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There is little point in providing any extensive commentary on what was happening in yesterday's elections as yet. There are far too many polls still to be counted as yet.

That said, some things stand out.

The Tories have lost almost half of all the seats that they were defending.

The swing against them in the Blackpool South by-election was the third biggest since WW2.

Labour has generally done well.

The Greens have done very well.

LibDems are unlikely to take much comfort from results, so far.

Reform has failed so far, including in places like Lincolnshire, where they might have had hopes. That is very good news.

But is the Labour vote that solid? Look at South Tyneside and it is apparent that it is not when other factors come into play, as they have there.

That said, it looks as if the opinion polls are broadly accurate, excepting on support for the Greens and Reform, where results conflict with supposed opinion.

But, let's wait and see.