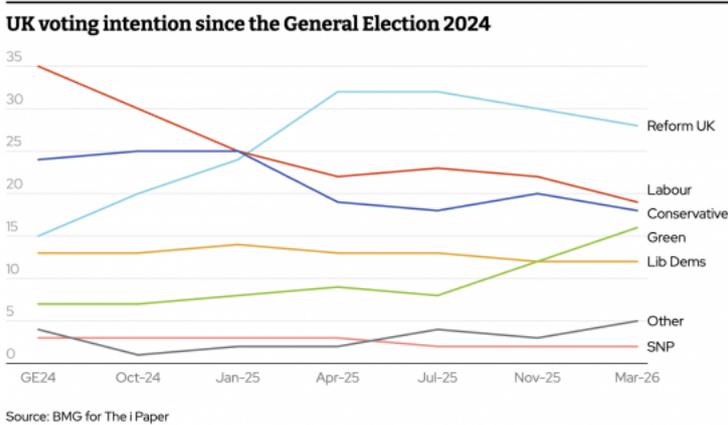


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## The single transferable party is dying

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New opinion poll data published by [The Independent](#) newspaper late last week is interesting:



However, it is looked at, there is only good news in this poll for one party.

The Greens can be delighted with their performance over the last year.

Labour and the Conservatives are in terminal decline. This was the lowest poll rating for Labour that this survey has ever found in its history.

The LibDems are no longer picking up the protest vote.

Reform is, very obviously, past its peak, although it still enjoys worryingly large support.

The poll did not pick up the nuance of what is happening in Scotland and Wales, where pro-independence parties are comfortably in the lead.

I spend a lot of time worrying about the rise of the far right, but this poll shows three things.

Firstly, the far right might have a core level of support in the UK, but it can be contained.

Secondly, the belief that I have had for some time that the single transferable party system of power in the UK is broken is justified. Neoliberal parties now have no answers to the problems that the UK faces, and the people of the country have realised that.

Thirdly, with opinion in this widely dispersed, arguments against proportional representation now make no sense at all and are antidemocratic.