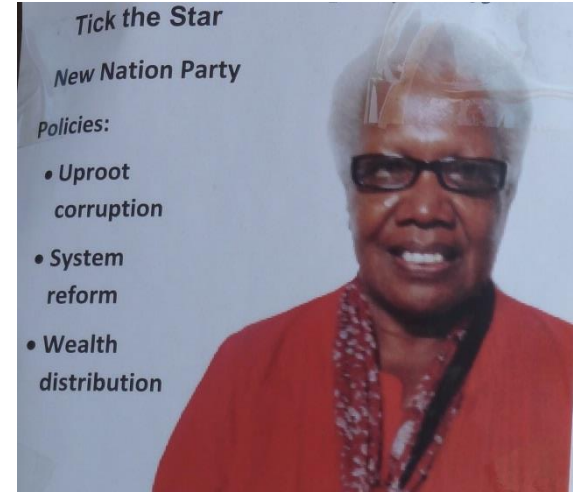


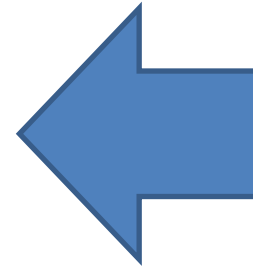
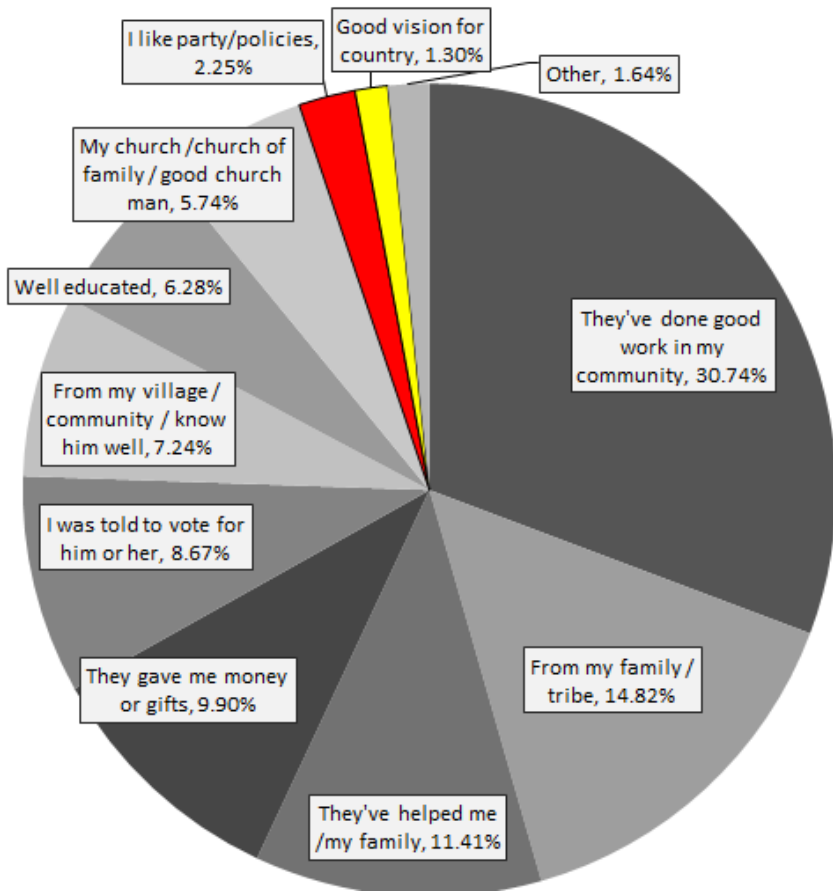
# The more things change?



what was different in the 2014 election in Solomon Islands, what wasn't, and what it means

# electoral mechanics

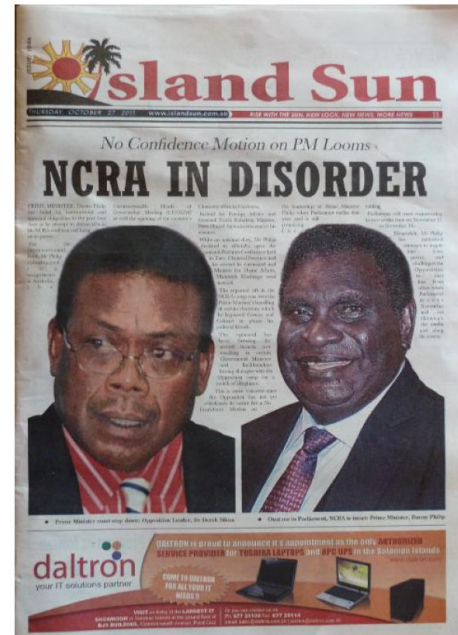
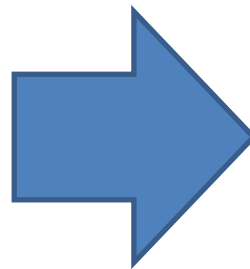




