

Greek opposition holds narrow poll lead

Greece's anti-austerity Syriza party is continuing to poll ahead of the ruling New Democracy party in advance of a snap January 25 general election, intensifying fears of a potential Greek exit from the eurozone

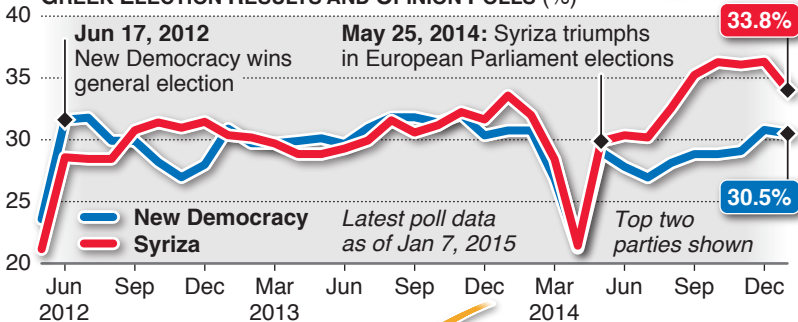


SYRIZA (COALITION OF THE RADICAL LEFT)

- Proposes tearing up agreement under which Greece received bailout loans worth \$286bn from eurozone partners and IMF
- Riding wave of popular discontent over tax increases and cuts to public spending, wages and pensions demanded in bailout deal
- Party leader **Alexis Tsipras** wants Greece to remain in euro but aims to reduce debt burden by renegotiating terms of loan deal



GREEK ELECTION RESULTS AND OPINION POLLS (%)



NEW DEMOCRACY

- Main governing party of Prime Minister **Antonis Samaras** forced to hold election after Parliament failed to agree new head of state
- Has implemented austerity programme to satisfy international lenders and put Greece on tentative path to economic recovery
- Sees election as referendum on Greece's future in eurozone, warning that Syriza's demands for debt relief could lead to loss of financing and default

