

The failure of British politics

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These are two opinion poll results announced yesterday:



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Reform lead at 1pts
Westminster voting intention

REF: 25% (+2)
LAB: 24% (-3)
CON: 21% (-1)
LDEM: 14% (-)
GRN: 9% (-)

via @YouGov, 02 Feb...

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Tories tie with Labour
Westminster voting intention

CON: 25% (-4)
LAB: 25% (-3)
REF: 24% (+7)
LDEM: 14% (+1)
GRN: 8% (-)

via @BMGResearch, 28 Jan...

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Labour's support has collapsed.

Right now, there is little chance of it returning.

The Tories have no idea what to do about anything.

The door is being opened for the far-right by neoliberal parties who are too frightened to condemn Trump or the populism of Farage.

And nowhere is there a credible alternative to the failed politics of neoliberalism on offer - including from the Greens, who are in policy confusion on far too many issues, including economic policy.

People want neither populism nor neoliberalism. They want politics that works, and neither of these approaches does.

Meanwhile, the power of wealthy donors and an utterly corrupt political system in the UK are preventing an alternative from emerging.

No wonder people are disenchanted. There is no reason to be otherwise.