



Poland Set for Reshuffle As Opposition Gain Ground on Entrenched Right-Wing Party

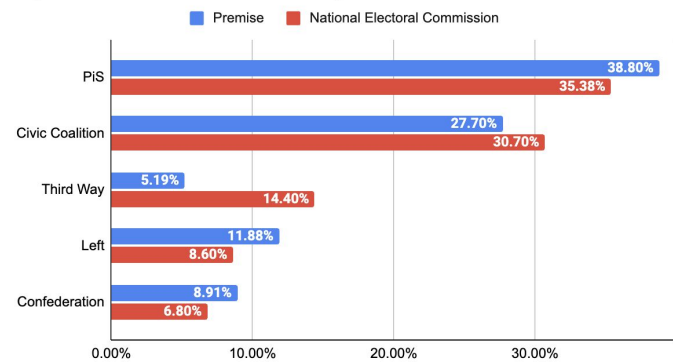
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In a stunning turn of events, Poland's opposition parties - Civic Coalition, Third Way, and Left - emerged as the victors in a high-stakes parliamentary election. This victory came at a time when Poland is facing significant challenges, including high inflation, a strained relationship with the EU, and a mounting refugee crisis. The victory of Poland's opposition signifies a promise of change, with pledges to reverse several of the Law and Justice (PiS) party's judicial reforms, including the near-total abortion ban introduced in 2021. In anticipation of the October 15th parliamentary election, Premise conducted a nationally representative survey using its unique research technology platform. **The results were remarkable, with Premise's predictions aligning with the unprecedented voter turnout rate, a clear PiS majority, and Civic Coalition closely trailing behind.**

Insights

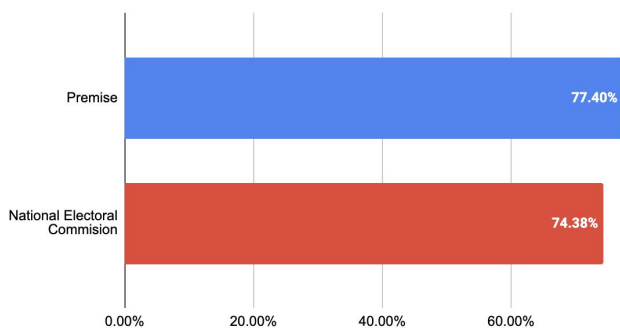
- Premise predicted a **77.4% voter turnout rate**, just 3% variance from the record-breaking official voter turnout of 74.4%.
- Among decided voters, Premise predicted a **PiS majority of 38.8% of votes**, just a **3.4% deviation from the official polling result of 35.4%**.
- **At 27.7%**, Premise's forecast for **Civic Coalition was also remarkably close**, with a 3% variance from the the official polling result of 30.7%.
- **58% of Poles said that inflation in the past 12 months has influenced their voting decision**, reaffirming that the country's inflation rate, third highest in the EU, is still being felt by voters
- Furthermore, **64% believe Eastern border security influenced their voting decisions**, while 46% believed that the issue of immigration from Eastern and African countries had an impact on their party preferences.
- Amidst this polarizing election, **73% believe hate speech and lies were present in this year's election campaigns.**

Figure 1: Poland's Parliamentary Election Results



Source: [Poland's National Electoral Commission](#)

Figure 2: Voter Turnout Rate



Methodology

From October 3rd to October 11th 2023, Premise polled a stratified sample of 576 adults representative by age and gender, across Poland. Premise was able to field responses from all 16 provinces in Poland. Post-stratification weights were then applied to the results.

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