

Less Than Half of Russians Would Vote for Putin Today – State Poll

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Less than half of Russians would vote for President Vladimir Putin in a new presidential election, according to a closed state-run survey obtained by the RBC news website.

Putin [won](#) reelection with nearly 77 percent of the vote in March 2018, extending his presidency for another six-year term.

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If the elections were held this Sunday, only 48 percent of Russians said they would vote for Putin, according to the state-run FOM polling agency's survey [cited](#) by RBC on Wednesday.

Putin's electoral rating averaged 47 percent over the past year, public data on FOM's website [said](#).

FOM conducted the closed survey between mid-March and early April at the request of the

Kremlin, RBC reported.

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Another state-funded polling agency said last week that trust in Putin has dropped to 13-year lows.

Russians “don’t believe that life tomorrow will be better than today,” Valery Fyodorov, the head of the state-funded VTsIOM pollster that published last week’s poll, told Dozhd TV regarding the president’s low trust levels.

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