

Populism in the Presidential Election in Russia in 2018 on the Example of the Election Program of Pavel Grudinin, Vladimir Zhirinovskiy and Ksenia Sobczak

Abstract

The article is dedicated to an analysis of populism during presidential electoral campaign in Russia in 2018, as well as to the peculiarities of Russian populism. Separately, populism in the electoral programs of Pavel Grudinin, Vladimir Zhirinovskiy and Ksenia Sobczak are analysed. The election was neither alternative nor competitive that did not impose any limitations on populist demagogy. The key factors of Russian populism are low level of political competition, lack of legal and institutional mechanisms to impose responsibility on politicians, incapacity of civil control institutions.

Keywords: authoritarian leader, authoritarian regime, demagogy, political institutions, populism, presidential election, Russia.

⁵⁴ *Władimir Putin gotow rabotat' i s lewymi, i s prawymi – no bez populizma*, <https://regnum.ru/news/2395413.html> [dostęp: 24.06.2018].