

With gerrymandering, expect BN to win
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YOURSAY 'So long as gerrymandering remains in place, we do not have true democracy. Mahathir's comment on gerrymandering is a sorry excuse for cheating.'

Kita Akan Siasat: The reports and charts in the survey by Universiti Malaya Centre for Democracy and Elections (UMCEDEL) are utter lies.

Base on the first chart, if we divide the percentage of 'Not Sure' into half, it would give BN 64 percent and Pakatan Rakyat 36 percent, and that would be equivalent to BN's top performances in 1995 and 2004 over the period of three decades.

Looking at the way people are now aware of BN's bad deeds and the advancement of social networking and Internet news, this is a definite contradiction of the truth.

There is a strong hint of bias in this report. BN can lie all they want to themselves and through their media institutions, it will never change the perceptions of the people.

Gerard Lourdesamy: The sample is too small and generally Malaysians lie on such surveys out of fear of reprisals from the government or their employers.

I suspect it will be a hung parliament with Sabah and Sarawak tipping the balance in favour of BN. The BN's majority will be small, probably, less than 20 seats. As for the states, Pakatan will hold on to Kelantan, Penang, Selangor, Kedah and Kuala Lumpur.

It will gain Negeri Sembilan and Terengganu but Perak may return to the BN on a slender majority. The BN will hold on to Johor, Pahang, Malacca and Perlis but with reduced majorities in Johor and Malacca.

In Sabah and Sarawak, the BN will win but with reduced majorities as well. On the whole, Najib will be ousted at the next Umno AGM and Umno-BN will be out of power for good in GE14.

Pakatan must look for new leadership before GE14 as most of their leaders are too old and politically spent. Anwar will never become the PM, which may be good for the long term prospects of the country.

Awang Tak Selamat: 49 percent of Chinese support Pakatan in Selangor? Ask any of the Chinese beside you. The figure should be 49×1.5 or 49×2 .

Why no figure for the federal level? 60 percent Chinese support maybe?

Kgen: 30 percent fence sitters? I don't think so, probably they just don't want to reveal their political affiliation. They may be civil servants, GLC (government-linked company) employees

or those who do business with the government.

Which means they are probably pro-Pakatan, since pro-BN supporters love to shout out their allegiance in the hope of benefits.

HangTuah: So it's a done deal. Call for the GE now because BN will win hands down even with 35 percent of popular vote due to gerrymandering.

So long as gerrymandering remains in place, we do not have true democracy. Dr Mahathir Mohamad's comment on gerrymandering is a sorry excuse for cheating.

The sad part is this country will continue to be mismanaged by the BN until we are reduced to a pariah state.

A high-income and developed country by 2020? Fat hopes, my friends, especially the way things are going.

Anonymous #88975568: Hmm.. if this is true, why is PM Najib Razak busy being Santa Claus?

Ferdan: It is unbelievable that the margin of error is only 2.1 percent for the survey.

There are potential sources of error like bias as poorly phrased questions, people lying or refusing to respond, the exclusion of people who could not be contacted, or miscounts and miscalculations. It depends greatly on the level of confidence in the survey.

Recently my daughter told me that a person from Puteri Umno called to ask her on the phone whether she supported Najib as PM (a loaded question, of course).

She, of course, like most answered affirmatively. With that answer there were no further questions. That is the 'official' response of Malaysians to surveys.

Onyourtoes: This was not a survey. This was a fake report put up by a group of paid mercenaries plucking numbers from the sky to justify some ideas they already have in their mind.

Malaysiakini, would you want to publish another "survey" that paints the exact apposite picture? The survey results were:

1. The support for both Pakatan and BN at the federal level is about equal, with about 20 percent of the voters still undecided.
2. The support for Pakatan in Selangor remains strong, at around the same level as in 2008.
3. In Perak, because of the injustice inflicted, the swing to Pakatan would be even stronger than what happened in 2008.

4. The contagion swing to Pakatan will be even bigger in Negeri Sembilan, Johor, Sarawak and Sabah.

SMC77: Treat this survey with a pinch of salt. Nevertheless, Pakatan should realise that they can't win the GE without winning 40-45% of rural/semi-urban seats.

It is important to invest more resources to push its policies and ideas into these areas.

Anonymous #03078561: Wake up all Malaysians, and vote for change. Pakatan may not be ready to govern, but who cares, we just want a change and we just want BN out for one term.

Fence sitters, make sure you vote for change before you fall off on the wrong side. Take a stand.

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