What can election data tell us about voting patterns and the last election itself?

	Feni-1	Bogura-2	Laxmipur-2	Chattogram-2	Feni-2
2018	(AL) 88%	(JP) 74%	(I) 89%	(TF) 83%	(AL) 97%
2008	(BNP) 65%	(BNP) 59%	(BNP) 58%	(BNP) 58%	(BNP) 57%
2001	(BNP) 72%	(BNP) 64%	(BNP) 72%	(BNP) 49%	(BNP) 61%
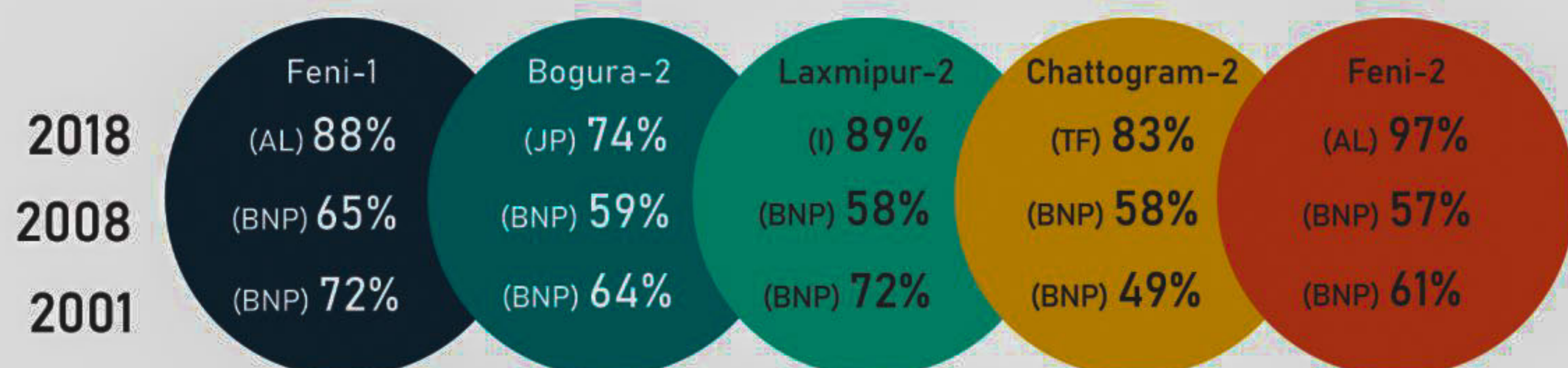
In these five constituencies BNP candidates won with the most % of votes in 2001 and 2008. In the 2018 general election, these seats were taken over by AL, its ally Tarikat Federation (TF), and an independent candidate. However, the % of votes achieved by the winning candidate are equal to, or more than, the % of votes bagged by previous BNP winners.

The % of votes received by each candidate is an indication of the political fault-lines of a community. In these five constituencies, the % of votes received by the winning candidates did not exceed 50% during the 2001 and 2008 elections. Yet, for the 2018 election, that number was as high as 93%.

Bar chart legend: 2018, 2008, 2001

Rangpur-4: Jatiya Party 38, Awami League 41, Awami League 64
Nilphamari-4: BNP 35, Awami League 39, Jatiya Party 79
Rangpur-5: Jatiya Party 44, Awami League 44, Awami League 76
Thakurgaon-2: Awami League 39, Awami League 51, Awami League 93
Bandarban: Awami League 39, Awami League 51, Awami League 71

In the 11th national general election, candidates getting nearly all the votes was not unheard of. In fact, in 68 seats, the % of votes received by the winning candidate was over 95%. Data analysis shows that in 200 of 299 ** seats, the winning candidate took home at least 80% of the votes.

