Dear Sirs/Mesdames,

Britain's Dodgy Democracy:
Here's why Labour could win a supermajority even without a majority of voters supporting them:

The following are the latest statistics taken from a General Election Prediction Poll published on 21st June by Electoral Calculus* on their website at www.electoralcalculus.co.uk together with the highlighted "Predicted Seats %" figures which I have added:-

Party	Predicted Vote %	Predicted Seats	Predicted Seats %
Labour	39.5%	457	72.3%
Conservative	19.9%	76	12.0%
Liberal Democrat	11.6%	66	10.4%
Reform UK	17.8%	3	0.5%
Green	6.0%	2	0.3%
SNP	3.5%	22	3.4%
Plaid Cymru	0.7%	4	0.6%
Other	1.2%	2	0.3%

A child of 10 could see that the figures in the third column do not tally with those in the first column.

If this Electoral Calculus prediction is correct, the Labour Party would take 7 out of 10 seats with just 4 out of 10 GB votes; Labour's majority in the House of Commons would be unprecedented for a party that did not enjoy the support of the majority of voters.

Additionally:

- The Conservatives would not be adequately represented, with just 12% of the seats to show for 20% of the vote; there would be no credible opposition in the House of Commons to hold an over-represented Labour administration to account;
- The Liberal Democrats would take 66 seats with 12% of the vote, while the Reform UK Party, polling a third more votes than the LibDems, would win just 3 seats;
- The Green Party would have just 2 seats to show for their 6% of poll.

Such results would make us the laughing stock of the Free World for which our outdated voting system would be supremely responsible.

Our current Victorian "First-past-the-post" voting system is an undemocratic and inefficient apparatus which wastes most of the votes fed into it, while producing a distorted result with the remainder, courtesy of X voting in 650 single member constituencies which allows a candidate to win with a minority of the vote. It is possible for First-past-the-post to enable one party to take every single seat in the country on a minority of the vote.

Some commentators suppose that the excesses of the First-past-the post voting system are a concern limited to supporters of smaller parties. They are mistaken. Any voting system which is capable of awarding seven out of ten seats to a party in exchange for a mere four of ten votes while reducing the official opposition to an ineffective handful of seats should be of concern to everybody.

It has to be said that, while the 33% disparity between seats taken and votes won predicted above is bad enough for a Westminster election, such electoral injustices are commonplace in local government; for example. in 2022, Labour took all the seats in the London Borough of Lewisham with just 52% of the vote, a 48% disparity.

In any event, First-past-the-post is knackered. Continued use of this Victorian museum piece makes about as much sense as using Stephenson's Rocket to haul trains on the HS2 and, if the projection outlined above is correct, our voting system is about to malfunction quite spectacularly, catapulting a party out of political obscurity into an unassailable position of power, even though they do not enjoy the support of a majority of voters.

Whatever one's political persuasion, It is vital that we all resolve that the forthcoming general election is the last time we are obliged to use Victorian Voting and that next time, we use a

system of proportional representation to ensure that any party cannot take 7 out of 10 seats unless it has won 7 out of 10 votes.

More information about the deficiencies of First-past-the-post is available at www.supervote.org.uk together with details of the Single Transferable Voting system we reformers want voters to use instead.

Please do what you can to highlight this important issue.

With every good wish,

Yours faithfully,

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- *Note: According to their website at www.electoralcalculus.co.uk Electoral Calculus made the most accurate pre-poll prediction of the result of the December 2019 General Election, predicting the Conservatives would win 351 seats, which was closer to the actual result of 365 seats than any other final pre-poll prediction.*