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MAY ELECTIONS 2016

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Highlights from Super Thursday

SCOTLAND

The SNP returned to power but just fell short of the 65 seats that would have given them a majority. Indeed, the performance of Nicola Sturgeon's party was to a large extent overshadowed by the Conservatives under Ruth Davidson – no one's idea of a traditional Tory – who celebrated becoming leader of the country's official opposition with a punchy exchange of views with Sturgeon over the prospects of another independence referendum.

WALES

Although Plaid Cymru leader Leanne Wood ousted Labour Leighton Andrews from the Rhondda seat in the Welsh election's most sensational result, Labour ended just one seat down and will lead with a minority. UKIP gained their first ever representation in Wales, winning seven of 60 seats – one of them going to Neil Hamilton...

NORTHERN IRELAND

Negotiations over a programme for government in Northern Ireland are now not expected until later this week, with 29 of the 108 MLAs new to the assembly and the customary patchwork of representation behind the two largest parties, the DUP and Sinn Féin. According to Amnesty International,

at least 58 of the 108 elected Assembly members (MLAs) support the introduction of equal marriage – a marked shift, after the last assembly had repeatedly failed to introduce legislation to bring Northern Ireland into line with the rest of the UK.

MAYORAL ELECTIONS

While Sadiq Khan's resounding victory in London provided some solace for Labour and even more for those attuned to the dogwhistle of his opponent's campaign, it was far from the only mayoral triumph for diversity in Britain. Salford's new mayor Paul Dennett overcame a violent upbringing and conflicts over his sexuality on his way to becoming one of the north-west's most powerful politicians, while in Bristol Marvin Rees became the first directly elected mayor of African/Caribbean descent in the whole of Europe.

