

The death of the Progressive Alliance?

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I have made no secret of my desire for what some call a progressive alliance. In the face of the UK's absurd voting system it makes obvious sense for parties broadly in agreement with each other to cooperate. After all, the whole of politics is about coalition building.

The Greens and SNP have said yes

The LibDems have said no, rather worryingly implying they cannot see common ground with Labour, implying in the process that they have learned nothing from the drubbing they were given for aligning with the Tories.

And Labour have said no because they seem to exist in a pre-2010 time warp.

I am disappointed. Egos are being promoted over policy and the offering of real electoral choice. I suspect that across the country millions will share that sentiment.