



Pro-democracy candidates win big in Hong Kong

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Hong Kong's democrats romped to a landslide and symbolic majority in district council elections after residents turned out in record numbers on Sunday to vote following six months of anti-government protests in the embattled city.

1. A landslide victory _____
2. Candidates running against the establishment won nearly 90% _____
3. That's compared _____
4. Elections follow six months _____
5. But, on voting day Sunday _____
6. Democratic candidate Kelvin Lam _____

DISTRICT COUNCIL ELECTION WINNER FOR SOUTH HORIZONS WEST, KELVIN LAM, SAYING:

"I think the Hong Kong people have clearly spoken in a way, that this is not only a referendum, but it sends a very strong signal to the government that they (the voters) are not happy with how they (the government) deal with the protests so far. And I think that the Hong Kong people should really, really leverage on this results to ask for more democracy in the future."

7. The voting turnout was around 71%, _____
8. There is still no universal suffrage in the Chinese-ruled city, meaning _____
9. But they can choose district councillors _____

10. However, some say Sunday's results will have a much wider effect, _____

11. One democratic candidate who narrowly lost his race _____

DEMOCRACY ACTIVIST LEUNG KWOK-HUNG , SAYING:

"She said that she represent(s) the majority of the Hong Kong people. But the results of the election shows the other way. If I was Carrie Lam I should prepare for the speech of my resignation."

12-1. Lam responded on Monday, saying _____

12-2. and listen to the public's views _____

[Vocabulary]

☐ **landslide:** a situation in which a person or political party wins an election by a very big majority
• *Cardenas was elected mayor in a landslide last May.*

☐ **landslide victory:** a victory in an election by a very large and decisive margin.
• Her party won a landslide victory in the 1990 general election.

☐ **pro-:** supporting something or approving of it: used with some nouns and adjectives
• *pro-European*

☐ **pro-democracy:** Denoting or relating to political activism directed towards the establishment of democratic government in a country
• *'the pro-democracy movement'*

☐ **camp:** a group of people within a larger group who have the same ideas or support the same person
• *People in the Brown camp deny this rumor.*
• *I've gotten a lot of thoughtful letters on this issue from both camps.*

☐ **candidate:** one of the people competing in an election
• the Democratic/Republican candidate

☐ **run against:** to oppose, contravene, or work against someone or something.
• *The former CEO's actions run against everything this company stands for.*
• *The governor's newest policy is running against a large portion of voters who put him into office.*

☐ **the establishment:** the most important and powerful people in a country, who are often thought of as being conservative and wanting to preserve their own power and influence; the part of a particular group that has power or control
• *His novels were disliked by the literary establishment.*
• *the medical establishment*

☐ **district council:** the local governing body of a rural or urban district in Great Britain and of certain administrative districts in Australia and parts of British Africa

☐ **last time around:** last time
• *Last time around you refused to tell me.*
• *May I point out, that last time around you fell into to an obvious trap.*

□ **chaotic**: happening in a confused way and without any order or organization: completely confused or disordered

- ‘the political situation was chaotic’
- *The situation at the border was chaotic, with thousands of refugees arriving every day.*

□ **lull**: a quiet period during a very active or violent situation

- *a lull in the fighting*
- *the early-morning lull in urban noise*

□ **referendum**: an occasion when everyone in a country can vote to make a decision about one particular subject

- *The government has promised to hold a referendum on the issue.*
- *The province held a referendum to decide the trade issue.*

□ **leverage**: to use (something) to maximum advantage

- *We leveraged their personal contacts to find new investors.*
- *The organization needs to leverage its key resources.*

□ **turnout**: the number of voters in an election; the number of people attending or taking part in an event, especially the number of people voting in an election.

- *We’re expecting a very low turnout for the local elections.*
- *We reckon that thirty-five per cent is a good turnout for local elections.*

□ **suffrage**: the right to vote; a vote given in deciding a controverted question or electing a person for an office or trust

- *She was a strong advocate of women’s suffrage.*
- *Even as the world entered the 21st century, some nations still did not permit women's suffrage.*

□ **universal suffrage**: the right of all the adults in a country to vote in elections

- *Then freedom for the citizen represented through the political right of universal suffrage.*
- *Electorally, we have universal suffrage over the age of 20.*

□ **council**: the elected officials who govern a local area such as a city or county; an official group of people who have been chosen to make decisions or provide advice

- *Their planning application was rejected by the council.*

□ **councillor**: a member of a council

• *District councils are consultative bodies on local affairs in Hong Kong, and the election will return 452 councillors for a four-year term.*

□ **turn up the heat**: to pressure someone to do something

- *We need to turn up the heat on those guys so that they finally pay their debt to us.*

□ **take aim at**: to direct severe criticism or scorn at someone or something; to prepare to deal with someone or something; to focus on someone or something

- *Now we have to take aim at the problem and try to get it solved.*
- *The critics took aim at the star of the musical and tore her to pieces.*

□ **Carrie Lam**: (born 13 May 1957) is a Hong Kong politician serving as the 4th and current Chief Executive of Hong Kong since 2017. She served as the Chief Secretary for Administration, the most senior principal official, from 2012 to 2017, and as Secretary for Development from 2007 to 2012. □ **resignation**: the act of leaving a job permanently

- *a letter of resignation*

- *Rebel groups have demanded the immediate resignation of the government.*
 - *He announced his resignation as Gorbachev's senior adviser.*
- **respond:** to reply, especially in writing
- *He will respond to questions from the press.*

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