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BiH Elections Leave Schmidt Exposed

The legacy of former UN High Representative Christian Schmidt was dealt a major blow on Sunday after Bosnian Serbs threw their weight yet again behind former President Milorad Dodik's Alliance of Independent Social Democrats (SNSD) in [elections](#) that delivered overwhelming results for the cause of freedom for Bosnia's Serbs.

Željka Cvijanović of the SNSD [won](#) the Bosnian Serb seat on Bosnia and Herzegovina's tripartite presidency with more than 55 percent of the vote. The SNSD also secured a large majority in the Republika Srpska Assembly.

In a further sign of Bosnian Christians' dissatisfaction with the growing imposition of Islam by Muslim Bosniaks and their allies in the European political establishment, Darikana Filipovic of the Croatian Democratic Union of Bosnia and Herzegovina [won](#) the Bosnian Croat seat on the tripartite presidency, defeating candidates who have historically bowed to the Islamist agenda.

Schmidt's Legacy Cast a Shadow over Election Day

Even with this overwhelming victory, Schmidt's illegitimate legacy still hung like a dark cloud over Election Day.

Before stepping down, Schmidt [made](#) sweeping election law changes that included the controversial purchase of new electronic voting machines with biometric ID software and cameras. Disastrously for Schmidt and his allies, the machines were dogged with issues on Sunday, leading to significant delays across the country but especially in Republika Srpska — which saw lines spiraling out of polling stations, forcing election officials to delay closing the polls. The technical issues and delays were so widespread that the Central Election Commission [considered](#) annulling the results

Thankfully, SNSD's victory was so overwhelming it was simply Too Big Too Rig, and election officials [were forced](#) to call the race the same day.

Bosnian Serbs Push for Freedom and Liberty

The election results demonstrate just how out of touch Schmidt and the entire US-EU Trans Atlanticist establishment has been (and likely continues to be) with the wishes of Bosnian Serbs and exposed the consequences of his rule by fiat. Sunday's vote was an unequivocal rejection of this anti-democratic legacy of unelected Eurocrats imposing their will.

As Dodik [said](#) publicly the day before the election, Bosnian Serbs are calling for independence for Republika Srpska and seeking the support of Presidents Trump and Putin.

Dodik amplified this call, saying, "[We are the people who need our freedom and liberty...And we deserve our freedom and liberty.](#)"

Cvijanović, the current Serb member of BiH's Presidency, likewise [called for self-determination](#) for the people of Republika Srpska,

saying in a campaign speech that Srpska needs “the right to a referendum.”

Is Schmidt Guilty of Transnational Repression?

The results come at a difficult time for Schmidt, and his allies in Berlin, Paris and London.

On August 31, U.S. Representative Celeste Maloy [asked](#) the U.S. Department of the Treasury to investigate whether Schmidt and members of BiH’s Central Election Commission engaged in sanctionable conduct under the Global Magnitsky program (i.e., Transnational Repression).

The Trump administration has an obligation to investigate the actions of Schmidt and the Biden administration that resulted in the sanctions of former President Milorad Dodik and key leaders of the Alliance of Independent Social Democrats (SNSD), and the erosion of democracy in Bosnia.

It is only right and just this be undertaken.

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