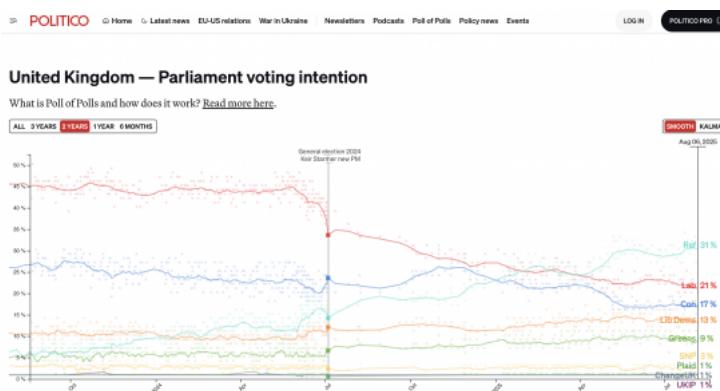


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This was the view from [Politico's most recent](#) UK national poll tracker:



Three things stand out.

Firstly, there is no real enthusiasm for any political party in the UK at present. When the government just scrapes 21%, and the Conservatives 17%, disenchantment is the most obvious story that stands out from this poll.

Secondly, it is obvious that Farage is exploiting this. Let's not also beat around the bush: he is doing that successfully. It is a damning indictment of all other politicians that he has succeeded in doing so the absence of ideas is what is so clearly down the rest of the political domain.

Thirdly, we have to come to the reluctant conclusion that almost one in three people in the UK are willing to vote for a neo-fascist party. In a country that seems to define itself, in more than any other way, by its part in victory over fascism in World War II, no one should ignore the reality of the scale of change in public sympathy that this represents. Nor should we ignore the challenge implicit within the denial of the truth implicit in this, or the apparent suspension of the relationship between historical narratives and present political sentiment, often subscribed to by the same people simultaneously, that other politicians now have to address.

These are worrying times.