POLICE COMMISSIONER ELECTIONS

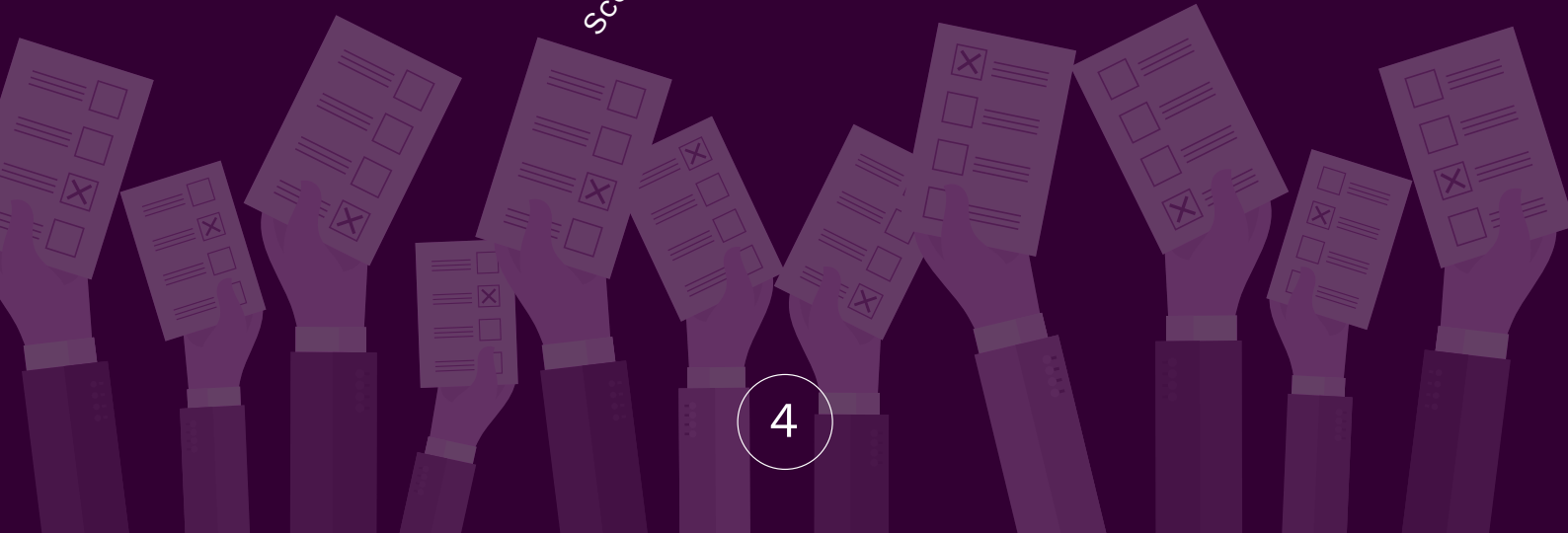
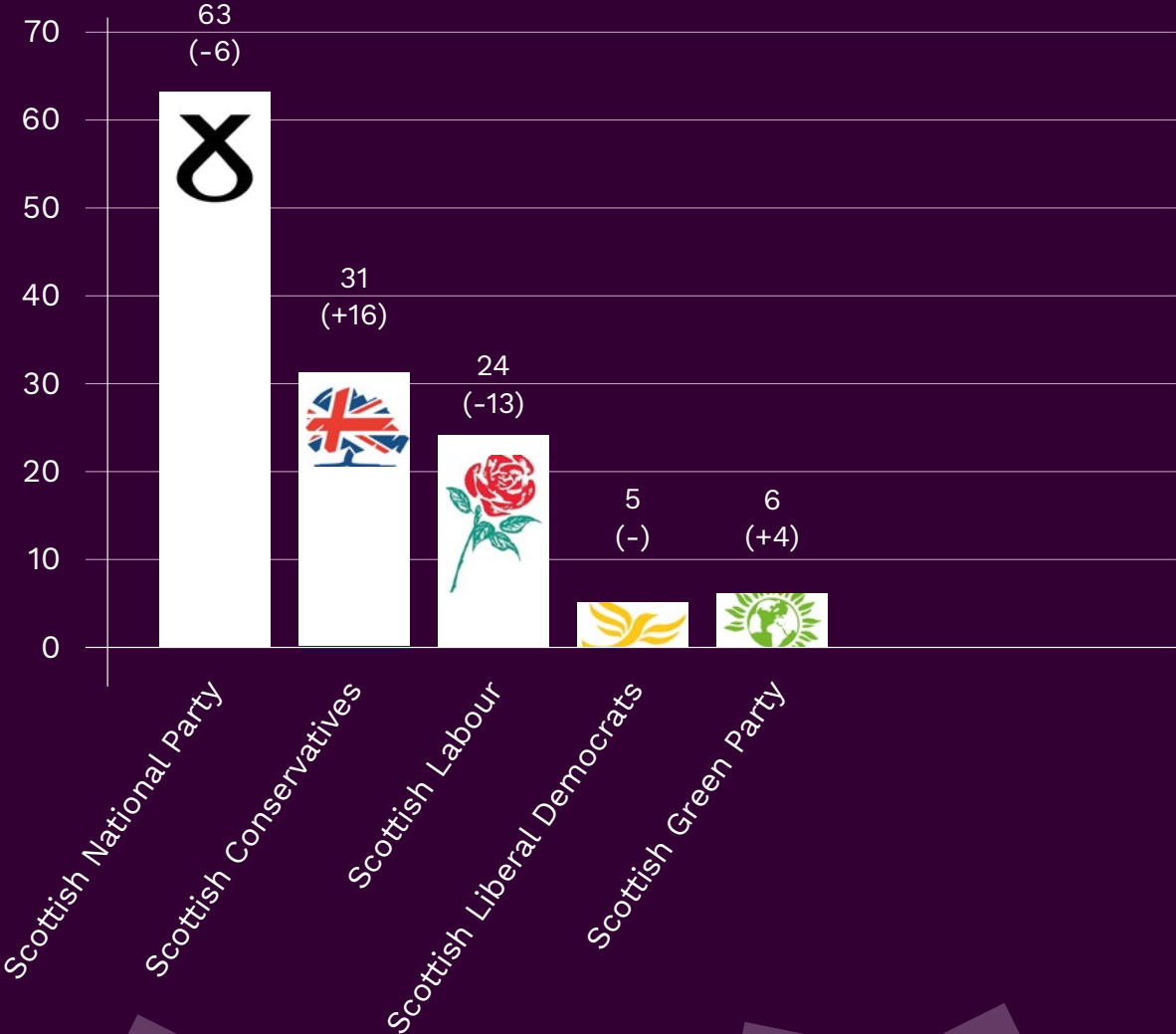
One set of elections where diversity didn't win through, despite their original remit. An increased turnout from the levels of 2012 appears to have been a direct result of piggybacking on other local elections, with lower turnouts in areas where no other contests were taking place – another consequence may well have been a more party political vote. Just a third of independent candidates held on to their jobs by the time the final votes were counted.

Election Results Summary: Scottish Parliament



The turnout in this election was 55.6%.
The turnout in the 2011 election was 50.6%.
Increase: 5%.

Number of Seats



Stakeholder Reaction: Scottish Parliament



“The election results we’ve seen so far suggest this has been a tough night for Labour – especially in Scotland, but they are at least better than many had predicted. Labour must now unite behind a vision that can win in four years’ time and, in so doing, change this country for the better...that’s what all Labour MPs should be focused on today.”