Vote for local benefits not national government

Don't vote for parties

Weak parties without support base means national politics lacking cohesion

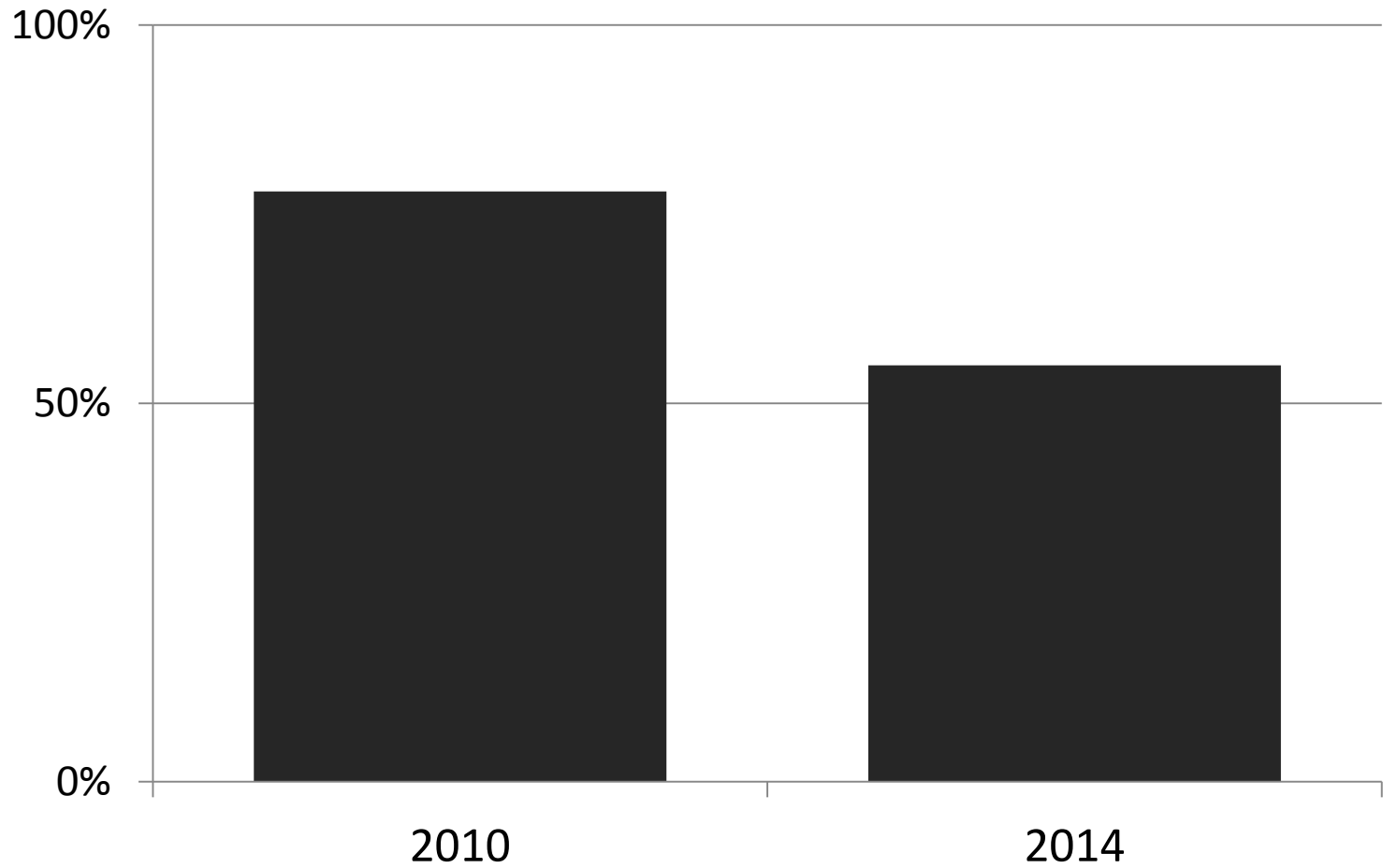




