
MANY CENTRE-LEFT EUROPEAN GOVERNMENTS TURN TO HARD-RIGHT POLICIES - WITH LITTLE REWARD

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In Slovenia, Robert Golobs centre-left Freedom Movement won national elections in March 2026 after introducing the so-called Šutar law, which permits warrantless home entry in designated areas, expanded policing powers, and effectively treated Slovenias approximately 12,000 Roma citizens as a collective security problem.

The law was adopted in 12 days and passed before the investigation into the crime that prompted it was complete. The main suspect, a Roma man, was later released.

Amnesty International condemned the law, warning that the vitriolic rhetoric used to justify it raised serious fears that the measures would be deployed arbitrarily against the Roma population. The Council of Europe, the European Parliament, and leading Roma organisations raised similar concerns, to no effect.

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