

POLITICAL PARTY GERB WINS 2014 EUROPEAN ELECTIONS

GERB INTERNATIONAL BULLETIN

The Political landscape in Bulgaria

Party	Support %	Seats in EP
Citizens for European Development of Bulgaria	30.40	6
Coalition for Bulgaria	18.94	4
Movement for Rights and Freedoms	17.26	4
Bulgaria Without Censorship	10.66	2
Reformist Bloc	6.45	1

*GERB - centre-right party, member of the EPP

Coalition for Bulgaria - centre-left electoral alliance led by the Bulgarian Socialist Party (BSP), member of PES

Movement for Rights and Freedoms – ethnic Turkish party, member of ALDE

Bulgaria Without Censorship – recently-found political party

Reformist Bloc – centre-right electorate alliance, member of EPP

Political Party GERB (Citizens for European Development of Bulgaria) achieved a third consecutive resounding victory at Bulgaria's European elections. Boyko Borissov's party not only won the elections, but also defeated the Chairman of the Bulgarian Socialist Party and President of PES, Sergey Stanishev. His party, leading the Coalition for Bulgaria, received 11,5% less support than GERB, which is currently in opposition. Bulgarian people clearly demonstrated that they do not want the nationalist party ATAKA in Europe. ATAKA does not receive necessary support by the people and they are not going to be represented in the European Parliament.

With 30.40 % of the electorate's support, GERB secured six seats out of seventeen in the European Parliament.

Our candidate MEPs led an active pro-European campaign: together they travelled more than 14.000 km, visited various locations and met thousands of Bulgarians. The GERB team reached people from different social groups and geographic regions in order to spread the constructive and positive messages of the party, to explain how our candidates will represent the Bulgarian citizens in the EU. With hard work and dedication, we deserved people's trust.

The European elections demonstrated that GERB is the preferred political party in almost every Bulgarian regional city, big city, as well as in the capital city Sofia. GERB was also overwhelmingly supported by the Bulgarians abroad - with 38.73% of the votes in comparison to 5.40% for the Bulgarian Socialist Party, currently heading the cabinet in Bulgaria.

After two consecutive landslide victories of our party - considering the parliamentary elections in 2013 - we are convinced that the current government headed by the Prime Minister Plamen



Oresharski and the BSP, supported by Movement for Rights and Freedoms and ATAKA a nationalist party must resign and that new preliminary elections must be held immediately.

The following facts support our demand:

