

# Who fills the space on the left now? That is the questi...

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I rarely write blog posts at soon after 5 in the morning, having already been awake for two hours. I woke at 3 and knew there was no chance of going back to sleep.

As things stand right now, Labour is the new government but there are still votes to be declared in many constituencies. That said the conclusions are clear.

Firstly, Labour has won without winning hearts or minds.

The only parties to do that were Reform, unfortunately, and the Greens, with the latter's success is not clear as yet. Carla Denyer is in, but everything else hangs in the balance.

The LibDems have been highly efficient.

The SNP has been decimated, with Tories swinging to Labour in Scotland which they have not in the rest of the UK.

Plaid Cymru has proved independence can win.

And as for Farage, I am hoping that the exit poll prediction is going to be proved very wrong.

Odd exceptions apart (the Green vote, the Tory collapse, my local Tory MP being ousted and PCs success) I am not feeling excited by this.

First-past-the-post has delivered a Labour win with less support than Corbyn had - and he, deservedly, won.

The flimsy nature of the support for Labour will soon be apparent. I cannot see the honeymoon lasting more than a few months.

Tory in-fighting as Braverman and Badenoch fight to turn the party into the Monster Raving Loonies will help Labour for a while. It will also mean that they have no hope of

recovery.

So, with Labour and the Tories bound to decline, who will rise to fill the void as this country takes its leave of the two largest parties?

Reform is bound to grow. There is a vacuum on the far-right that the Tories will leave, but its size is limited and Labour is now firmly centre-right, and will limit Reform's expansion.

The issue is what happens on the left? Will Ed Davey play a right of centre hand, as I suspect? If so, who but the Greens is there, plus the nationalists in Wales and Scotland? At the moment, no one.

That is what is of interest now. In fact, it is what anyone on the left should be talking about for the next five years.

The LibDems could take this space, but by inclination I doubt they will.

So will the Greens (with three seats by the time I conclude this, and four likely) skyrocket? That is the question for me this morning. In England they now represent political hope when little else does.

This could be very interesting. And it is precisely why my scrutiny of Labour failings will be unrelenting.

We need change. In 2029 we must have it.