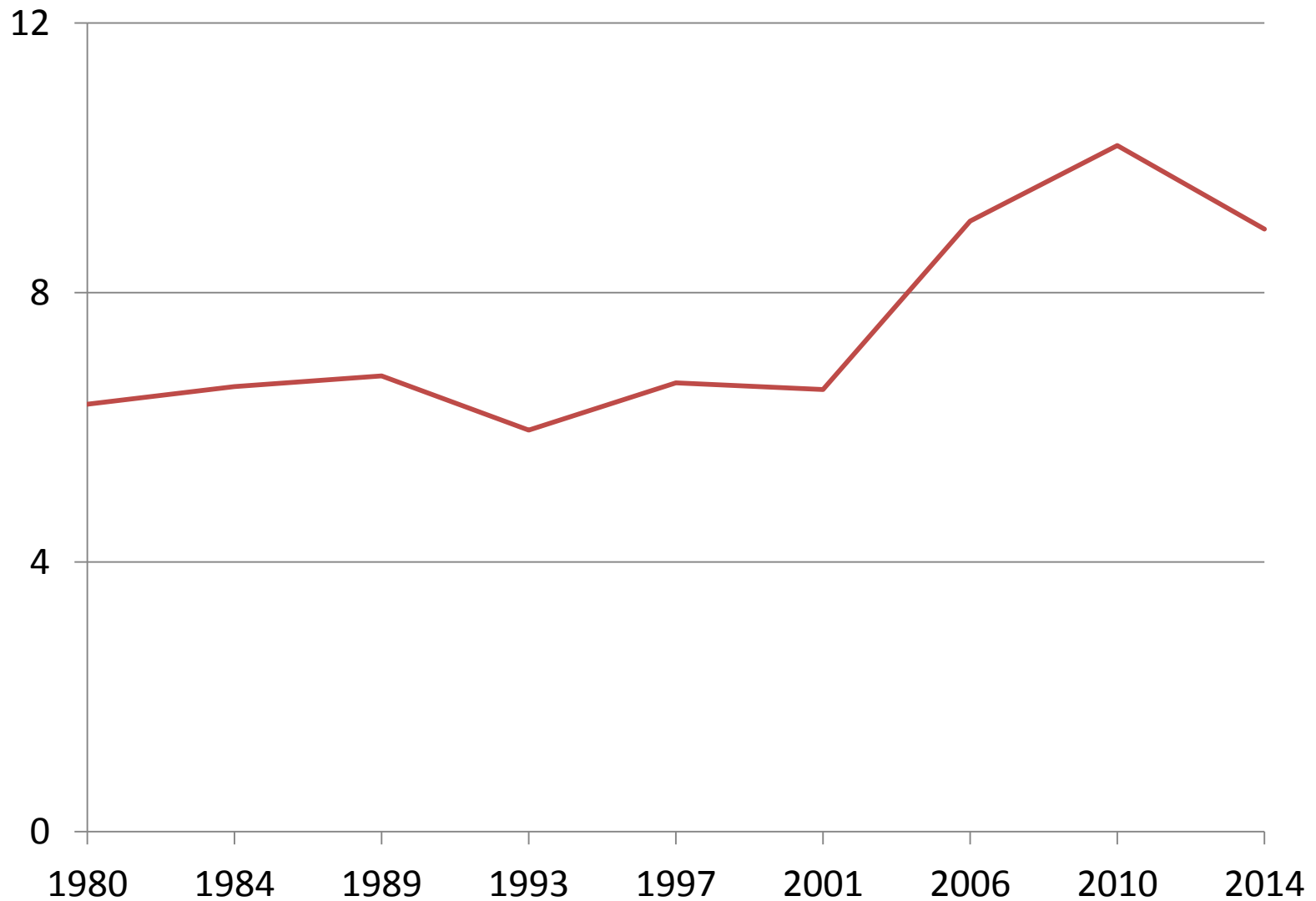
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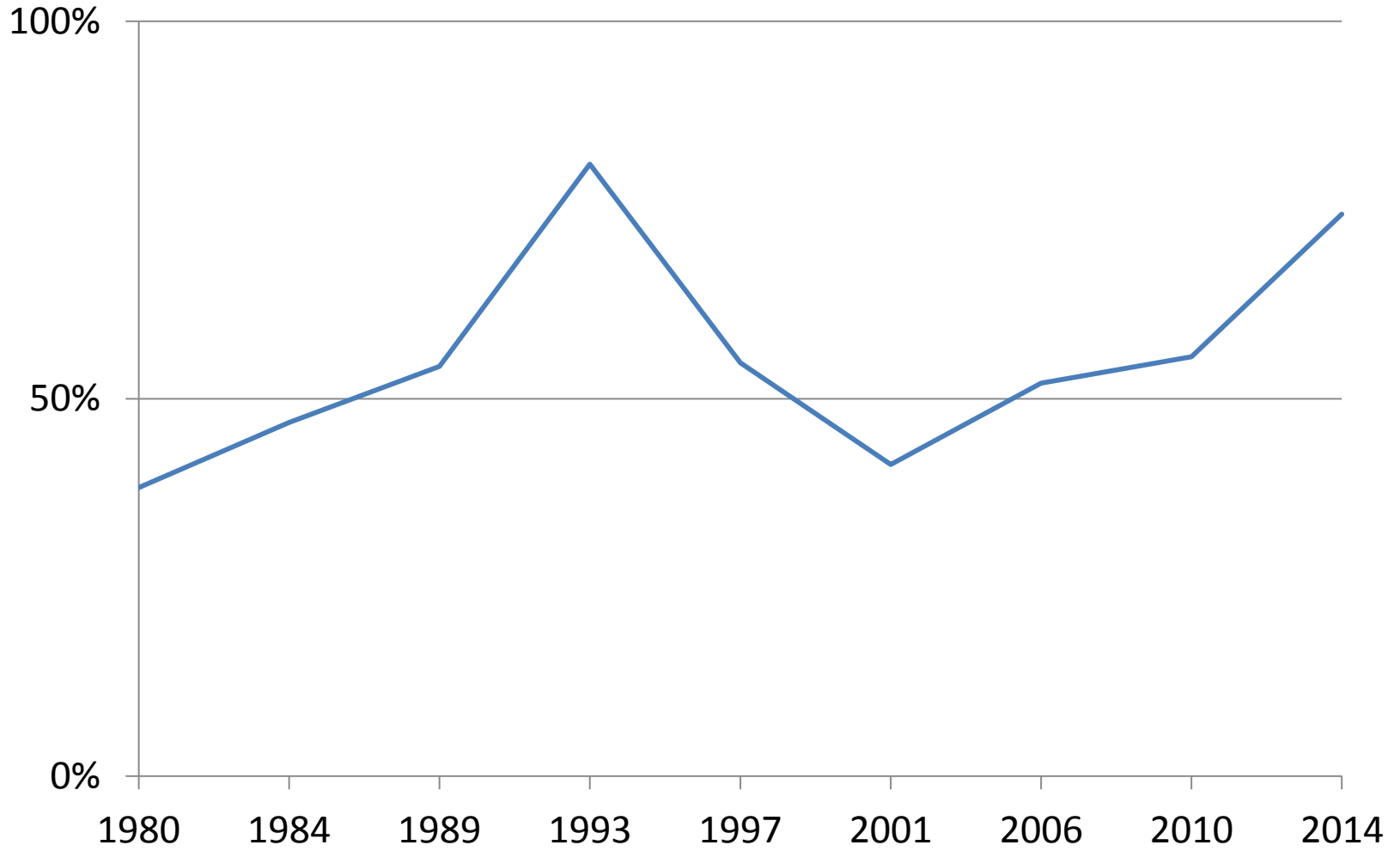
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