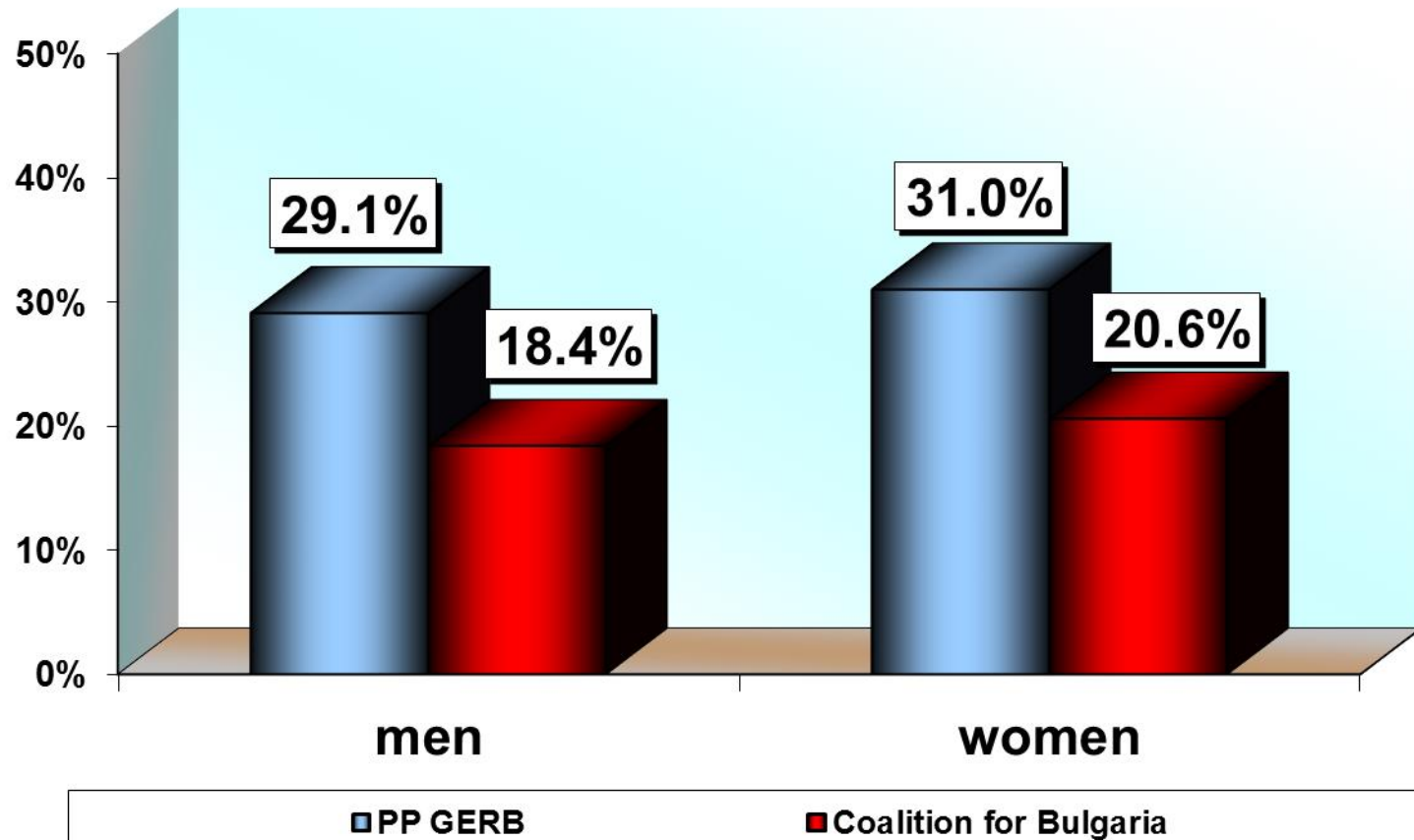
- For a year now, Bulgarians all over the country have attended demonstrations against the current government, demanding immediate resignation. Attracting more than 20 000 people daily in their peak, the protests clearly illustrate the total lack of legitimacy of the Oresharski cabinet.
- Each day the current cabinet remains in charge is a lost day not only for Bulgaria, but also for our European future. The BSP-led government supported by the Movement for Rights and Freedom and the nationalist party ATAKA fails to comply with EU legislation and regulations, leading to the erosion of trust in Bulgaria as an EU partner. A recent example for this is the passing of a law aimed at circumventing the Third Energy Package in order to avoid EU control over the South Stream project on Bulgarian territory.
- On national level, the current government has failed to implement numerous necessary reforms passed by GERB – such as the new law for schooling, aimed to raise the level of primary education; the introduction of online public services; reforms aimed at improving the business environment, reducing the administrative burden, irrelevant reforms were made in the security sector, this took away Bulgaria from the Euro-Atlantic integration and increased the percentage of household and organize crime.
- The unemployment rate in the county has reached 13,2% since BSP came into power, in comparison to 12% during GERB's rule and in times of toughest economic crisis. Youth unemployment in Bulgaria has now reached staggering 30%.
- Due to the controversial economic decisions of the current government, Bulgaria's GDP will barely achieve growth of 1% in 2014. Moreover, there is a clear trend of surging consumption and investment in the past twelve months, which will prevent the economy from recovering in the near future.
- The loans taken by the current government have increased the national debt and undermine the fiscal stability. Last year, the coalition government borrowed 1 billion BGN, thereby raising the budget deficit to 2% of GDP. There is also no transparency as to what more than half of the loan has been spent for.

These and many other controversial decisions of the BSP-led government have motivated GERB, other opposition parties, and the largest part of the Bulgarian population to demand the resignation of the Oresharski cabinet.

