

Electoral System Change in New Democracies

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Parties versus Individual Politicians

	Parties	Individual politicians
Object of choice	Party programme as 'value package'	Individual as a lone voice or 'wise judge'
Basis of competition	Pooled resources	Individual resources
Basis of accountability	Parties are judged on the basis of collective policy outputs	Individuals are judged on the basis of individual decisions

Table 2: Electoral Systems in Post-Communist Europe and the Former Soviet Union

Country	Freedom House Rating 2006	Initial System	2006 System
Albania	Partly free	SMD	Mixed
Armenia	Partly free	Mixed	Mixed
Azerbaijan	Not free	Mixed	SMD
Belarus	Not free	SMD	SMD
Bosnia & H.	Partly free	PR	PR
Bulgaria	Free	Mixed	PR
Croatia	Free	Mixed	PR
Czech Republic	Free	PR (open lists)	PR (open lists)
Estonia	Free	PR (open lists)	PR (open lists)
Georgia	Partly free	Mixed	Mixed
Hungary	Free	Mixed	Mixed
Kazakhstan	Not free	SMD	Mixed
Kyrgyzstan	Partly free	SMD	SMD
Latvia	Free	PR (open lists)	PR (open lists)
Lithuania	Free	Mixed	Mixed
Macedonia	Partly free	SMD	PR
Moldova	Partly free	PR	PR
Montenegro	Free	Mixed	PR
Poland	Free	PR (open lists)	PR (open lists)
Romania	Free	PR	PR
Russia	Not free	Mixed	PR
Serbia	Free	Mixed	PR
Slovakia	Free	PR (open lists)	PR (open lists)
Slovenia	Free	PR (open lists)	PR (open lists)
Tadjikistan	Not free	SMD	Mixed
Turkmenistan	Not free	SMD	SMD
Ukraine	Free	SMD	PR
Uzbekistan	Not free	SMD	SMD

Table 3: Democracy and Electoral Systems in Post-Communist Europe and the Former Soviet Union (2006)

	'Free'	'Partly Free'	'Not Free'
PR systems – open list	6	0	0
PR systems – closed list	6	2	1
Mixed systems	2	3	2
SMD systems	0	1	4

Ratings of 'freedom' are taken from the Freedom House's *Freedom in the World 2006*, available at www.freedomhouse.org.

Table 4: Electoral Systems in Latin America

Country	Freedom House Rating 2006	Electoral System 2006
Argentina	Free	PR
Bolivia	Partly free	Mixed
Brazil	Free	PR (open list)
Chile	Free	PR (open list)
Colombia	Partly free	PR
Costa Rica	Free	PR
Ecuador	Partly free	PR (open list)
El Salvador	Free	PR
Guatemala	Partly free	PR
Honduras	Partly free	PR
Mexico	Free	Mixed
Nicaragua	Partly free	PR
Panama	Free	PR
Paraguay	Partly free	PR
Peru	Free	PR (open list)
Uruguay	Free	PR (open list)
Venezuela	Partly free	Mixed

Table 5: Democracy and Electoral Systems in Latin America (2006)

	'Free'	'Partly Free'	'Not Free'
PR systems – open list	4	1	---
PR systems – closed list	4	5	---
Mixed systems	1	2	---
SMD systems	---	---	---

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