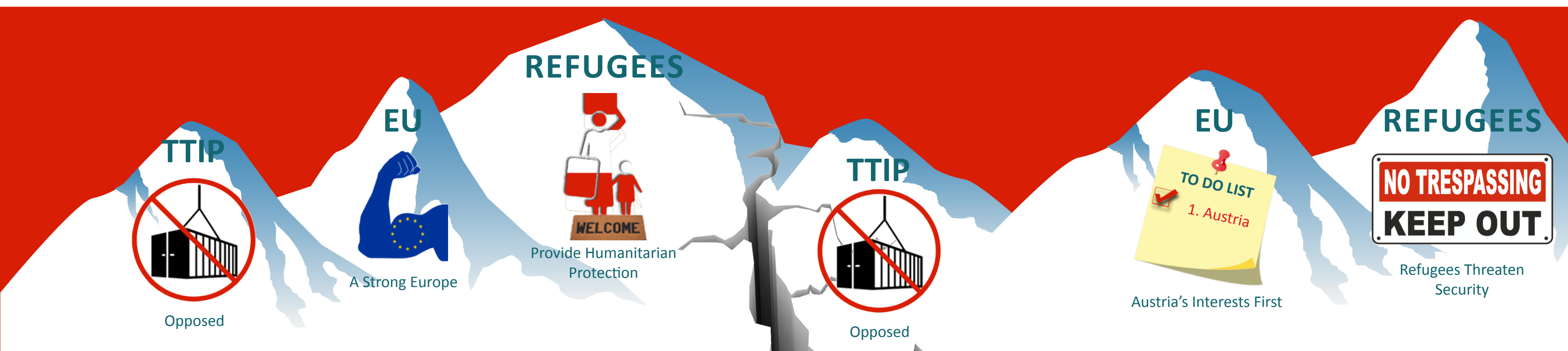


AUSTRIAN ELECTIONS: HAZARDOUS CONDITIONS AHEAD?

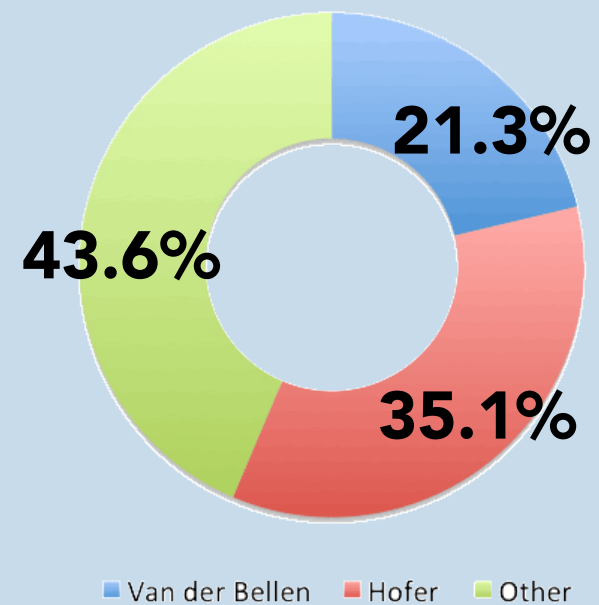
The Social Democratic Party of Austria (SPÖ) and the conservative Austrian People's Party (ÖVP) have dominated politics in the Alpine nation since 1945. However, results of the first round of presidential elections last month reflect Austrians' disillusionment with the mainstream parties. In a runoff election on May 22, the Austrian people will decide between an independent candidate, Green Party veteran Alexander Van der Bellen, and gun-slinging, far-right candidate Norbert Hofer from the Freedom Party of Austria (FPÖ). The graphic below draws a comparison between the two frontrunners to illustrate the unprecedented choice at hand for Austria.

Alexander Van der Bellen Independent

Norbert Hofer Freedom Party of Austria (FPÖ)



April Election Results¹



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Runoff Election Poll²