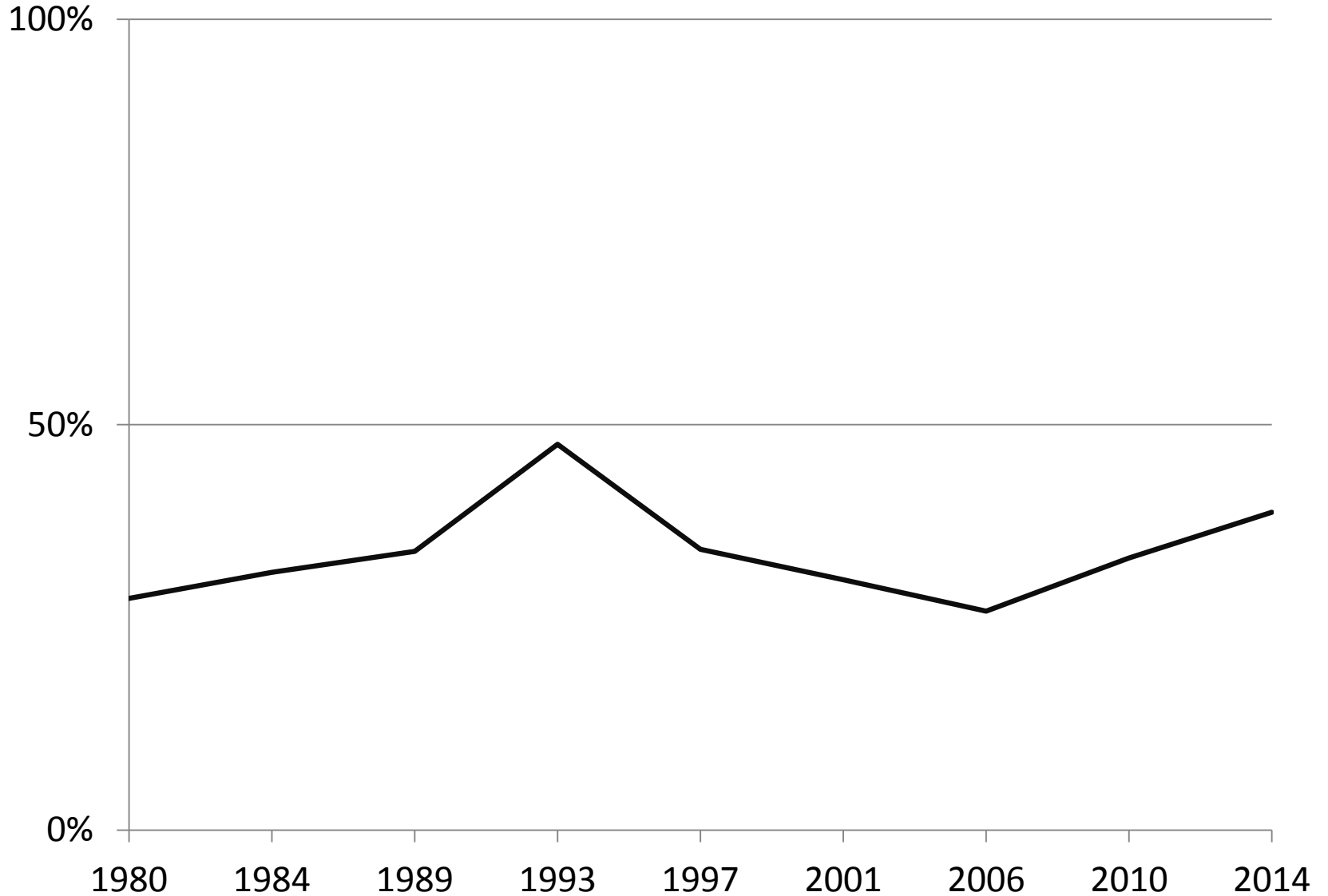
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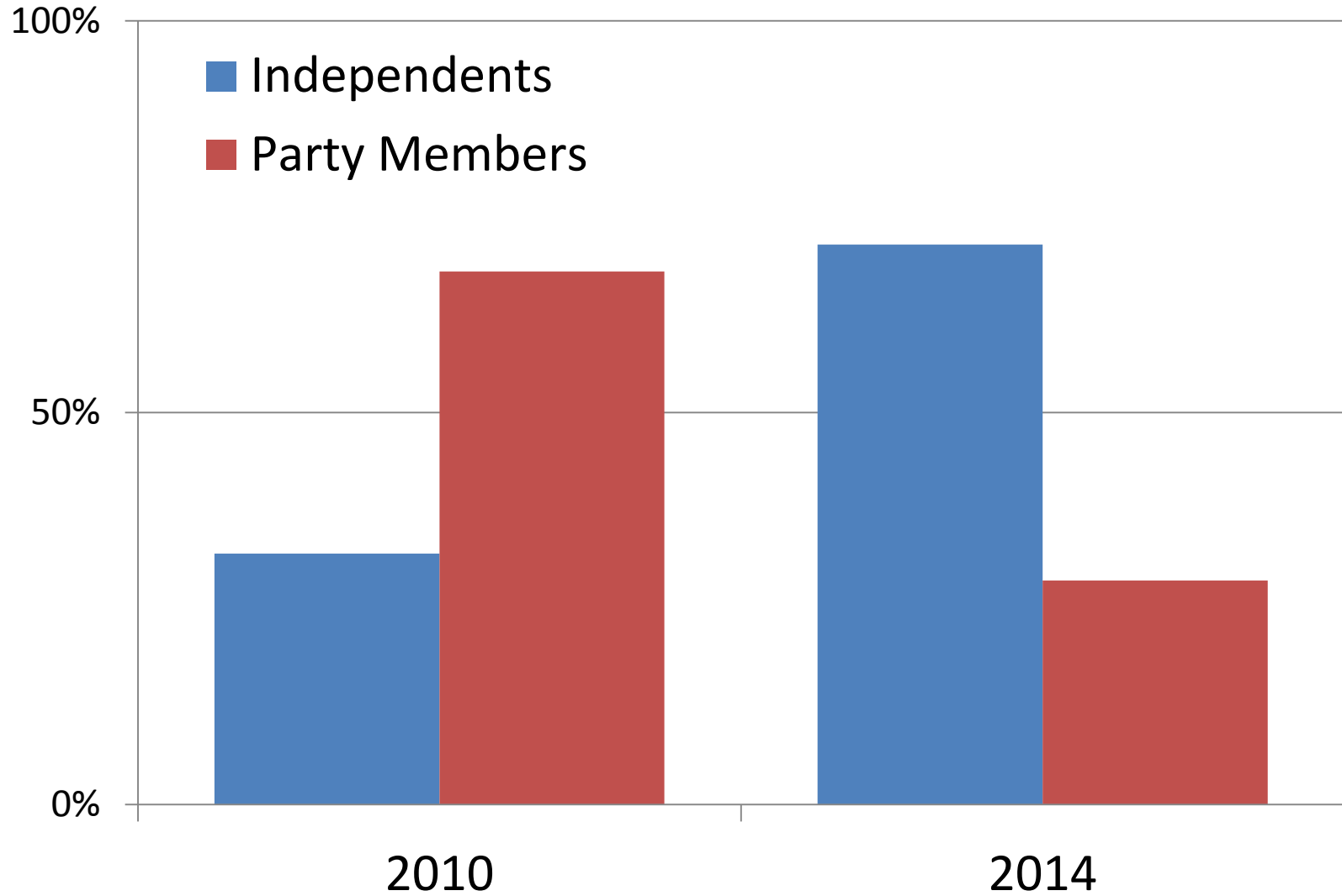
# % of contesting incumbent MPs winning their seats



