

## Our parliamentary constituencies are gerrymandered to f...

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As the [Guardian noted yesterday](#):

*British democracy is being “warped” by an unfair system for drawing constituency boundaries that ignores millions of “missing voters” and hugely benefits the Tories, according to a new study of official data.*

The suggestion is a simple one. It is that parliamentary seats have been created not on the basis of the number of people living in an area, but on the basis of the number of registered electors in a place.

The result is obvious. Places with low numbers of registered electors, whether that be because there are large numbers of children, or significant numbers of mobile people living in an area for short periods, or because there is poverty, which is often associated with low voter registration levels, are being under-represented in parliament.

The Guardian makes clear that this is most unusual. Most countries do not do what we are doing. They create constituencies based on population figures.

So why might we be using a different basis? Might it be because it heavily favours the Tories?

Because Labour MPs tend to represent those with lower voter registration figures, each Labour MP requires 114,000 people to be elected. A Tory, under this system, requires 97,000.

The result is obvious. The system biases the Tories. It is estimated that they will gain 22 seats they do not deserve as a result.

This is gerrymandering. Tory corruption reaches far and wide.