Dave Prentis, General Secretary of Unison

“Commitments to increasing the amount of affordable housing, introducing extra energy efficiency measures to fight fuel poverty and using the new welfare powers to, amongst other measures, abolish the ‘bedroom tax’ are supported across the Scottish Parliament.”

Mary Taylor, Chief Executive SFHA

“We’ve just elected Scotland’s youngest MSP ever. @Ross_Greer is in! #SP16”

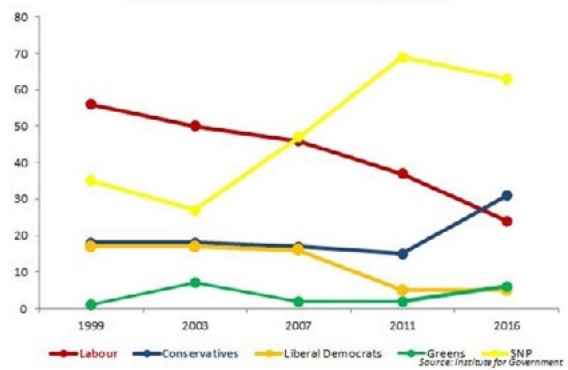
Scottish Greens



“SNP plateau. Labour continued decline. Tory surge. LD bottom out. Green revival. Scottish Parliament since ‘99 #sp16.”

Akash Paun, Fellow, Institute for Government

Scottish Parliament elections since 1999 (seats won)



Journalist Top Tweets: Scottish Parliament

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Paul Waugh

@paulwaugh

“ No 10 on real significance of Tories coming 2nd in Scotland@ fundamental realignment of British politics, even harder for Lab to win gen exln. ”



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Toby Young

@toadmeister

“ From @UKLabour’s point of view, these election resultscouldnt be worse. Bad enough to wound Corbyn, but not destroy him. ”



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George Eaton

@georgeeaton

“ Not since 1910 has Labour finished third in Scotland. ”



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Faisal Islam

@faisalislam

“ So it’s official, @theSNP loses its majority. I cannot see how there is a legal second referendum in the next five years, even if Brexit. ”



