

# Do Muscovites Believe Russia's Election Results?

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Russian President Vladimir Putin secured a fifth term in power after he took home more than 87% of the votes in the 2024 presidential race, election officials said earlier this week.

But Putin's victory was never in doubt, with his major opponents in exile, imprisoned or dead, all the while the Kremlin has waged an unrelenting crackdown on public dissent since invading Ukraine in February 2022.

At the same time, the three-day voting period was marred by widespread reports of fraud, pressure on voters and restrictions on independent election monitors.

So, do Russians believe Putin really won? We asked people on the streets of Moscow what they think.

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