

# PORTUGAL AFTER THE ELECTIONS



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# 01 WHO WON?

The AD currently has the upper hand with 29,49%, but the Socialists are trailing them by a margin of less than a 1% - roughly 50 thousand votes.

However, the overseas votes - a universe of 1,5 million voters that elects 4 seats - still need to be account for.

So, technically, the Socialists could still win.

We won't know the answer until March 20.

## General Elections 2024: Provisional Results

Party national vote share in the elections (%)

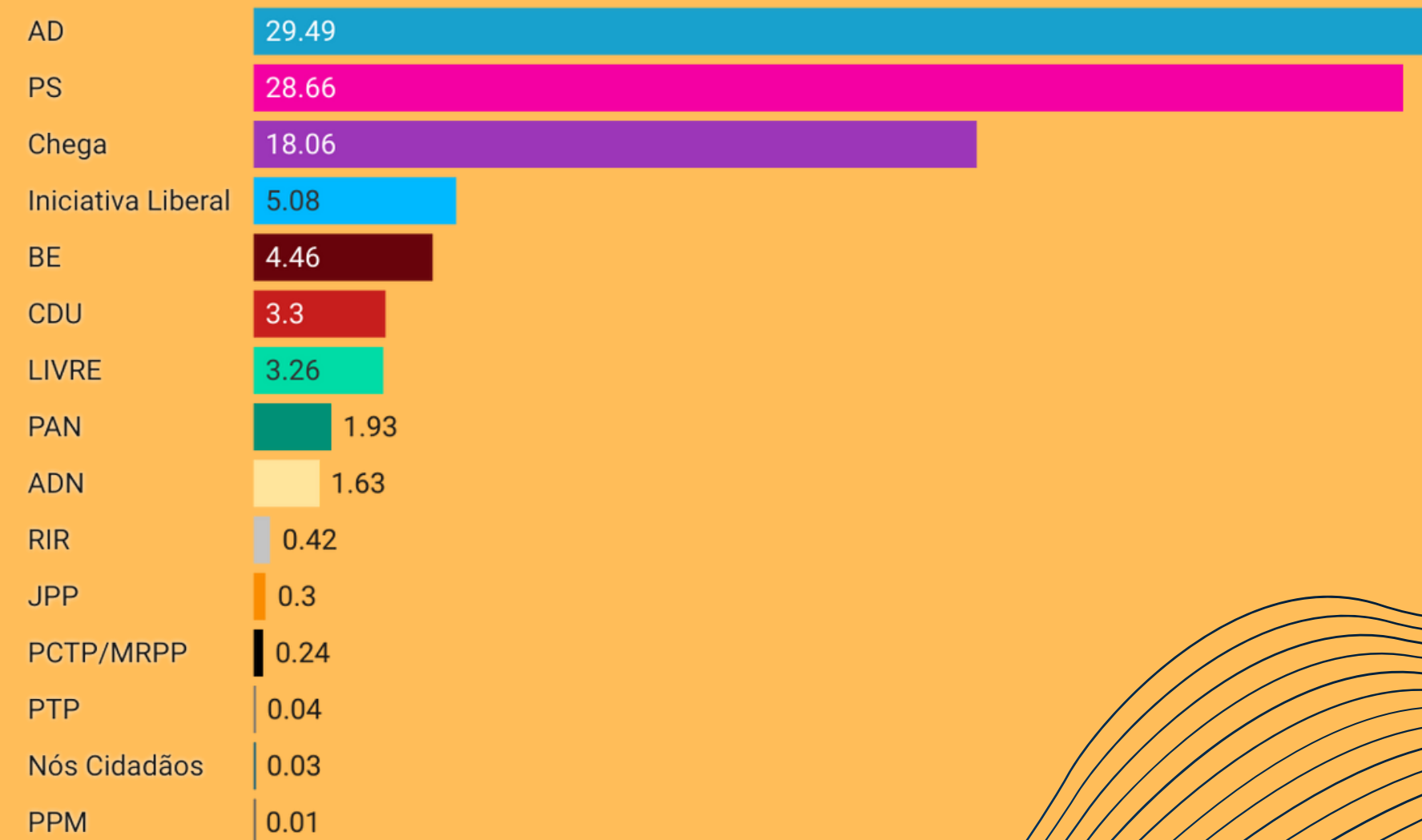
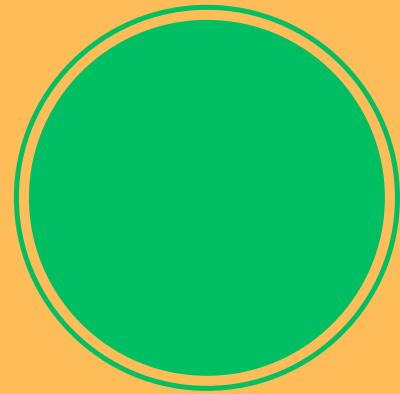


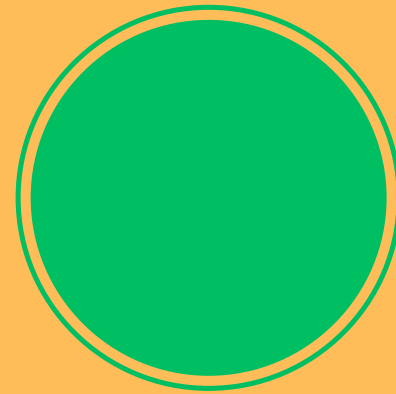
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# 02 WINNERS AND LOSERS?



