

Putin's Party Keeps Parliament Supermajority in Controversial Election – Final Results

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A meeting of the Russian Central Election Commission to discuss the official results of the 2021 Russian parliamentary election. **Vladimir Gerdo / TASS**

The ruling, pro-Putin United Russia party kept its supermajority in the lower house of parliament despite critics claiming mass fraud and tampering during the three-day election, according to final results <u>announced</u> by election officials Friday.

Russia's opposition has raised strong doubts over the results' legitimacy after remote voting showed United Russia candidates taking every single-mandate district in Moscow despite several candidates falling behind by large margins in in-person voting. United Russia also dominated challengers in party-list voting, winning just shy of a 50% majority. Election officials deny mass fraud and <u>said</u> an audit of e-voting in Moscow revealed no problems.

The Sept. 17-19 elections followed an unprecedented crackdown on the opposition, starting with the August 2020 poisoning and January 2021 imprisonment of Kremlin critic Alexei

Navalny; the pressure, disqualification and imprisonment of his allies and other opposition candidates; and the blacklisting of election observers and changes to election laws in the runup to the vote.

Here's a full list of the parties that will legislate for the next five years in the 450-seat State Duma:

United Russia: 324 (-19 seats compared to previous elections in 2016)

Communist Party: 57 (+15 seats)

Liberal Democratic Party (LDPR): 21 (-18 seats)

A Just Russia — For Truth: 27 (+4 seats)

New People: 13 (New party, not represented in 2016)

Civic Platform: 1 (Unchanged)

Rodina: 1 (Unchanged)

Party of Growth: 1 (+1)

Independent: 5 (+4)

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