** Results of one constituency not published yet as of the date of print

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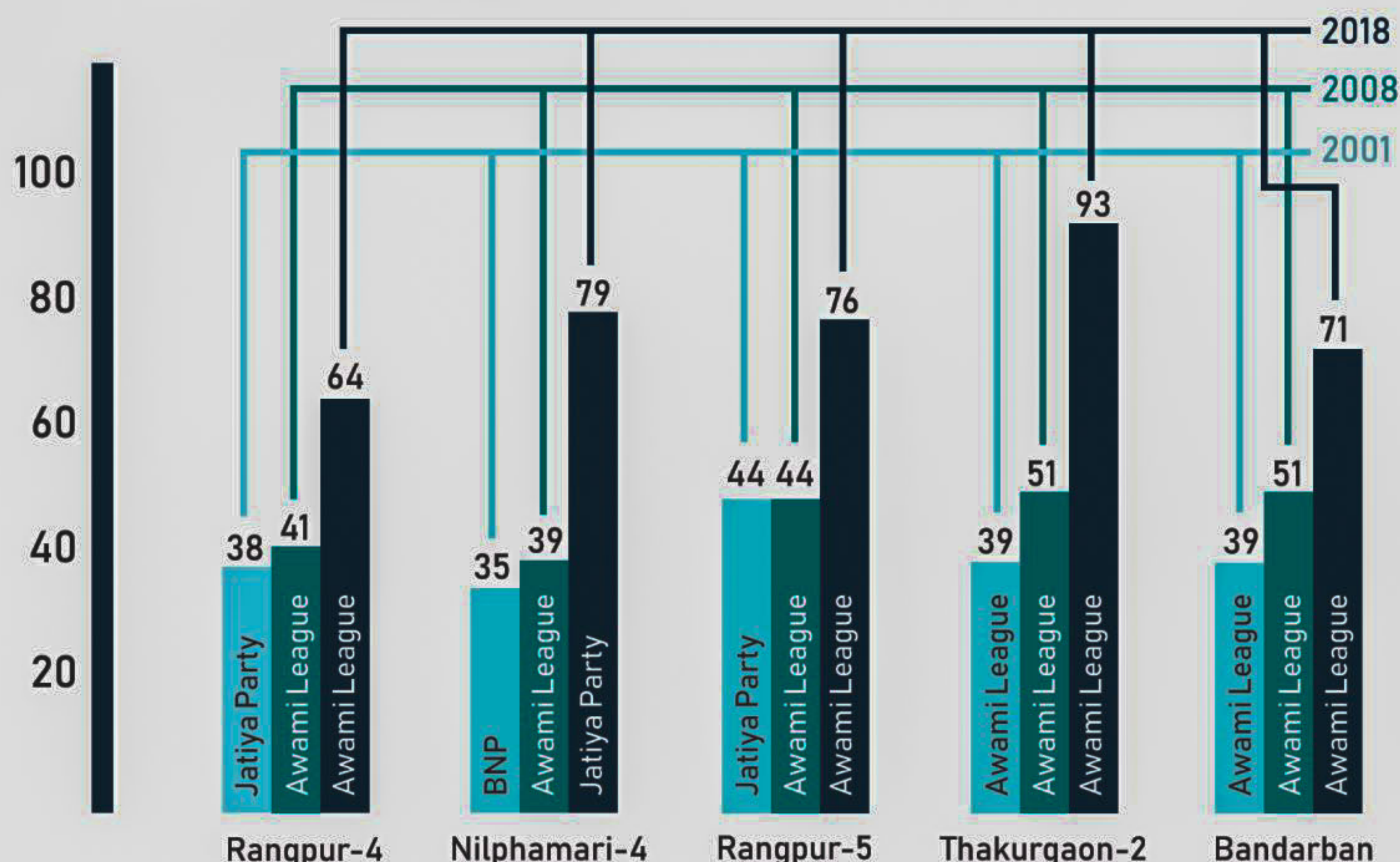
% of votes of winning candidate

99% — 6/299

Gopalganj-3, Sirajganj-1, Madaripur-1, Shariatpur-1, Gopalganj-1, Gopalganj-2

98% — 15/299

Brahmanbaria-4, Shariatpur-2, Laxmipur-1, Rajbari-2, Brahmanbaria-6, Barishal-1, Chattogram-13, Kishoreganj-4, Cumilla-11, Jamalpur-4, Chattogram-6, Chattogram-1, Jamalpur-3, Madaripur-2, Mymensingh-10

97% — 9/299

Jamalpur-1, Shariatpur-3, Jashore-1, Bagerhat-4, Bhola-3, Madaripur-3, Feni-2, Bagerhat-2, Pabna-2

96% — 18/299

Kushtia-1, Netrokona-3, Chandpur-2, Natore-3, Noakhali-6, Narayanganj-2, Gaibandha-4, Cumilla-10, Chattogram-3, Jhenaidah-2, Chattogram-7, Narail-2, Dhaka-20, Sherpur-2, Tangail-2, Pirojpur-1, Cumilla-4, Bhola-4

95% — 20/299

Jhenaidah-1, Jashore-6, Sirajganj-2, Lalmonirhat-1, Jhenaidah-4, Chandpur-1, Meherpur-2, Tangail-3, Cumilla-5, Natore-4, Jashore-2, Sirajganj-2, Sirajganj-6, Lalmonirhat-1, Chandpur-1, Meherpur-2, Cumilla-3, Tangail-3, Natore-4, Jashore-2