitive campaign and [...] the election administration earned the trust and confidence of electoral stakeholders”.
- [EU HR/VP Federica Mogherini & Commissioner for Neighbourhood Johannes Hahn](#): “Election Day generally proceeded in an orderly manner, but tensions increased during the day and several violent altercations took place near and in polling stations. However, voting was assessed positively in almost all polling stations.”
- [OSCE/ODIHR International Election Observation Mission – Statement of Preliminary Findings and Conclusions](#): “The elections were managed at all levels in a timely and professional manner. [...] All CEC sessions were open to observers, party and media representatives. Throughout the process, the CEC enjoyed a high level of confidence amongst stakeholders.”

#### Other electoral observers' assessment:

- [International Society for Fair Elections and Democracy](#)
- [Transparency International Georgia](#)
- [National Democratic Institute – International Observation Mission](#)
- [International Republican Institute](#)
- [UK Minister for Europe, Sir Alan Duncan](#)
- [Spanish Ministry of Foreign Affairs](#)
- [German Foreign Minister Frank Walter Steinmeier](#)
- [Embassy of the USA to Georgia](#)
- [CEC Chairperson Statement](#)
- [Party of European Socialists](#)
- [Atlantic Council](#)

#### In main international media:

Positive assessments of international observers have also been reported by [Bloomberg](#), the [Huffington Post](#), and the [Financial Times](#), which in a second article [specified](#) that “observers said that the incidents were not widespread enough to alter the outcome of the vote. The Spanish agency [EFE](#) also said that “the authorities reported that the Election Day went by peacefully” [Editor’s note: translated from Spanish]. French outlets [Liberation](#), [Le Point](#), and [RFI](#) also reported on the positive electoral process.