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Seven out of ten young people in the Basque Country aged 18 to 29 have stated that they were very or fairly interested in the general elections held on 20 December last year. The level of interest was higher among young people than among the rest of the Basque population.

![Interest in the 2015 general elections, based on age groups (%)](image)

In addition, the interest shown by young people in 2015 far exceeds the level of interest stated regarding the previous general elections in 2011, when only 44% of young people said they were very or fairly interested.

Furthermore, four out of ten young people (39%) say that the 2015 elections were a regular talking point with their friends in the weeks prior to the elections; a figure that also exceeds that of the general population (27%).

60% of young people say they followed news about the elections or the electoral campaign through the Internet or social networks, doubling the figures for people aged 30 to 45 (31%) and well above those over 45 years of age.
Once the results of the elections were published, most young people (81%) would prefer to see another party, rather than the one with the most votes (PP), to govern if it can obtain sufficient support. In this case, there is a significant difference between young people and people over the age of 30.
The governing formulas that Basque youths prefer for Spain are an agreement between PSOE, Podemos and nationalist parties (44%) as the first option and, secondly, an agreement between PSOE+Podemos (22%).

These data have been analysed by the Basque Youth Observatory based on a report titled “Post-Electoral Survey of the 2015 General Elections” prepared by the Sociological Survey Office of the Presidency of the Basque Government after the elections.