CHEGA

CHEGA was the clear winner jumping from 12 to 48 seats in the Parliament.



LIVRE

Ecosocialist LIVRE also had a good night growing from 1 to 4 MPs in Parliament.



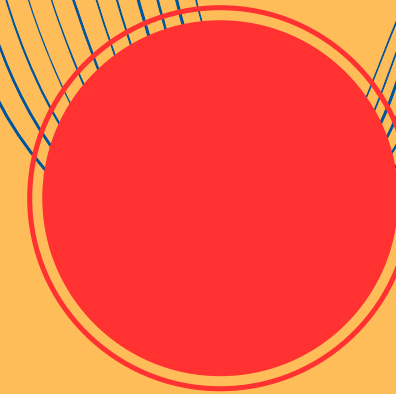
IL + BE

The Liberals (IL) and the BE had an decent result, maintaining their seats as in Parliament.



AD

The AD are set to take office but this may turn out to be a poisoned gift without a majority in Parliament.



PS + CDU

The PS lost 42 seats and HAD the worst result since 2011. The CDU elected only 3 MPs, half of what they elected in 2022.

# 03 WHY CONCEDE SO EARLY?

On election night, the Socialist leader Pedro Nuno Santos conceded defeat, even though ballots were still being counted. Why?

## LIMIT CHEGA

If the PS joined hands with the AD, then CHEGA would be the major party in opposition, increasing its chances of coming to power in a future election.

## LET IT CRASH

He may be banking on the weakness of the AD's parliamentary group and waiting for the Government to fall on its own.

## PREEMPTIVE STRIKE

It may have been a preemptive move against AD attempts to claim the moral high ground for the Government's likely fall.

# 04 WHY CHEGA SURGED?

## Corruption

The most obvious theory lies in voters' frustration with the corruption scandals that brought about the elections in the first place.

## Immigration

The number of foreigner-born residents in 2022 was 800,000, double the number 10 years ago, and 500,000 have been granted nationality in the last 15 years.

## Protest Vote

2023 was the year of the protest in Portugal. The Communist CDU seem to have lost the protest party position to CHEGA.

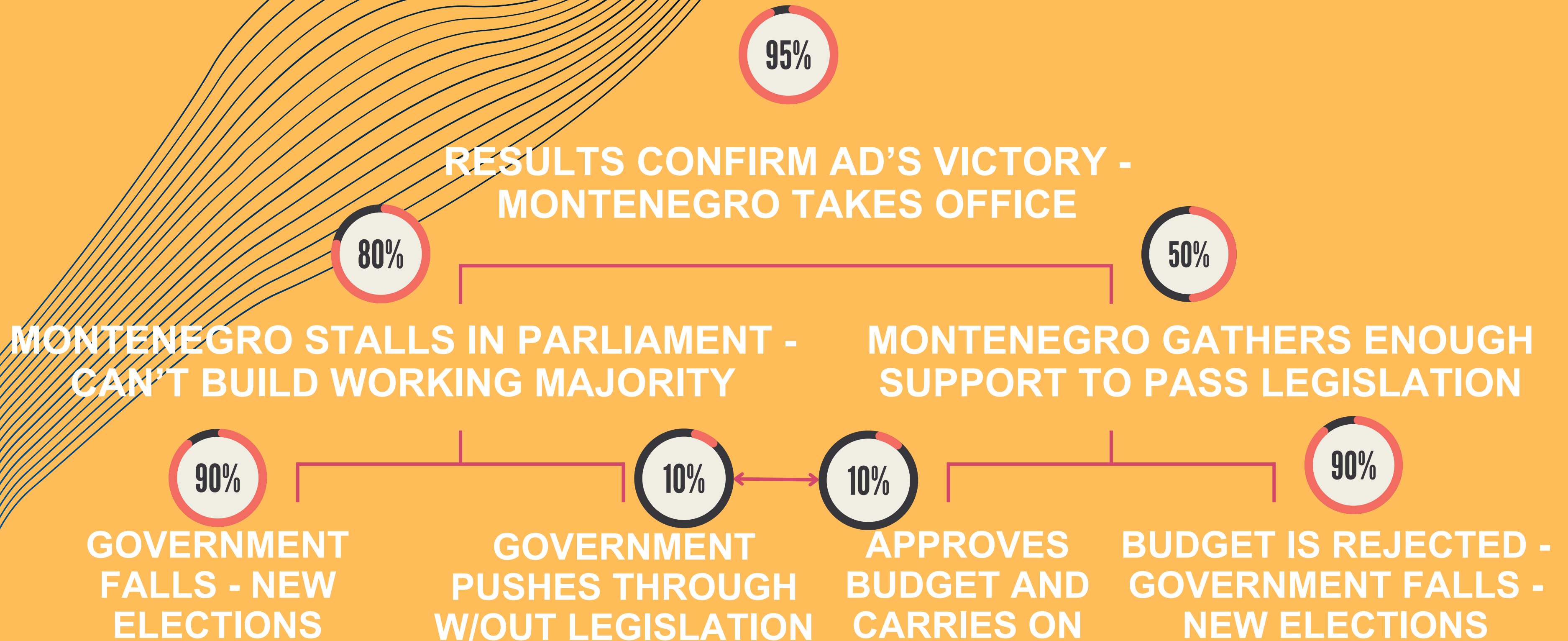
## Local Factors

The Algarve is the worst region in the country in terms of housing affordability. But, there are significant differences between the municipalities.

## The Media

Chega is the political party with the largest number of followers on social media. It also has had more attention from televisions.

# 05 WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?





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