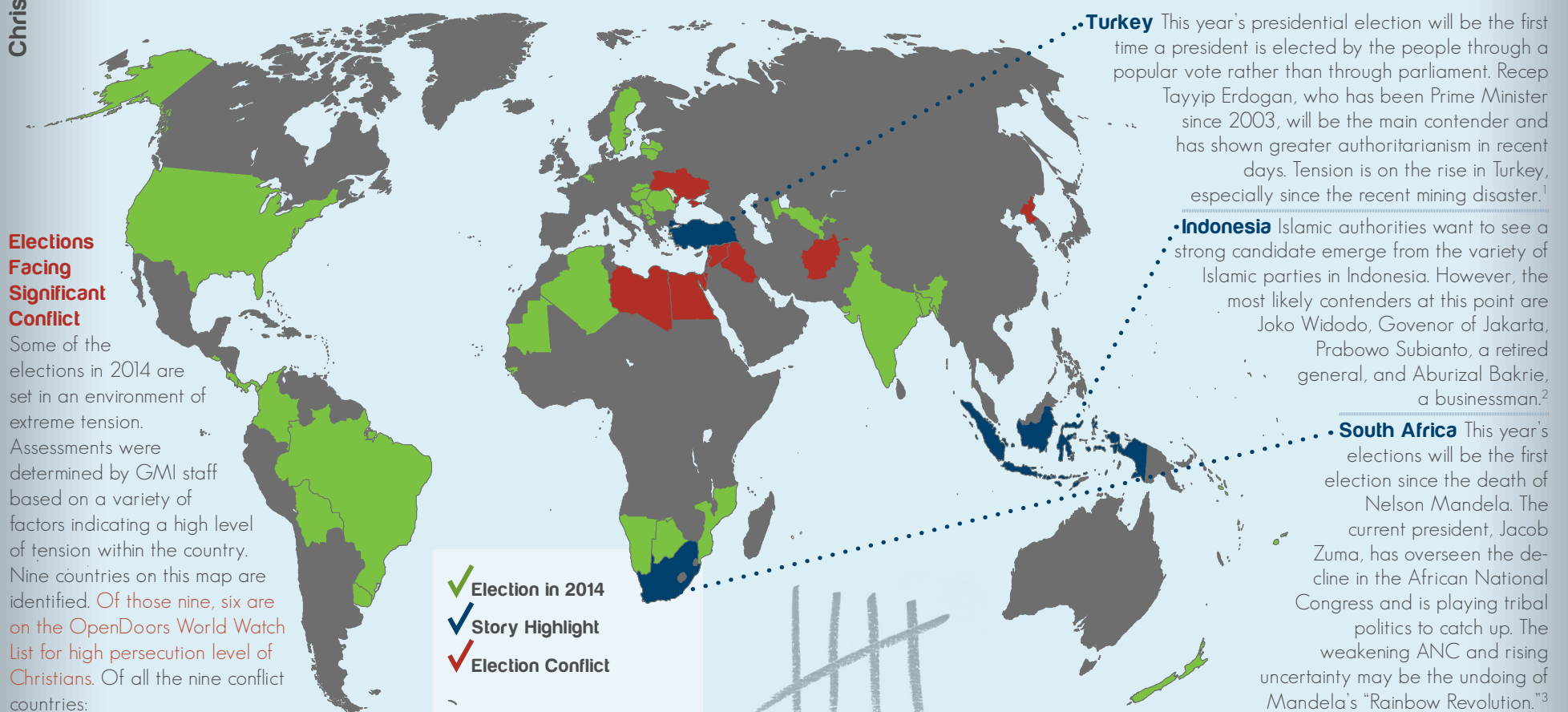
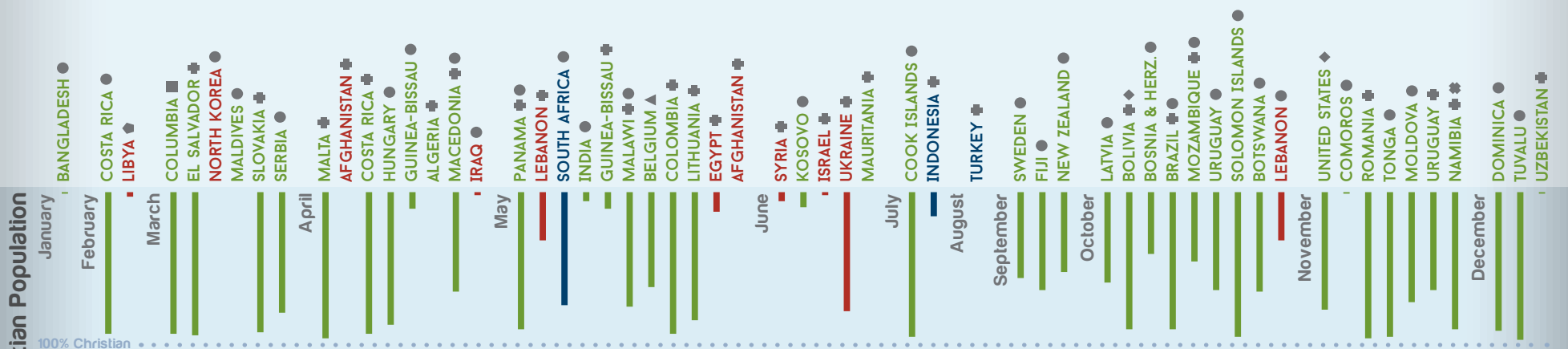


WHAT IS THE WORLD VOTING FOR?

In 2014 over 1.7 billion eligible voters could participate in the 58 parliamentary or presidential national elections across the world. Up to 30% of these voters may be Christian. How much will their faith in the King of kings affect the way they vote?



63% was the turnout of the last major election in those countries

16% is the percentage of Christians living in those countries

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Turkey This year's presidential election will be the first time a president is elected by the people through a popular vote rather than through parliament. Recep Tayyip Erdogan, who has been Prime Minister since 2003, will be the main contender and has shown greater authoritarianism in recent days. Tension is on the rise in Turkey, especially since the recent mining disaster.¹

Indonesia Islamic authorities want to see a strong candidate emerge from the variety of Islamic parties in Indonesia. However, the most likely contenders at this point are Joko Widodo, Governor of Jakarta, Prabowo Subianto, a retired general, and Aburizal Bakrie, a businessman.²

South Africa This year's elections will be the first election since the death of Nelson Mandela. The current president, Jacob Zuma, has overseen the decline in the African National Congress and is playing tribal politics to catch up. The weakening ANC and rising uncertainty may be the undoing of Mandela's "Rainbow Revolution."³

Praying for God's influence in the elections

1. Pray that Christians will be involved to exactly the extent God wants them to be, not taking elections too lightly or too seriously.
2. Pray for Christians to distinguish their personal voting preferences from God's will, and to vote for God's will.
3. Pray that Christian politicians will be a force for justice and God's love as they stand for office, and that God will give them courage.
4. Pray for peace surrounding each polling place so that every citizen can vote without fear, and pray that bullying tactics will turn voters against the bullies.

Sources: Wikipedia, International Idea, World Watch List, Operation World 7th Edition, Footnote 1: Daily Sabah, Footnote 2: WSJ, Footnote 3: Washington Post



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