

Ukraine comedian Zelensky wins presidency in landslide

Notes & Cues:	Article: <p>A comedian with no political experience won a landslide victory in Ukraine's presidential election on Sunday. Volodymyr Zelensky, whose only previous political role was playing the president in a TV show, trounced incumbent Petro Poroshenko by taking 73 percent of the vote, according to partial official results.</p> <p>It was an extraordinary outcome to a campaign that started as a joke but struck a chord with voters frustrated by social injustice, corruption and a war in eastern Ukraine that has claimed some 13, 000 lives.</p> <p>"I will never let you down, " Zelensky told jubilant supporters at his campaign headquarters where he was showered with glittering confetti.</p> <p>On the streets of the capital Kiev, some Ukrainians expressed guarded optimism about their new leader. "Ukraine has passed the democracy test, " said Mykola, a 66-year-old pensioner. "I hope it will be the people and not the elite who will live better."</p> <p>From Ukrainian-speaking regions in the west of the country to Russian-speaking territories in the war-torn east, many voters said they feared uncertainty but yearned for change.</p> <p>"I think it just cannot get any worse and I hope he'll live up to his promises, " said Larisa, an 18-year-old student from the government-held eastern port city of Mariupol.</p>
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