

Main players in Netherland election

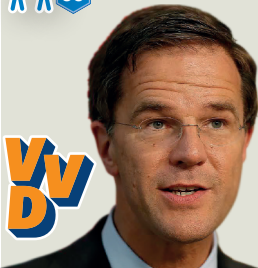
Nearly 13 million citizens, including 850,000 new voters, head to the polls on March 15 to select from 28 parties vying to form a ruling coalition



Number of seats in 150-seat parliament



Latest opinion poll*



Mark Rutte, 50: Current prime minister leads coalition between his pro-business **Liberals (VVD)** and **Labor Party (PvdA)**



D66



Alexander Pechtold, 51: Has led **D66** since 2006. Supports same-sex marriage, euthanasia, legal marijuana growing



Geert Wilders, 53: Leader of anti-immigrant **Freedom Party (PVV)**. Mainstream parties have ruled out forming coalition with PVV



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Jesse Klaver, 30: **Green Left.** Pro-EU and pro-refugee



CDA



Sybrand van Haersma Buma, 51: **Christian Democrats.** Tough stance on immigration



Lodewijk Asscher, 42: **Labor Party** leader since December. Opposes austerity measures



Emile Roemer, 54: **Socialists.** Anti-EU, anti-globalization



Marianne Thieme, 45: **Party for the Animals.** Focus on broad environmental issues



Christen Unie



Gert-Jan Segers, 47: **Christian Union.** Conservative views on ethical issues



*Poll by I&O Research of 3,208 voters, mostly online, between March 3 and March 7

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