

Liberal Democrat Voice

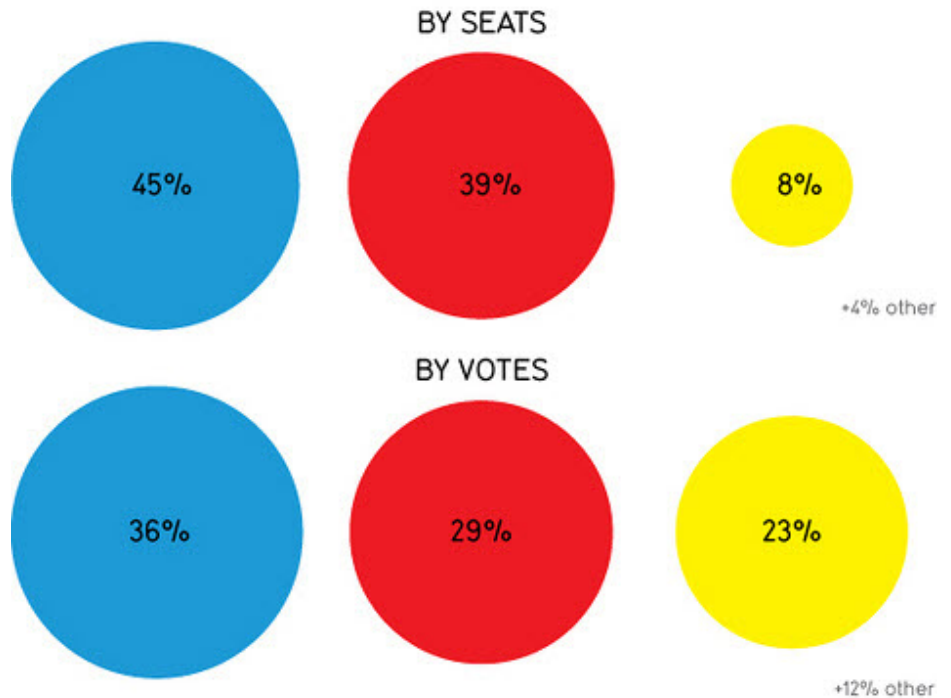
● Lib Dem Voice is the party's premier independent website for news, information and discussion on liberal themes. Every day, there are new stories. The articles below are extracts from the site - but you can read the site itself and join in the debate at www.libdemvoice.org

A Matter of Proportion

The day after the election, we published this infographic borrowed from InformationIsBeautiful.net to graphically illustrate the problem with the UK electoral system. The numbers were accurate at 1pm on 7th May.

The contents of this newsletter were accurate on 9th May 2010 - but we find ourselves in interesting political times and the picture may have changed by the time you receive this.

For a full, up to date picture, visit our website at www.libdemvoice.org



Full list of Lib Dem MPs

Danny Alexander, Inverness, Nairn, Badenoch & Strathspey
Norman Baker, Lewes
Alan Beith, Berwick-upon-Tweed
* **Gordon Birtwistle**, † Burnley
Tom Brake, Carshalton & Wallington
Annette Brooke, Mid Dorset & NPoole
Jeremy Browne, Taunton
Malcolm Bruce, Gordon
Paul Burstow, Sutton & Cheam
Lorely Burt, † Solihull
Vincent Cable, Twickenham
Menzies Campbell, NE Fife
Alistair Carmichael, Orkney & Shetland
Nick Clegg, Sheffield Hallam
* **Michael Crockart**, † Edinburgh W
Edward Davey, Kingston & Surbiton
Tim Farron, Westmorland & Lonsdale
Lynne Featherstone, Hornsey & Wood Green