# mean incumbent vote share over time



# re-elected incumbents 2010 & 2014 party vs indeps



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new parties legislation

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fewer candidates & more in parties

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somewhat higher incumbent performance

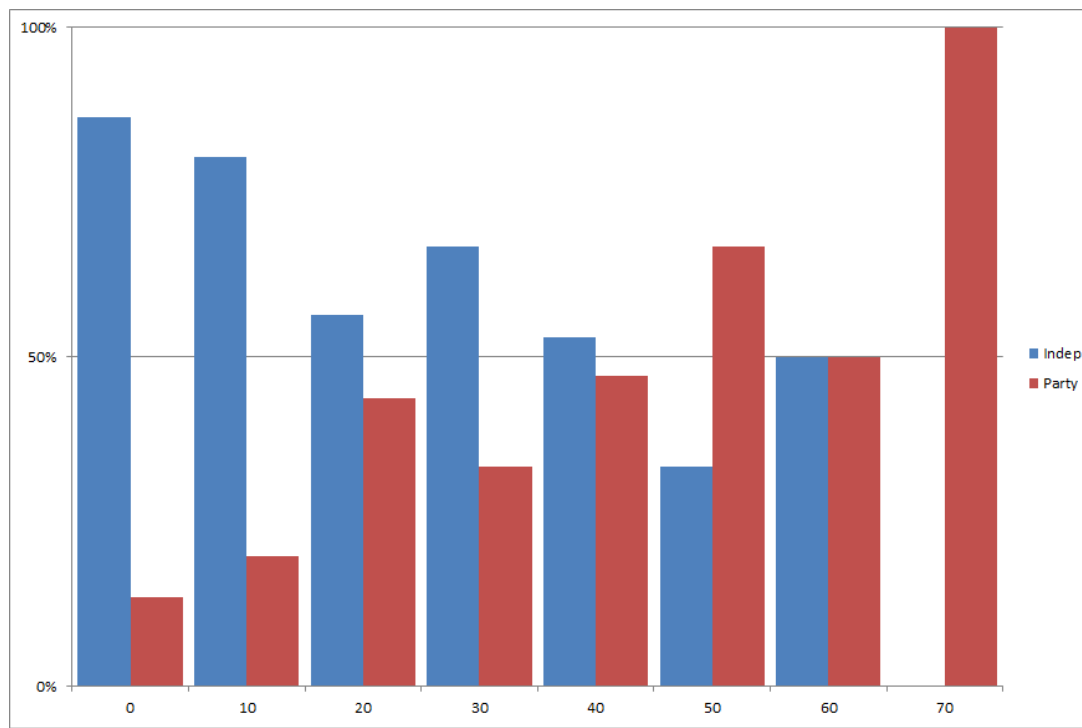
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most winning incumbents not being from parties