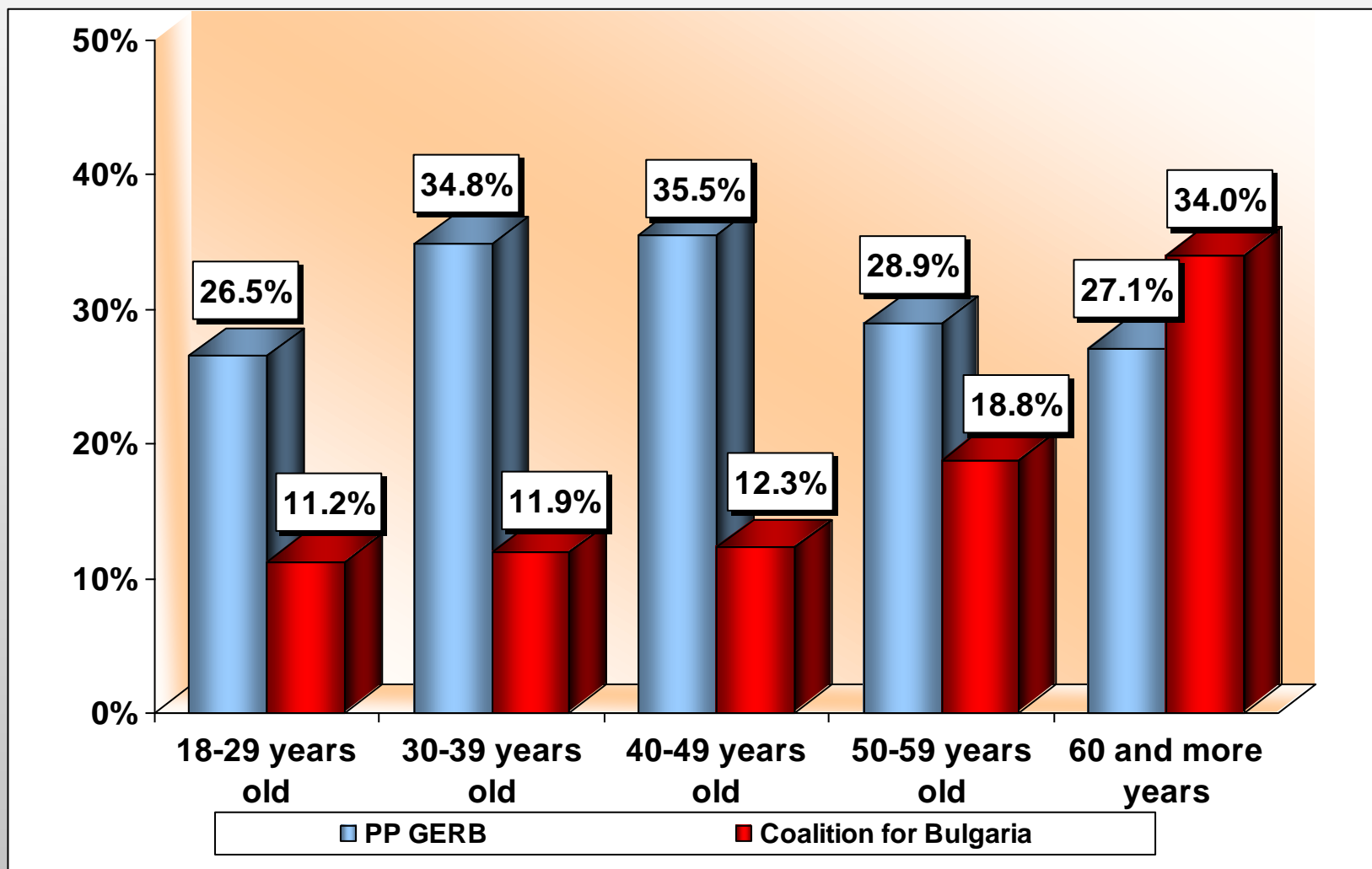
PP GERB is proud to have received overwhelming support at the recent European elections and is confident that such results will be observed if early elections are held in Bulgaria.

