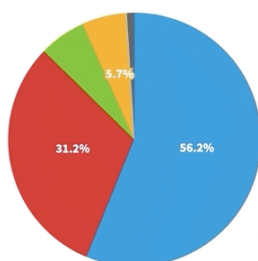# Electoral Reform Society

Dear Matjaz,

This can't keep happening. Way before election day we knew one thing: England's warped, winner-takes-all voting system would leave voters silenced and seething.

While the results are still being counted, we're already seeing a plethora of rotten results – with parties taking nearly all the seats on a fraction of the vote.
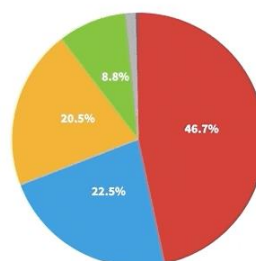

- In **Harlow**, the Conservatives won 60% of the vote – but secured 92% of seats. Labour got 36% of the vote and just 8% of seats up for grabs

- In **Gateshead**, Labour secured 47% of the vote, but 79% of seats up for grabs

- In **Nuneaton and Bedworth**, the Conservatives got 58% of the vote but 88% of seats. Meanwhile Labour and the Greens, with a combined 40% of the vote, won just 12% of seats

- In **Rochdale**, Labour won 49% of the vote but secured 80% of seats

This is just a snapshot of the unfair outcomes under this zero-sum voting system. Areas that are deemed 'unwinnable' by parties are left to wither on the vine.

It doesn't have to be this way.

Both Scotland and Northern Ireland use a fairer voting system and Wales has passed legislation to let local councils scrap FPTP. Proportional representation is vital to breathe new life and energy into our local democracy.

We need to ramp up the pressure and say enough is enough: voters in England need a real voice, and fair representation.

Together we can transform one party fiefdoms into a vibrant local democracy. Sign our petition now.

Best wishes,
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