

Labour's fading glory

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As [the FT notes](#) this morning:

Labour has lost more than 40 per cent of the council seats it has defended in by-elections since the general election, in a further sign that the party's popularity has plunged since July 4.

The party's vote share has fallen in 80 per cent of local authority by-elections, and in almost half, its vote share fell by at least 10 per cent, according to a new analysis of its performance in council ballots.

Bizarrely, most of the losses are to the Tories. Others have gained, but the Tory recovery is almost as shocking as the rapid Labour decline.

The survey covered 101 by-elections.

Politics, as usual, looks as though it might survive for a while. We are all losers as a result.