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FAR-RIGHT EXTREMISM IN SLOVAKIA



Polls have shown that young people are more favorable to extremist views, as they always have been in Slovakia. Around 70-80% of the young population (18-39 yrs) would object to having Roma or Muslims living in their neighbourhood.

Young people are more inclined to vote for far-right extremist parties, the most popular one being Marian Kotleba's party, Our Slovakia. This party is often associated with the neo-Nazi movement in Slovakia. The party in question reaches its voters via platforms like Facebook and alternative news-websites with biased articles in order to sway the opinion of the voters. Kotleba offers easy solutions to difficult questions, such as the immigration issue in Slovakia. He suggests the use of violence and paints a bad picture of i.e. Romas.

The first step towards a higher acceptance of diversity and a more democratic society would be to educate the people of Slovakia of the countrys history and struggles, and teach people about human rights matters to prevent such populist parties of manipulating its citizens.