POLITICAL PARTIES

I. Party Systems in the UK

II. Political Parties

   A. Labour

   B. Conservative

   C. Liberal Democrats

   D. Nationalist and Minor Parties

I. Party Systems in the UK

- Early Party Development
- Two and a Half Party System (1900-45)
  - Shifting support and coalitions
- Two-Party System (1945-74)
  - Postwar Consensus
- Two Party Dominant (1974-97)
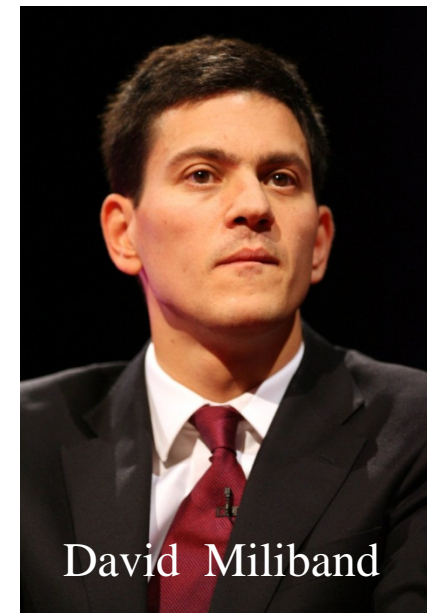 - Conflictual Politics
- Convergence Politics (1997-)

SOCIALISM

PROSPERITY

THROTTLING THE COUNTRY

A. Labour Party

- Early years
- Socialism
  - From triumph to unelectability
  - Transformation of Party Structure
- Blair and 'New Labour'
- The party post-Blair
  - Miliband v. Miliband
  - A viable alternative?

Ed Miliband

David Miliband

Ed's on top, but did they pick the right Miliband?

B. Conservative Party ('Tories')

- ☐ 'One Nation Tories' (paternalistic)
- ☐ Thatcher and Neoliberalism
- ☐ Electoral Collapse
  - ■ 'Black Wednesday' and Economic Competence
- ☐ Cameron and 'Modernization'
- ☐ Austerity in Government

Margaret Thatcher –
spiritual leader or
crazy old aunt in the attic?

The Parade of Tory Leaders

William Hague
1997-2001

Michael Howard
2003-2005

Iain Duncan Smith
2001-2003

David Cameron
2005-Present

The 'Rebranding' of the Conservatives
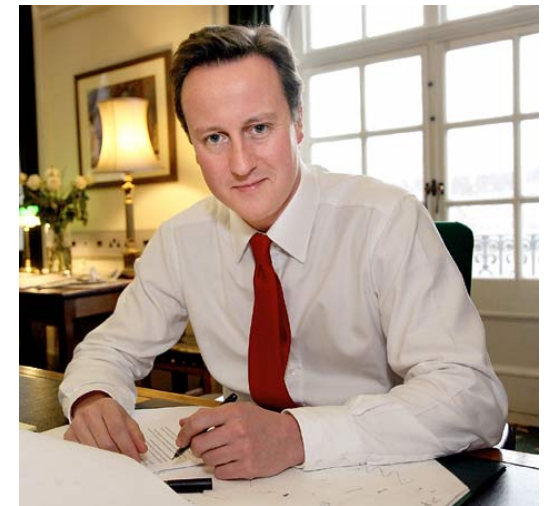

Old Tory Logo

New Tory Logo

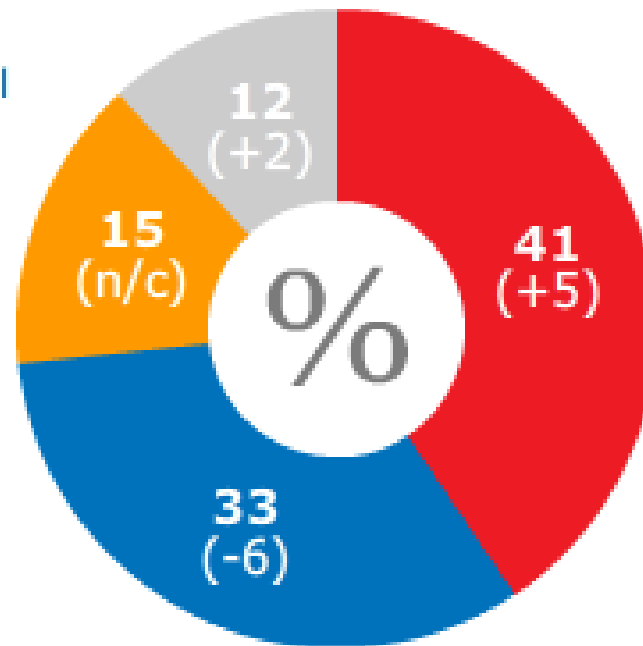

Dave cycles to work…

…Dave cares about global warming…

…but now PM Dave is going to balance the budget….

…and people are not so happy about that...