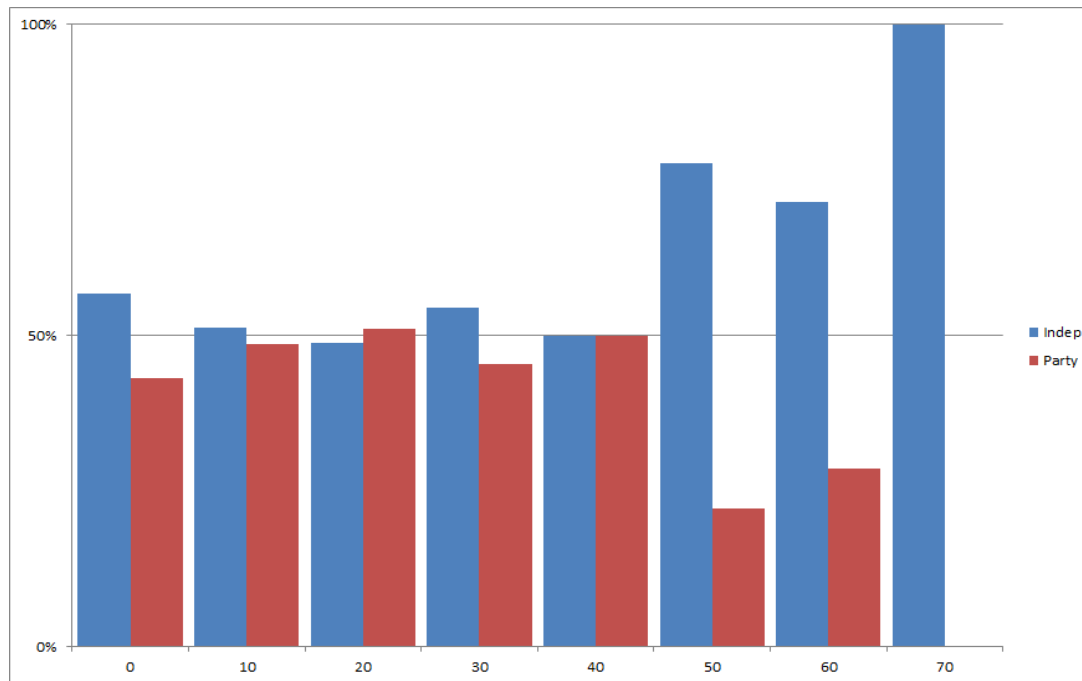
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2010

