

A high-angle, wide shot of a massive crowd of people gathered for a protest or demonstration in an urban setting. The crowd is dense, filling the street and spilling onto the sidewalks. Many individuals are holding red flags, some of which feature white stars, reminiscent of the Russian flag. Various banners and signs are visible, though the text on them is mostly illegible due to the distance and scale. In the background, multi-story buildings with arched windows and balconies line the street. The overall atmosphere is one of a large-scale public gathering.

Democratic Protest Movement in Russia

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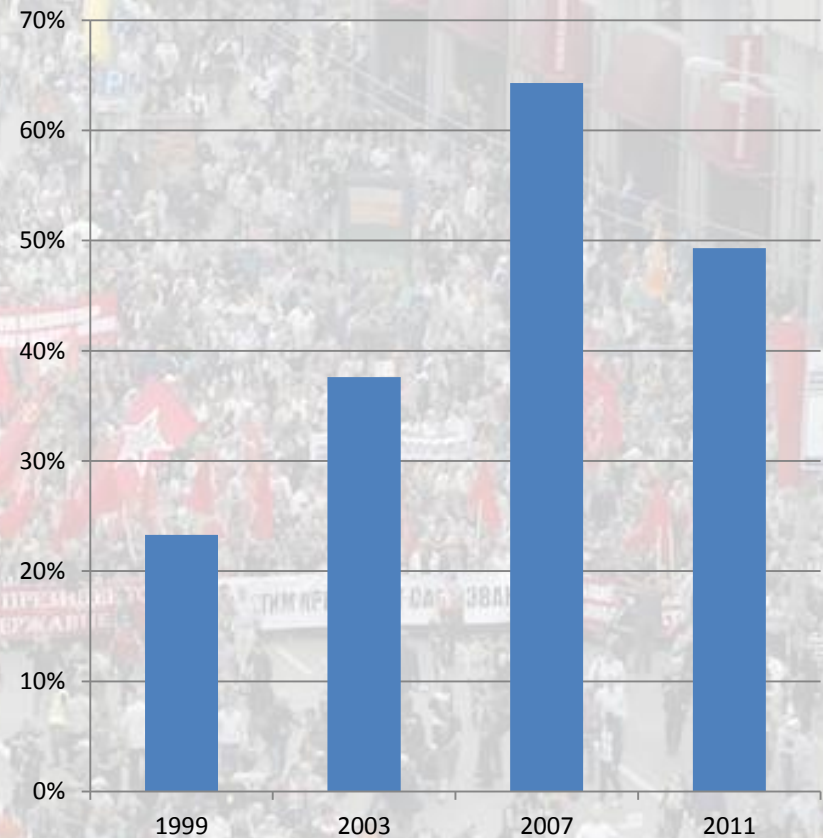


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- **Election observers drive**



The Five Demands

1. Immediate release of political prisoners and the illegally detained
2. Invalidation of results of the falsified elections
3. Sacking of [CEC Chief Vladimir] Churov; investigation of all reports of fraud; punishment for those responsible
4. Liberalization of electoral laws; free registration of opposition parties
5. New free and fair elections

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- **New laws against protests, NGOs, media, and the Internet**



After May 6: Uniting the Movement

- Opposition Coordinating Council
- Alternative popular elections: October 2012
- Online and offline
- Quota-based elections
- 45 seats, 209 candidates, 81,325 voters



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- **New tactics: White Circle,
auto rallies, White Square,
#OccupyAbai, Writers' Stroll,
etc.**





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