



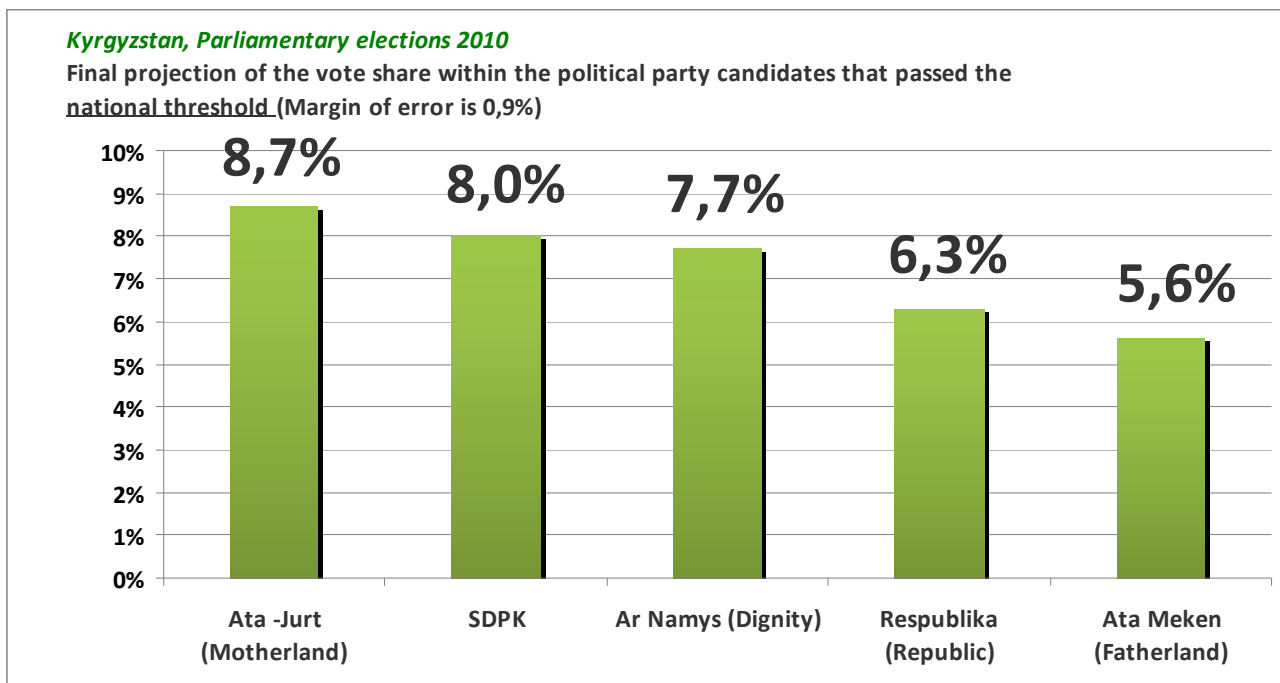
Coalition for Democracy and Civil Society

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PRESS RELEASE: Coalitions Findings on the Tabulation Process Using Statistically-Based Observation

Coalition for Democracy and Civil Society (Coalition) collected information regarding the quality of the tabulation process, voting results and turnout from 1000 short-term observers deployed to a random sample of 500 polling stations, representative of the territory of the Republic of Kyrgyzstan. As was previously stated in its press conference on October 11, 2010, Coalition waited for 100% of the protocol results to be entered into shailoo.gov.kg before projecting these final results of its statistically-based observation (SBO). The sample allows the Coalition to project voting results for the whole country within a margin of error of +/-0.9% (at the 95% confidence level). These calculations were based off of the total voters list at the end of the vote count.

Based on the data collected, Coalition concludes that the results projected by the Coalition track very closely with the results currently reported by the Central Election Commission. The Coalition found the following five parties have exceeded the national 5% threshold: Ata-Zhurt, SDPK, Ar Namys (Dignity), Respublika (Republic) and Ata Meken (Fatherland). While the Coalition is able to project party vote share percentages, we cannot comment on the exact number of votes received for each party.



Based on their data, the Coalition projected a voter turnout of 54.8% (ME +/- 1.5%). The closest party to but below the national 5% threshold was Butun Kyrgyzstan. While the Coalition cannot comment on the exact number of votes Butun Kyrgyzstan has received, we have confidence in the Central Election

Commission's tabulation and that the CEC will thoroughly investigate any complaints regarding the increase of voters in the final voters list and any other issues officially filed by contestants.

The Coalition is not able to comment on the parties that have surpassed the 0.5% regional threshold at this time.

These projections corroborate the Central Election Commission's preliminary results, and the Coalition encourages Kyrgyz citizens to have confidence in the commission throughout the post-election period. In 92% of the polling stations, no gross violations occurred during the vote count. In addition, for 99% of the polling stations, the proper sequence for procedures was followed during the vote count. The Coalition encourages political contestants to verify any questions or concerns they may have about results to these official protocols.

However the Coalition did note some irregularities in the tabulation process. Turnout was unusually high in certain areas of Osh City, Bishkek and Jalalabad oblast, in addition to a number of violations observers reported there. Moreover, the Coalition's data shows that the mobile voting turnout nationwide was very high.

In a number of cases, polling officials did not understand how to fill out protocols properly resulting in logical inconsistencies and incomplete information in protocols. The Coalition found minor-to-major problems with over 30% of protocols submitted and had to conduct additional follow-up to ensure accurate information regarding the tabulation was collected.

Although the Coalition trusts the final tabulation done by the CEC, we are concerned by the increase in the final voters list by approximately 150,000 voters, and we urge reform of the list and registration procedures before the next elections.

The Coalition for Democracy and Civil Society (Coalition) is an independent, non-partisan and neutral organization working to strengthen democracy and build civil society in the Kyrgyz Republic. Coalition has conducted independent monitoring of elections since 1999.

Coalition carried out long-term and short-term observation of the October 10, 2010 parliamentary elections. The observation effort involves Coalition's leadership, one lawyer, four analysts, team of 107 long-term observers (LTOs), who are conducting their observation in all 56 rayons (46 rayons and 10 cities of oblast) of the country since August 23, 2010, 64 short-term observation coordinators, 1000 short-term observers and 25 operators.

The observation effort is supported by the National Democratic Institute (NDI), the United States Agency for International Development (USAID), Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE), British Embassy, the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), EU and Embassy of Austria.

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