

Constructions for the Reference Book

1. Politics - constructions

Analysts believe Mr Zelensky's informal style and *vow to clean up Ukrainian politics* resonated with voters who are disillusioned with the country's path under Mr Poroshenko.

"I will leave office but I want to firmly stress – I will not **quit politics**," he said.

<https://www.bbc.com/news/stories-47980484>

<https://www.bbc.com/news/world-europe-48007487>

2. Political - constructions

With no previous political experience, Mr Zelensky's campaign focused on his difference to the other candidates rather than on any concrete policy ideas.

But Russia's foreign ministry said Ukrainian voters had expressed their *desire for political change*.

He ran under a political party with the same name as his show.

But Mr Poroshenko argues that *he is a political novice* unfit for such a demanding job.

It is also unclear *what his political views are*, apart from a wish to be new and different.

<https://www.bbc.com/news/world-europe-47769118>

<https://www.bbc.com/news/world-europe-47990267>

3. Presidential election - constructions

At the end of January I spent a day with him as he *submitted his registration papers for the presidential election*.

All the polls suggest that Zelensky is going to defeat the incumbent, Petro Poroshenko, and easily **win Sunday's presidential election run-off**.

<https://bbc-ukraine-election-will-comic-outsider-beat-38-others.html>

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4. Election campaign - constructions

He said he expected Mr Zelensky to "repeat familiar ideological formulas" that he used *in the election campaign*, adding: "I have no illusions on that score".

Throughout the election campaign, he avoided serious interviews and discussions about policy – preferring instead to post light-hearted videos to social media.

Mr Zelensky's *entire election campaign* was based on being different and defying convention.

Mr Poroshenko, who critics say has not done enough to fight issues like corruption in the Eastern European nation, dubbed the **election campaign** a "silent movie", and accused Mr Zelensky of being afraid.

The likely winner of Sunday's presidential election in Ukraine hasn't **run a conventional campaign**, so reporters have been looking for clues about the future in a TV drama in which he plays the leading role.

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5. Opponent - constructions

Mr Zelensky's links to billionaire oligarch Ihor Kolomoisky – **a leading opponent of Mr Poroshenko** – have led some to question the comedian's credibility as a true "outsider" candidate.

His show is a hit on Channel 1+1, owned by billionaire oligarch Ihor Kolomoisky, **a leading opponent of Mr Poroshenko**.

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6. Trade invective / barbs / taunts - constructions

Ukraine presidential rivals **trade barbs in stadium debate**

Ukraine election rivals **trade taunts and media tricks**

She has also **traded invective with Mr Zelensky**, likening him to an iconic Soviet-era cartoon character with big ears, called Cheburashka.

<https://www.bbc.com/news/world-europe-47990267>

<https://www.bbc.com/news/world-europe-47895061>

7. Ballot - constructions

With nearly all **ballots counted** *in the run-off vote*, Mr Zelensky had taken more than 73% with incumbent Petro Poroshenko trailing far behind on 24%.

There are 39 *candidates on the ballot paper*, and it's claimed that if all the - unusually long - printed ballots were laid end-to-end, they'd reach from Ukraine to Uruguay.

Of the 39 *names on the ballot paper* just a handful are political heavyweights.

<https://www.bbc.com/news/world-europe-47654242>

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8. Landslide victory / win by landslide - constructions

Ukrainian comedian Volodymyr Zelensky has **scored a landslide victory** in the country's presidential election.

Ukraine election: Comedian Zelensky **wins** presidency **by landslide**

With nearly all votes counted, he **won a landslide** 73%.

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