

Russian presidential candidates

82%

DMITRY MEDVEDEV

United Russia

First deputy prime minister and **President Putin's** chosen candidate. **Promises continuity and stability but vows to fight corruption and**

put greater emphasis on social issues such as health, education, pensions and housing

15%

GENNADY ZYUGANOV

Communist Party

Lost presidential elections in 2000 against Putin and in 1996 against **Boris Yeltsin**. **Pledges to re-nationalise Russia's natural resources,**

create new jobs and infrastructure, slow inflation and boost wages



КПРФ



11%

VLADIMIR ZHIRINOVSKY

Nationalist LDPR

Firebrand ultra-nationalist, espouses anti-Western ideology. **Promises to defend Russia from external enemies, ensure strong army and provide affordable housing**

1%

ANDREI BOGDANOV

Democratic Party

Heads party with no parliamentary representation but collected two million signatures required to run in poll. **Pledges to take Russia into EU,**

reform army, and increase wages and pensions



OUT OF RACE

Mikhail Kasyanov:

Barred after prosecutors found too many invalid signatures on supporters' list

Garry Kasparov: Abandoned bid, citing difficulties in organising supporters' meeting in Moscow – official requirement for candidacy



Maximum percentage of vote according to recent opinion polls

0%

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