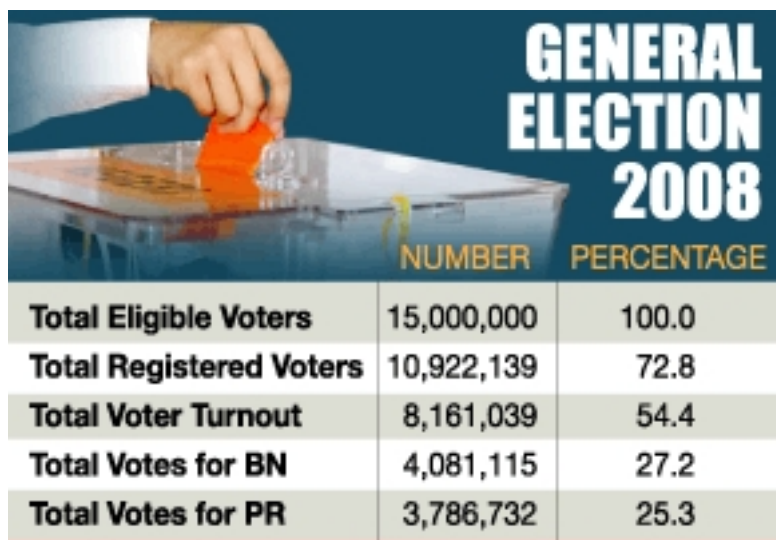


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JAN 19 — The Bersih 2.0 Steering Committee has launched an ambitious campaign “Jom100” to encourage all registered Malaysians to exercise their constitutional right to vote.

Civil society organisations like Pusat KOMAS, Saya Anak Bangsa Malaysia (SABM), Voice Your Choice and many others that have been actively involved in voter education know that a more realistic number is somewhere between 75 and 85 percent. Be that as it may, the Bersih initiative is still a laudable one.



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No such things as a free lunch, and the numbers (left) from the last general less the 2008 figures show that the PR coalition has lost 1.5 million votes since 2004.

CONSTITUENCY	BN	PR	MAJORITY	TURNOUT (%)
N36 – Pengkalan Baru	5,375	5,361	14	73.0
N6 – Kubu Gajah	4,114	4,048	66	75.9
N20 – Lubok Merbau	4,592	4,664	72	75.1
N10 – Alor Pongsu	5,585	5,490	95	76.5
N45 – Teja	6,358	6,533	175	69.5

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Despite the fact that BN did not lose a single seat in the 2008 general election, the PR coalition has lost 1.5 million votes since 2004. The PR coalition has lost 1.5 million votes since 2004.