

Denmark's opposition bloc wins election

Denmark's centre-right opposition bloc led by Lars Loekke Rasmussen has beaten the governing coalition after a close general election



May 15, 1964: **Lars Loekke Rasmussen** born in Vejle, Denmark

Early life: Serves as president of youth branch of **Venstre** (Liberal Party of Denmark) from 1986-89. Graduates from law school in 1992. Works as consultant from 1990-95

1994: Enters Danish Parliament

1998: Appointed mayor of eastern county of **Frederiksborg**, and deputy chairman of Venstre party

2001: Joins cabinet of **Anders Fogh Rasmussen** when Venstre wins power. Serves as Interior and Health Minister, then Finance Minister

2009: Becomes prime minister after Fogh Rasmussen is appointed Secretary General of NATO

2011: Loses election to centre-left bloc under **Helle Thorning-Schmidt**

Jun 18, 2015: Rasmussen's right-wing bloc wins general election with 52.3 percent of vote, but support for Venstre drops 7.2 percent. Far-right **Danish People's Party** becomes second largest party in parliament

SEATS IN NEW PARLIAMENT

Blue (centre-right) bloc of Lars Loekke Rasmussen: 90

Venstre (V): **34**

Danish People's Party (O): **37**

Liberal Alliance (I): **13**

Conservative People's Party (C): **6**

Red (centre-left) bloc of Helle Thorning-Schmidt: 85

Social Democrats (A): **47**

Danish Social Liberal Party (B): **8**

Socialist People's Party (F): **7**

Red-Green Alliance (Ø): **14**

The Alternative (Å): **9**

