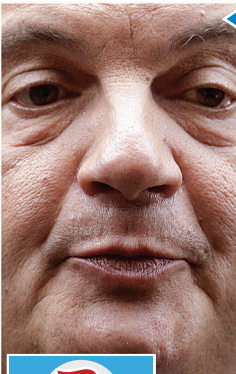


# Economy tops voter concern in Greece

Greek Prime Minister Costas Karamanlis faces a tough fight to win a third term in office, with voters widely expected to reject his New Democracy party in favour of George Papandreou's opposition Socialist PASOK



**Costas Karamanlis, 53:**

Nephew of late conservative Prime Minister Constantine Karamanlis. Popularity has been severely eroded by series of government scandals

**George Papandreou, 57:**

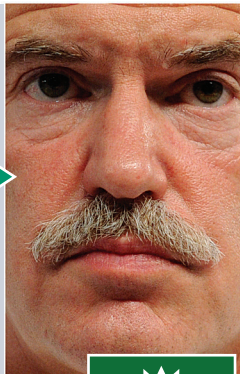
Former foreign minister whose father and grandfather were both prime ministers

*Election result 2007*

**New Democracy (ND): 41.8%**

(152 out of 300 seats)

**PASOK: 38.1%** (102 seats)



*Latest poll\**

**34.8%**

**42.3%**



**Karamanlis: Promise of "two difficult years" of austerity.**

Has supported banks with €28 billion liquidity package and has borrowed €50 billion so far this year

**Crack down on tax evasion**

Slash public sector overtime pay and travel expenses by 30%, cut salaries of lawmakers and mayors

**Freeze pensions and public sector hiring. Cut unemployment benefit to those who turn down two consecutive job offers**

**Continue with privatisations**

**Immigration:** Stiffer penalties for traffickers, longer detention periods and more camps for illegal immigrants

**Papandreou: Plans €3 billion stimulus package within first 100 days. Increase infrastructure investment and give public sector employees above-inflation pay rises**

**Tax reforms to redistribute income towards middle and low-income earners. Grant to low-income earners**

**Temporary freeze on bank debt owed by crisis-stricken companies. Close corporate tax loopholes**

**One-year freeze on prices charged by state-controlled utilities. Past privatisation deals to be renegotiated, plans for more to be dropped**

**Immigration:** Citizenship to all immigrant children born in Greece