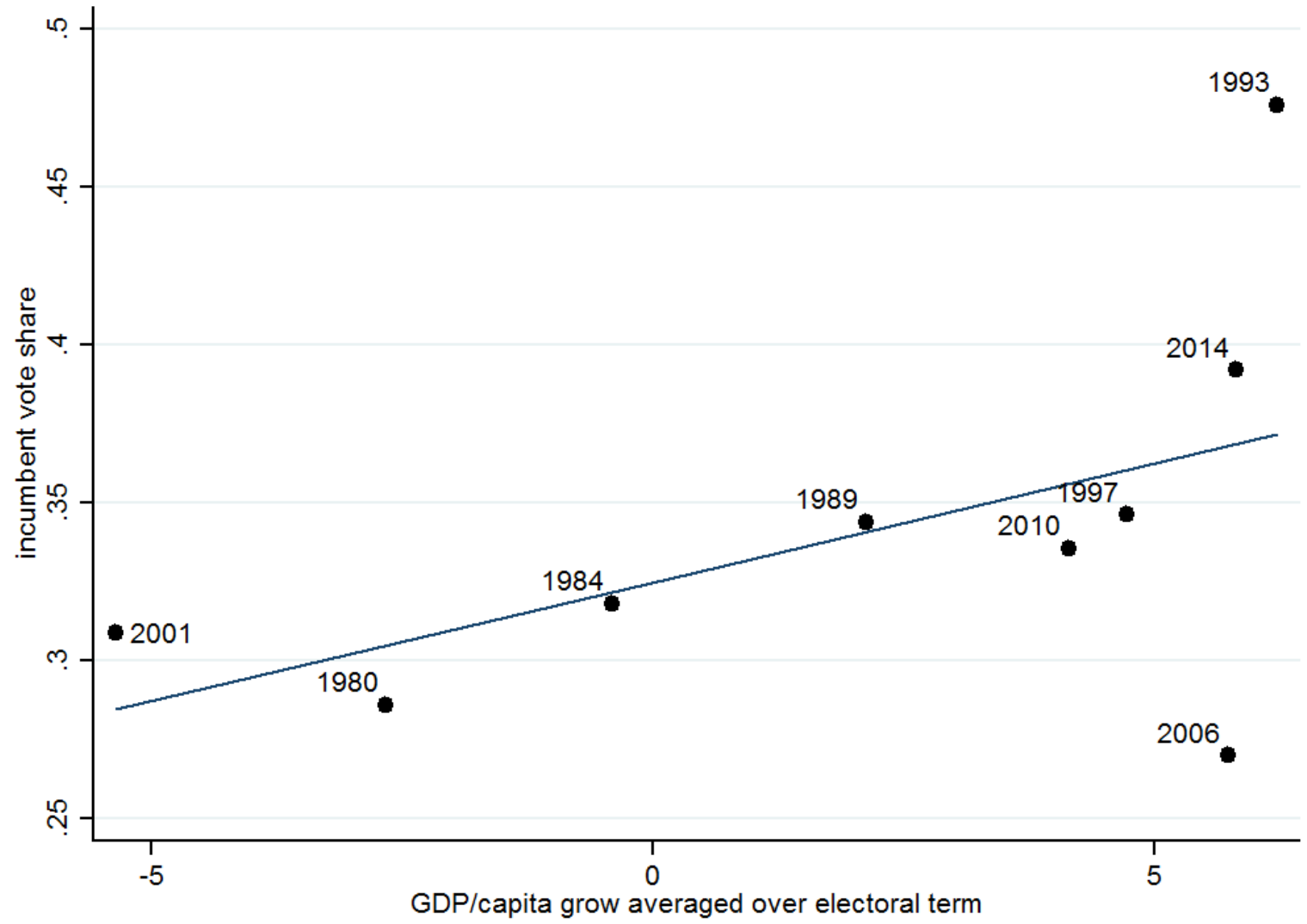


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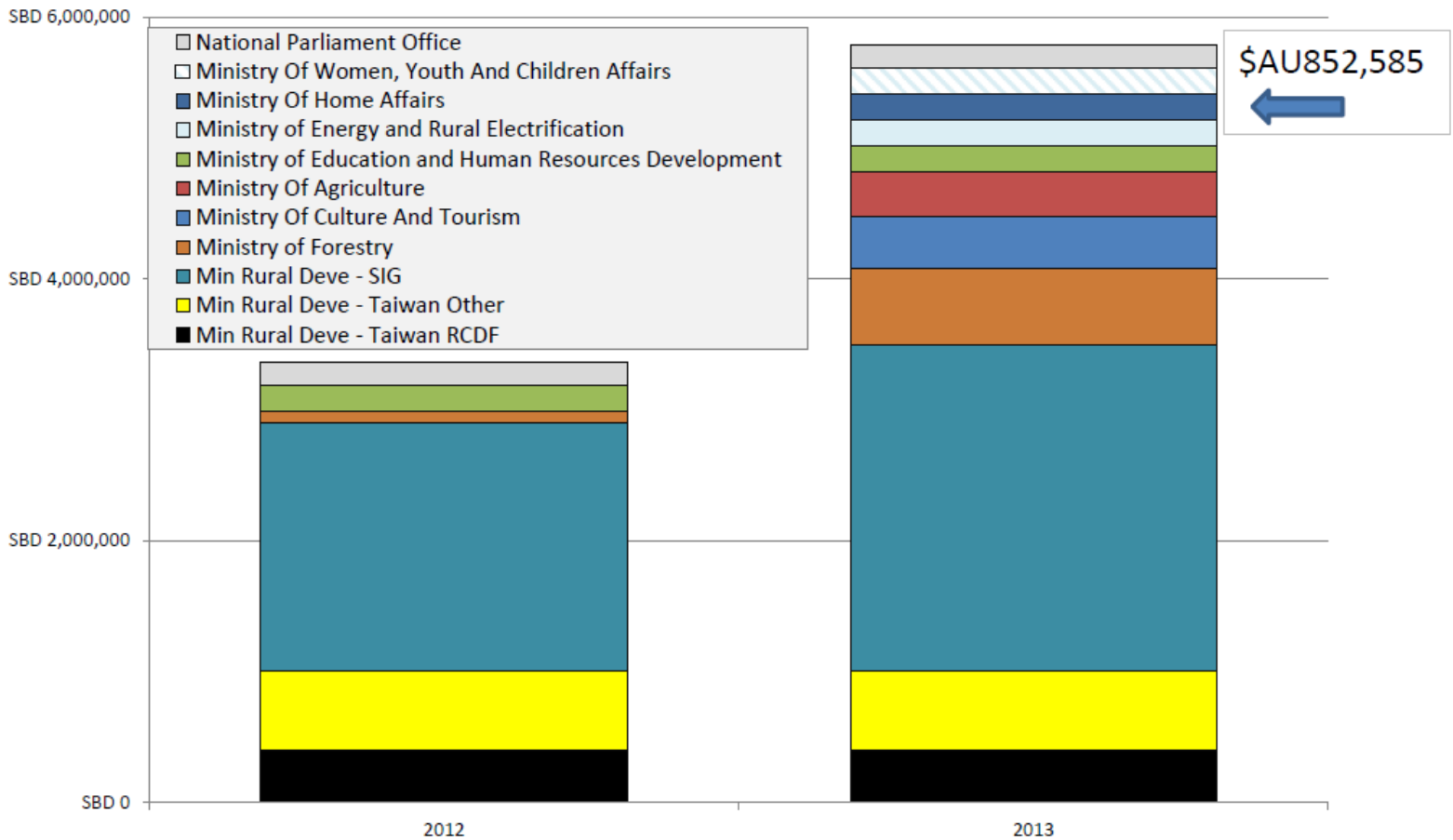


**2.** After a general election, the parliamentary party leader of the political party in the Coalition of Political Parties with the highest number of seats in Parliament shall be the Leader (“Leader”) and, subject to paragraph 8, be nominated as Prime Minister when the Governor General calls for nomination for the election of the Prime Minister in accordance with Schedule 2 of the Constitution.

**43. (1)** Where a political party is represented in Parliament, that political party must appoint from among its members in Parliament a parliamentary party leader, who may or may not already hold a position in the executive provided under section 42.