- *Enclosed to the GERB Bulletin you will find data on the electoral attitudes in Bulgaria for the main political parties – Political Party GERB, Member of the European People's Party and Bulgarian Socialist Party, Member of the Party of the European Socialist.*

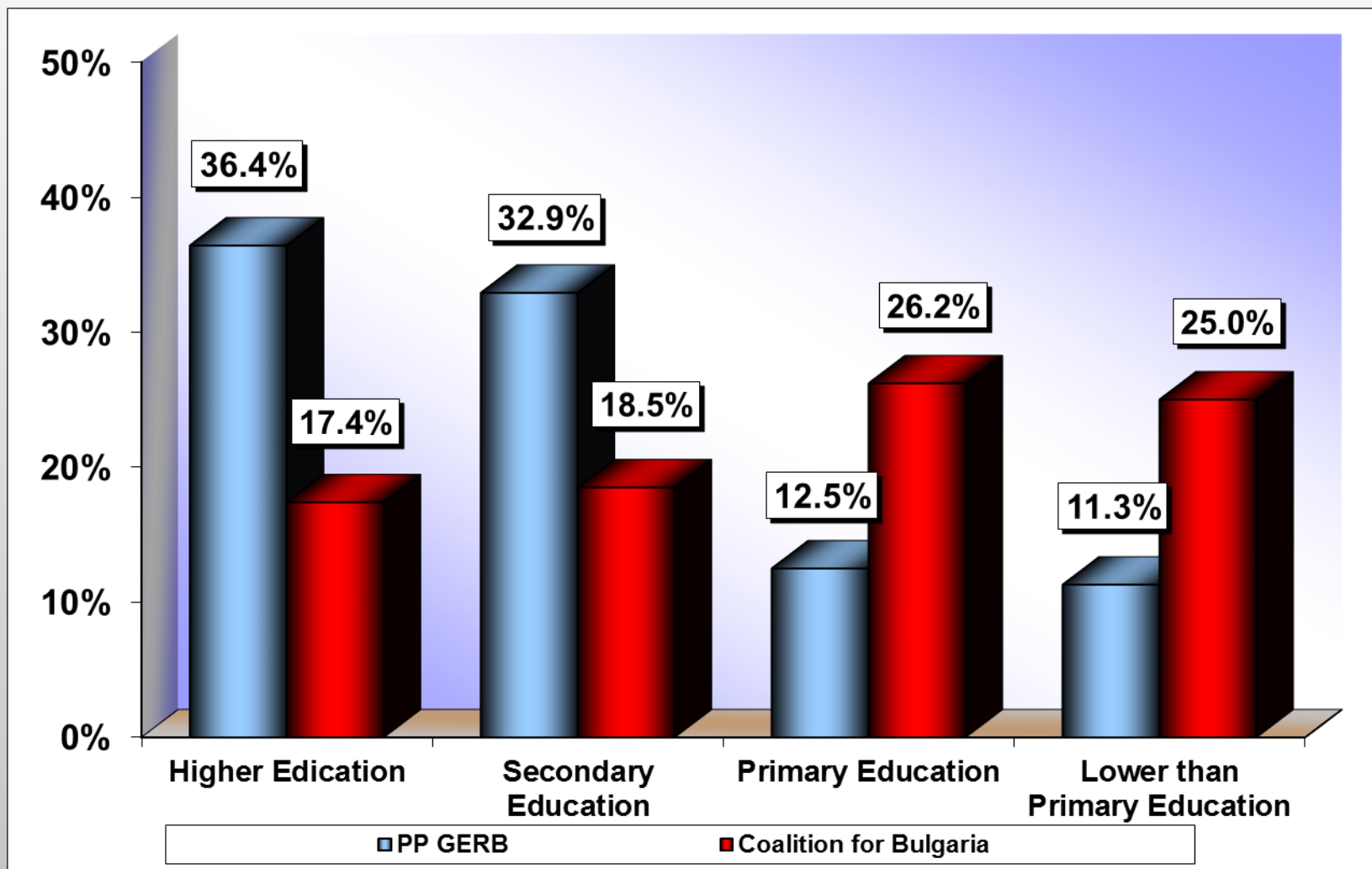
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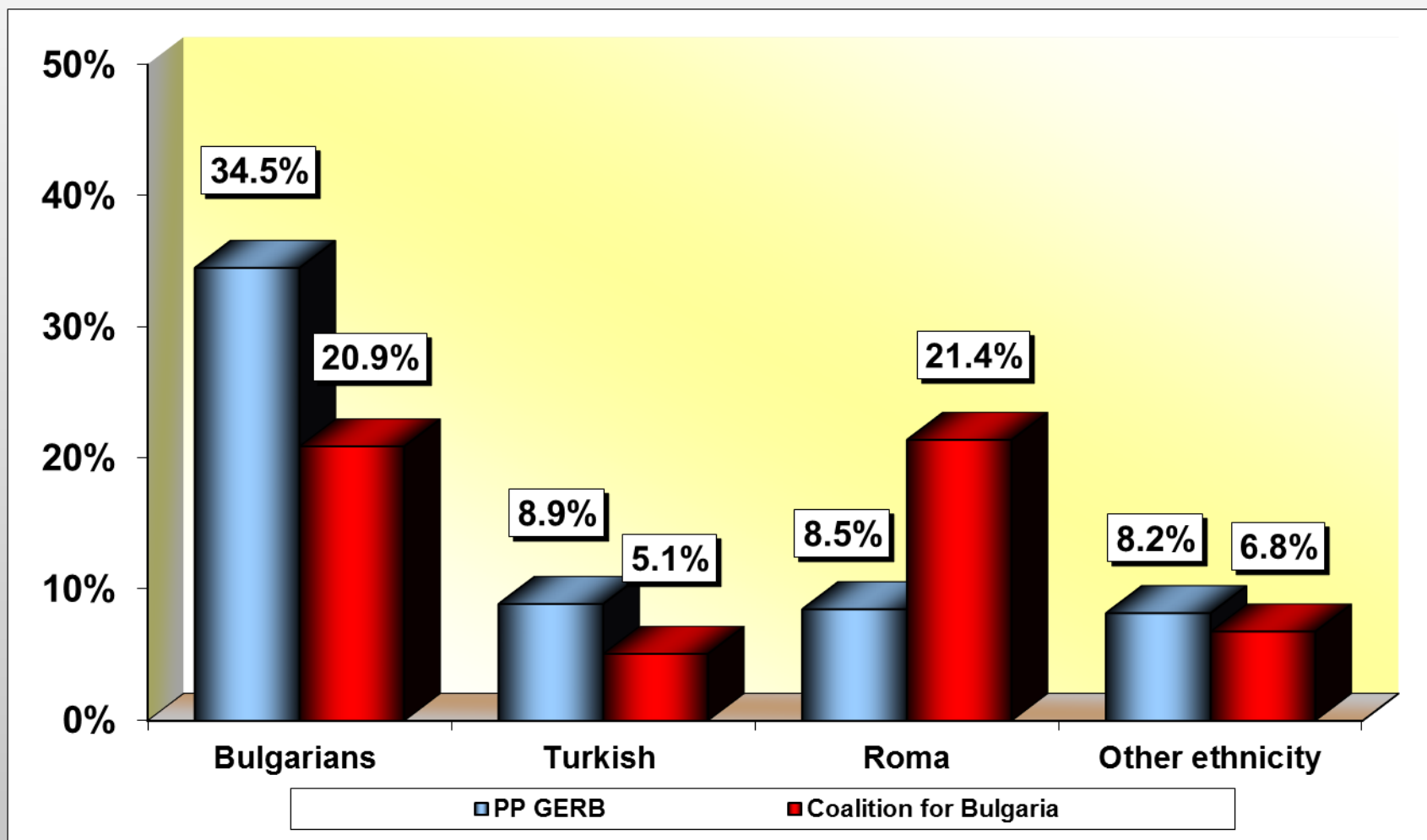
Distribution of the votes for GERB and Coalition for Bulgaria according the age basis



Distribution of the votes for GERB and Coalition for Bulgaria according the educational basis



Distribution of the votes for GERB and Coalition for Bulgaria according the ethnicity



Distribution of the votes for GERB and Coalition for Bulgaria according the type of settlement

