

SLOVENIA

	Pop	FL	FR	ES	Best %	Last %	Government
Levica	X	X		X	9.3	4.4	2022-present
N.Si (POP since 2011; FR since 2015)	X		X		9.1	6.9	2004-2008 2012-2013 2020-2022
SDS (POP since 2000; FR since 2015)	X		X		29.2	23.5	1990-1992 1992-1994 2000 2004-2008 2012-2013 2020-2022
LMŠ (until 2018)	(X)				12.6	3.7	2018-2020
PoS	X				3.4	3.4	
Resni.ca	X			X	2.9	2.9	
SJN	X				2.6	n/a	
SNS	X		X	X	10.0	1.5	
SSS		X			5.37	n/a	
ZL	X	X		X	6.0	n/a	

Parties represented in parliament:

Levica (Left) is a populist far-left party established in 2017 as a successor of the United Left coalition, active between 2014 and 2017. The party stands for ecological and democratic socialism, sustainability, democratic economy planning, workplace democracy, and adopts an anti-NATO and Eurosceptic stance. Between 2018 and 2019, Levica provided external support to the government

coalition led by PM Marjan Šarec. The party gained 4.4% of the vote in the 2022 election and then formed a coalition government with the green-liberal Svoboda! (Freedom!) and the Social Democrats.

Nova Slovenija – Krščanski Demokrati (New Slovenia – Christian Democrats, N.Si) party is a populist far-right party founded in 2000 as a breakaway from the Slovenian People's Party and Slovene Christian Democrats (SLS+SKD). The party started out as a traditional Christian conservative party but progressively turned into a populist (since 2011) and far-right (since 2015) force. The N.Si is currently nationalist, anti-immigrant, anti-LGBTQI+, socially and fiscally conservative as well as pro-business and economically neoliberal. The party has joined each of the three Janša-led governments and supported crackdowns on liberal civil society, subscribed to cronyism and rent-seeking, and endorsed institutions managed by the Slovenian Catholic Church. In the 2022 election, N.Si obtained 6.9% of the vote.

The ***Slovenska Demokratska Stranka (Slovenian Democratic Party, SDS)*** is a populist far-right party founded in 1989 and continuously led by Janez Janša since 1993. The SDS started out as a moderate force but progressively turned into a populist (since 2000) and far-right (since 2015) party. The SDS is currently nationalist, anti-immigrant, socially conservative, and economically liberal, with a generic pro-EU outlook. The SDS has been embroiled in several scandals over the years, including a conviction for bribery for Janša in 2013. The party bears a very strained relationship with the (independent) media and has supported crackdowns on liberal civil society. The party came first in the 2018 general election (24.9% of the vote) but was able to form a government (2020-2022) only after the collapse of the coalition led by the List of Marjan Šarec. In the 2022 election, the SDS lost to the green-liberal Svoboda! (Freedom!), gaining 23.5% of the vote.

Parties not/no longer represented in parliament:

Povežimo Slovenijo (Let's Connect Slovenia, PoS) is a borderline populist right-wing coalition including five established and newly formed conservative political parties active in rural areas of Slovenia, i.e. the Slovenian People's Party (SLS), Concretely (Konkretno), New People's Party of Slovenia (NLS), New Social Democracy (NSD), and Green Slovenia (ZS). The official agreement between the parties was signed in February 2022. PoS managed 3.4% of the vote in the 2022 election, failing to cross the threshold.

Resni.ca (Truth) is a populist party founded in 2021 by Zoran Stevanović. The party emerged in reaction to COVID-19 restrictions and has a pronounced conspiracist outlook. The party is ideologically ambiguous and presents anti-corruption, nationalist, and Eurosceptic elements. The party contested the 2022 election returning 2.9% of votes and no MPs.

Slovenija Je Naša (Slovenia Is Ours, SJN) was a marginal populist party founded in 2004 by four-time mayor of Koper, Boris Popovič. The party was regionalist and pro-business. SJN peaked at 2.6% of the vote in the 2004 election and never managed parliamentary representation.

The ***Slovenska Nacionalna Stranka (Slovenian National Party, SNS)*** is a populist far-right party founded in 1991 by Zmago Jelinčič Plemeniti. The party is anti-immigrant, anti-NATO, and hard Eurosceptic. Although liberal on issues such as abortion and religion, the SNS firmly opposes same-sex marriage and is anti-Islam. The party peaked at 10.0% of the vote in the 1992 election.

The ***Socialistična Stranka Slovenije (Socialist Party of Slovenia, SSS)*** was a far-left party founded in 1990 as the successor of the Socialist Union of Working People of Slovenia. The party was

democratic socialist and supported Slovenian independence from Yugoslavia. The SSS scored 5.4% of the vote in the 1990 election but failed to re-enter parliament in 1992. The party merged into Liberal Democracy of Slovenia in 1994.

Lista Marjana Šarca (List of Marjan Šarec, LMŠ) is a former populist party (until 2018) founded in 2014 by the homonymous former comedian and Kamnik mayor Marjan Šarec. The LMŠ is an anti-establishment and anti-corruption social-liberal force advocating reform in different areas (e.g. electoral system, public administration, IT, environment, etc.). Šarec ranked second in the 2017 presidential election and scored 12.6% of the vote in the 2018 general election. The party largely dropped its populist profile upon forming a short-lived minority government (2018-2020) with the Social Democrats, the Modern Centre Party, the Party of Alenka Bartušek, and the Democratic Party of Pensioners, listing Šarec as PM. The party scored 3.7% of the vote in the 2022 election and thus lost parliamentary representation.

Združena Levica (United Left, ZL) was a populist far-left coalition founded in 2014 and including the Democratic Labour Party, Party for Sustainable Development of Slovenia, and Initiative for Democratic Socialism. The coalition had a populist anti-establishment profile and sought to present a democratic socialist alternative to the neoliberal status quo. ZL was Eurosceptic and advocated thorough reform of the EU. The coalition dissolved in 2017, when it was succeeded by Levica.