

Funding the Future

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We published this YouTube short video this afternoon:

Reform is polling at 34%. That's more than Labour or the Tories. In this video, I explore what this means for the future of UK politics – and why we're now at real risk of a neo-fascist party gaining power. If we want to protect democracy, we need electoral reform now.

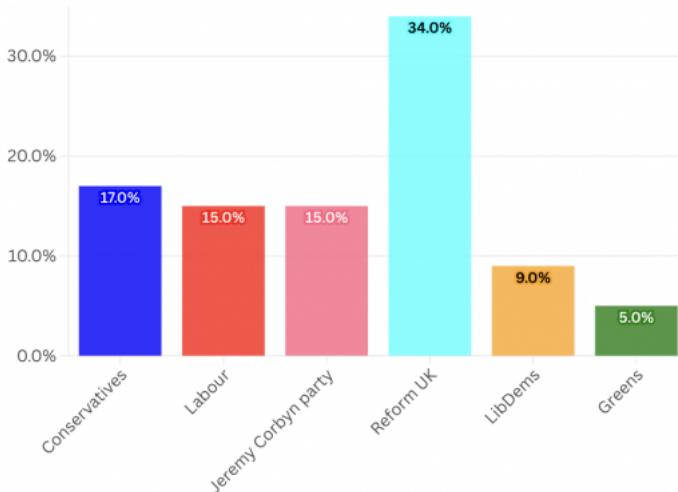
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This is the transcript:

Many people will have seen this opinion poll finding that was published in the last couple of days by LBC, the news radio station. They ask people, "Who would you vote for in the event of a general election now?" And look at the outcome.

UK-wide Westminster voting intention by party

■ Conservatives ■ Labour ■ Jeremy Corbyn party ■ Reform UK ■ LibDems ■ Greens



Source: [Find Out Now](#) poll of 650 UK adults for LBC News

The Tories on 17%.

Labour on 15%.

The Lib Dems on 9%.

The Greens on 5%.

Less than half the people in the country want to vote for the mainstream political parties that dominate the scene in England, at least.

But look, who else they are going to vote for. 15% said they might vote for Jeremy Corbyn's new party, which doesn't even exist as yet, and 34% said they'd vote for Reform, a party that has already lost two of the five MPs that it had elected last July, and is in chaos in the councils that it runs, and cannot frankly organise the proverbial in a brewery.

But the key thing is, look at that data. 49% of people will either vote for a party that is essentially neo-fascist and completely unable to manage itself, or which doesn't even exist.

If there was ever a measure of how little people believe in the mainstream political system in the UK, this was it.

But there is something that the mainstream political system needs to do as a result. Our democracy is under threat. If this vote were replicated in a real general election, we would be in crisis because Reform might get 500 seats.

Now, I'm not saying people shouldn't vote for Reform. That's people's right.

But I am saying that they are neo-fascist, and I defend my right to say that based upon their policies and everything that they put forward, which is deeply divisive in our society, particularly on the grounds of race.

And I believe that we therefore need to protect democracy. And to protect democracy, we must have a proportional representation voting system in the UK, so that, yes, for sure, Reform can get one third of the seats in Parliament if that is what people want. But other people should be represented as well. And the risk is that with votes being spread in the way shown here, other people will get no chance of representation at all.

We've already seen the problems that this gives rise to. Labour has a completely unfair and unreasonable majority at present in the House of Commons because it is not supported by the number of people that its majority would supposedly suggest.

Therefore, reform, and I'm using reform there with a small R and not a capital R, must take place because we must protect the people in this country and their right to

choose, and with this kind of political breakdown, we won't have that right because a neo-fascist party will be swept into power and who knows what will happen then.