

Funding the Future

Might Labour come fourth in Scotland?

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Labour swept many parliamentary seats in Scotland in 2024, representing a massive improvement in its fortunes in the country.

Now, as [The National](#) is reporting:

THE Scottish Greens will overtake Labour at the next Holyrood election, a major new poll has predicted.

The final Scottish Election Study before the Holyrood vote in May predicts a "comfortable" pro-independence majority of SNP and Green MSPs, with Ross Greer and Gillian Mackay's party securing 16% on the regional list.

This is the forecast:

Combined Seat Counts						
	Party	Const. Share	List Share	Const. Seats	List Seats	Total Seats
	SNP	34	28	57	0	57
	Reform	18	19	1	21	22
	Greens	11	16	4	12	16
	Labour	14	14	1	14	15
	Liberal Democrats	10	10	7	3	10
	Conservatives	10	10	3	6	9
	Other	2	2	0	0	0

Effective No. of Parties **3.79** High Gallagher Index **12.30** High

Seat projections from DevolvedElections' calculator (Image: DevolvedElections)

From first to fourth in two years. That's a staggering change, and entirely deserved.

Three things follow.

Binary politics are over in the UK.

The political consensus around the two-party system is broken for good, with both former leading parties heading for extinction.

In the new narrative, we either get fascism or a politics of hope for each person and all the countries on these islands we share.

It's not really a choice, is it?