Don Foster, Bath
Andrew George, St Ives
* **Stephen Gilbert**, St Austell & Newquay
* **Duncan Hames**, † Chippenham
Mike Hancock, Portsmouth S
Nick Harvey, North Devon
David Heath, Somerton & Frome
John Hemming, Birmingham Yardley
Martin Horwood, Cheltenham
Simon Hughes, N Southwark & Bermondsey
Chris Huhne, Eastleigh
Mark Hunter, Cheadle
* **Julian Huppert**, Cambridge
Charles Kennedy, Ross, Skye & Lochaber
Norman Lamb, North Norfolk
David Laws, Yeovil
John Leech, Manchester Withington
* **Stephen Lloyd**, † Eastbourne
Michael Moore, Tweeddale, Ettrick & Lauderdale

Greg Mulholl, Leeds N W
* **Tessa Munt**, † Wells
John Pugh, Southport
Alan Reid, Argyll & Bute
Dan Rogerson, North Cornwall
Bob Russell, Colchester
Adrian S&ers, Torbay
Robert Smith, W Aberdeenshire & Kincardine
Andrew Stunell, Hazel Grove
* **Ian Swales**, † Redcar
Jo Swinson, East Dunbartonshire
Sarah Teather, Brent Central
John Thurso, Caithness, Sutherland & Easter Ross
* **David Ward**, † Bradford East
Steve Webb, Thornbury & Yate
* **Simon Wright**, † Norwich South
Mark Williams, Ceredigion
Roger Williams, Brecon & Radnorshire
Stephen Williams, Bristol West
Jenny Willott, Cardiff Central

Key:
* New MP † Constituency gain

Up all night with Lib Dem Voice

Several members of the Lib Dem Voice team had jobs at election counts as candidates or agents, and at least two were seconded to radio stations as pundits, but a dedicated core staff stayed by their computers and valiantly kept the public apprised of the Liberal Democrat progress during election.

We're enormously proud that thousands of Lib Dem members and supporters chose to spend the night with us, commenting on our threads and keeping up to date with the information as quickly as Stephen Tall and Ryan Cullen could type it.

Although as I write this, the ultimate outcome of the election is still unclear, Lib Dem Voice has remained a vital tool for the party leadership in consulting with the wider membership.

In the narrow window between the election results being known and the parliamentary party meeting to decide on what steps to take next, the Federal Executive of the Liberal Democrats, which has a role to play in deciding what should

happen, used Lib Dem Voice to invite people to email their views to the Party President Ros Scott.

Similarly, many party members from peers of the realm to newly joined students used our platform to communicate their views on coalitions, PR, disappointment and even to underline our success in making gains when many in the country were turning their backs on us.

It all goes to show that in times of great change, keeping an eye on the Lib Dem Voice website can really pay off.

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Of psephological note

Defeated MPs

Sandra Gidley,
Romsey, 2000-10

Julia Goldsworthy,
Falmouth & Camborne, 2005-10

Evan Harris,
Oxford West & Abingdon, 1997-2010

Paul Holmes,
Chesterfield, 2001-10

Susan Kramer,
Richmond Park, 2005-10

Lembit Öpik,
Montgomeryshire, 1997-2010

Willie Rennie,
Dunfermline & West Fife, 2006-10

Paul Rowen,
Rochdale, 2005-10

Our thoughts and thanks are of course with all of our Lib Dem colleagues who did not get to rejoin our parliamentary party in 2010.

Parliament composition

Con: 306 **Lab:** 258 **Lib Dem:** 57
Others: 28. Delayed poll in Thirsk and Malton due 27/5

Only just held/gained

Bradford East 365 (0.9%)

Mid Dorset & Poole North 269 (0.6%)

Norwich South 310 (0.7%)

Solihull 175 (0.3%)

Wells 800 (1.4%)

Near Misses

Ashfield 192 (0.4%)

Camborne & Redruth 66 (0.2%)

Chesterfield 549 (1.2%)

Edinburgh South 316 (0.7%)

Hampstead & Kilburn 799 (1.6%)

Oldham East & Saddleworth 103 (0.2%)

Oxford West & Abingdon 176 (0.3%)

Rochdale 889 (1.9%)

Sheffield Central 165 (0.4%)

Swansea West 504 (1.4%)

Truro & Falmouth 435 (0.9%)