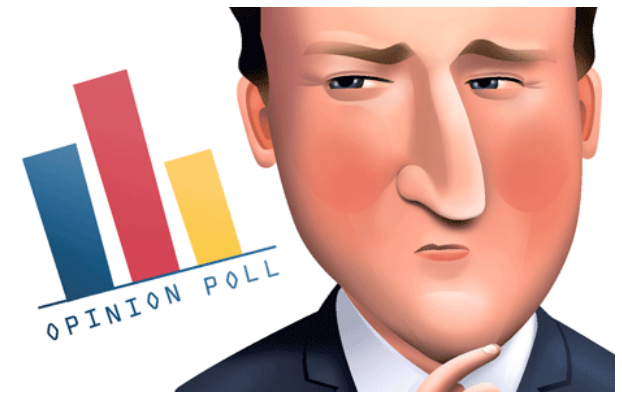**Voting intentions**

Showing change on last poll

- Conservative
- Labour
- Liberal Democrat
- Other

12 (+2)

15 (n/c)

41 (+5)

%

33 (-6)

SOURCE: GUARDIAN ICM

OPINION POLL

Source: *The Guardian* /ICM (23 April 2012)

C. Liberal Democrats

- Liberal slide after WW I

- Social Democratic Party (SDP)

- Merger into Liberal Democrats

- Problem of the Electoral System

- Liberal Democrat principles

- The Pains of Governing
  - Policy disagreements
  - Failure of AV referendum

Liberal Democrat Leader Nick Clegg

D. Nationalist and Minor Parties

- Scottish Nationalist Party (SNP)
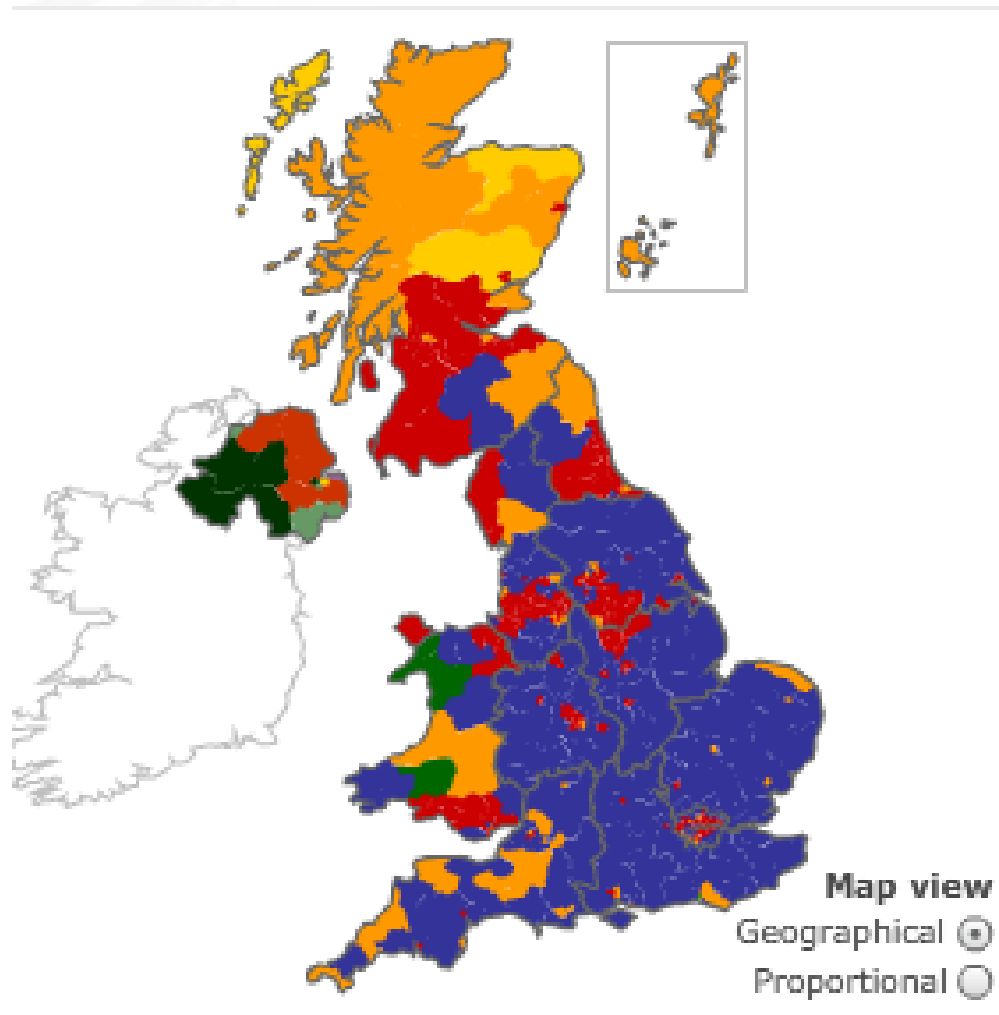- Welsh Nationalists (*Plaid Cymru –*
  Party of Wales)
- Northern Ireland Parties
- Minor Parties
  - Green Party (traditional green party)
  - UK Independence Party (UKIP – anti-EU)
  - British Nationalist Party (BNP – racist/anti-immigrant)

2010 UK Election Map

UK - NATIONAL SEATS AT A GLANCE

Prediction	326 to win	SEATS	CHANGE
Conservative		307	+97
Labour		258	-91
Liberal Democrat		57	-5
Democratic Unionist Party		8	-1
Scottish National Party		6	0
Others		14	0

SHARE

CON 36.1%
LAB 29.0%
LD 23.0%
OTHERS 11.9%

SWING

5%
From LAB to CON

Map view
Geographical ◉
Proportional ○