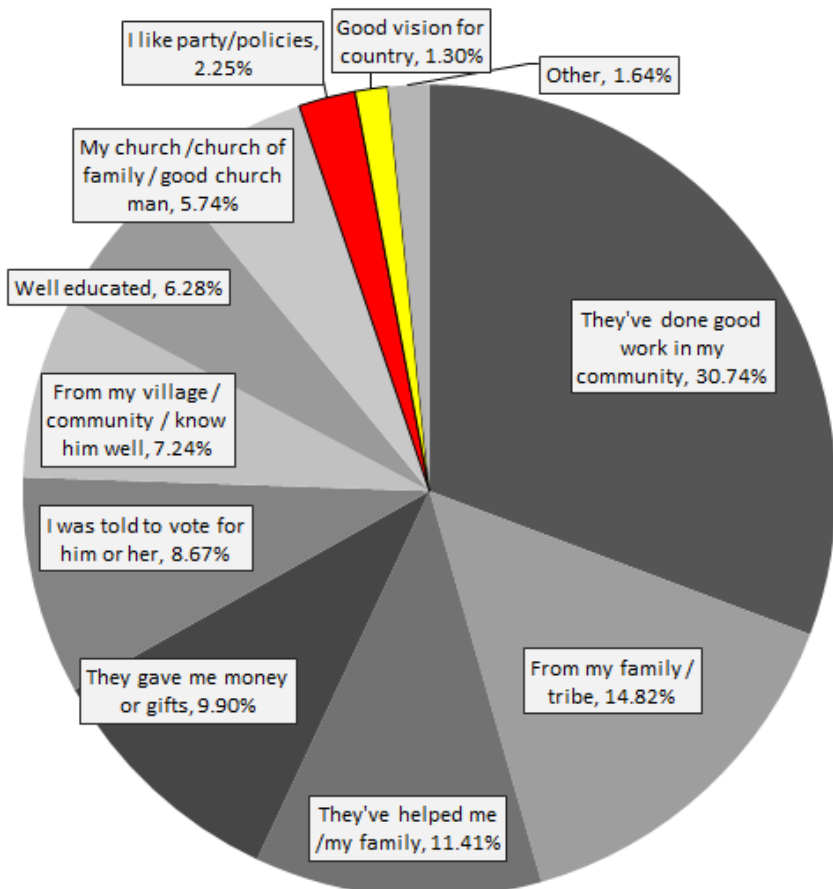


### Total Electorate Funding (RCDF+Other) Per Elec 2012 & 2012- Nominal SBD

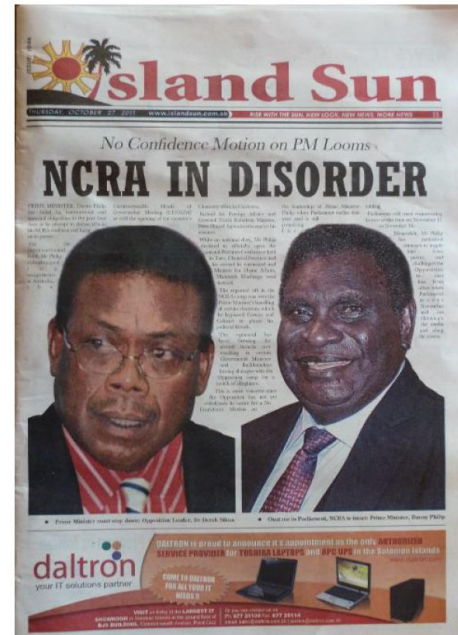


Data from Solomons Parliament (2012) ANSI (2013) – all blocks are money available to MPs for Csty spending. Only bottom block is technically RCDF





...central dynamics unchanged





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but devil could be in details & unintended consequences

(2) A political party intending to withdraw from, revoke or rescind an existing coalition agreement must give at least 30 days notice to the other parties to the agreement.

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(2) A person who formally resigns as a member of a political party may become a member of another political party.

VOTE FOR IDIOT

VOTE FOR B [REDACTED]

VOTE FOR HEATHENISH

VOTE FOR INSANE

VOTE FOR MOLESTER

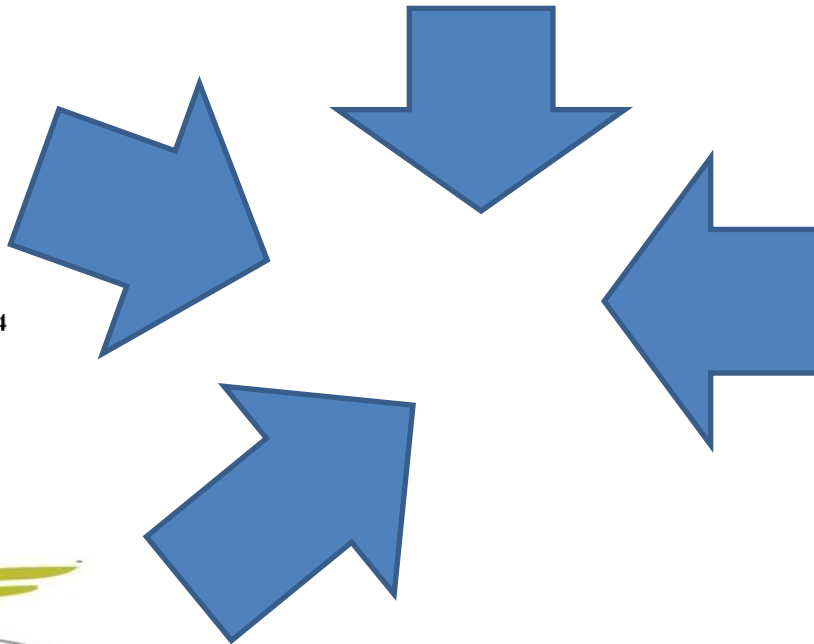




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questions?