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Jason Cowley

@JasonCowleyNS

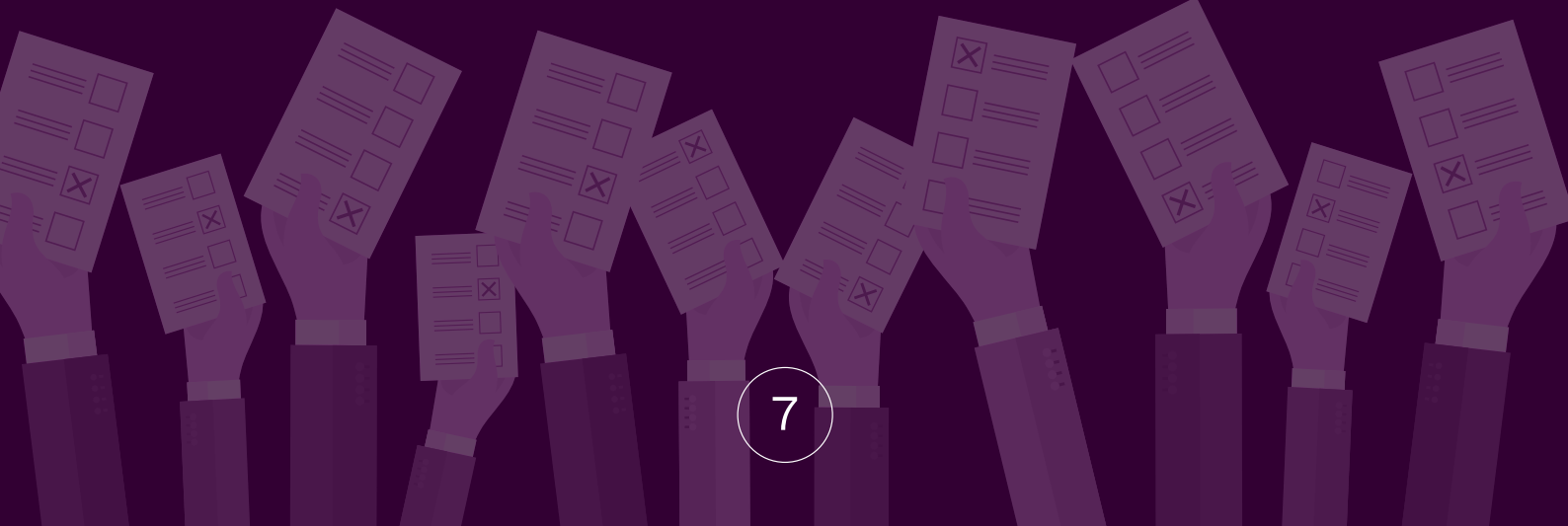
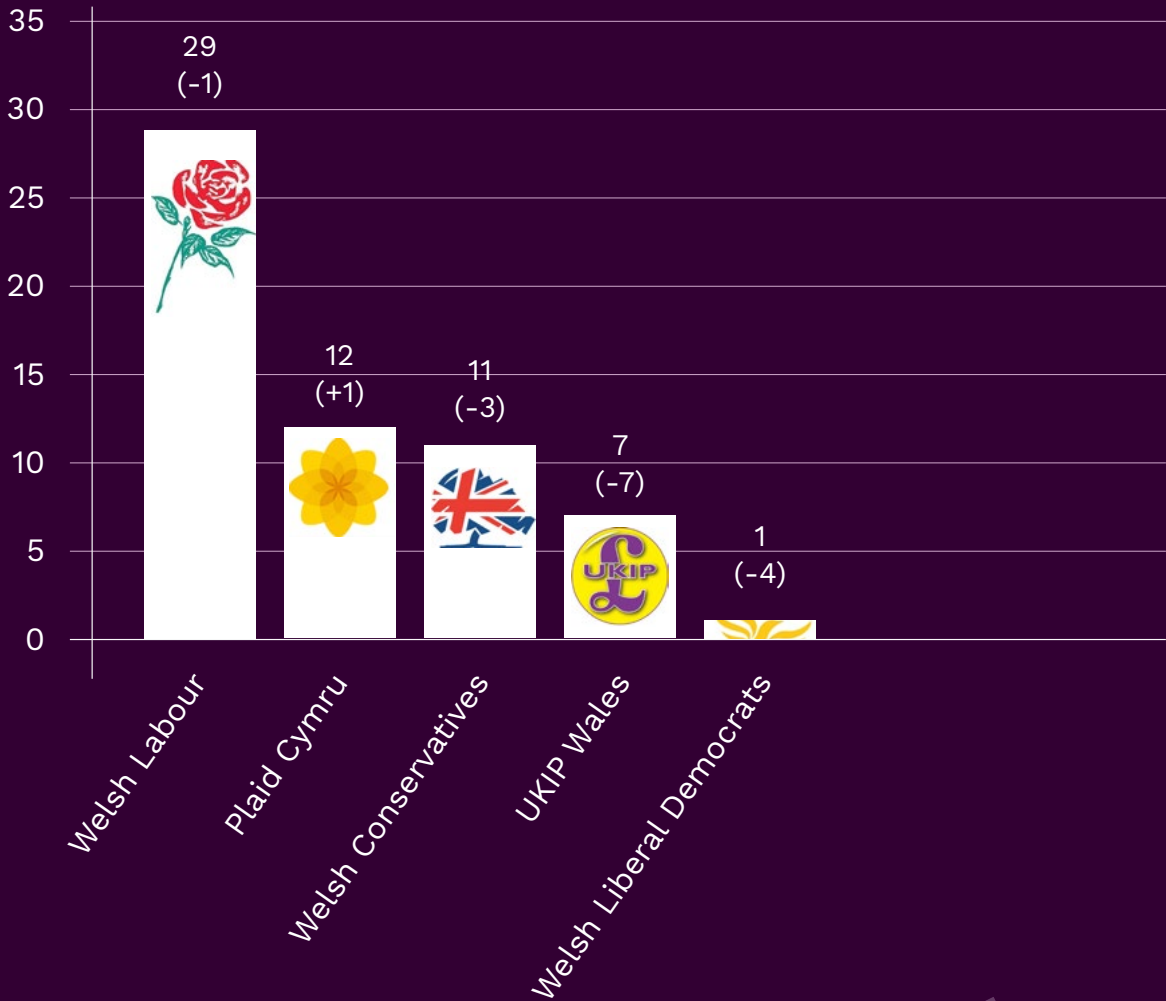
“ The idea that the Scottish people are left wing is a myth. Threaten to raise their taxes and they will send you on your way. @kezdu. ”

Election Results Summary: Welsh Assembly



The turnout in this election was 45.3%.
The turnout in the 2011 election was 42.2%.
Increase: 3.1%.

Number of Seats



“You wait 17 years for an openly gay Assembly Member, then two come along in an hour! Congrats @Jeremy_Miles #LGBT #Wales2016.”

Andrew White, Director of Stonewall Wales

“The Labour-led government will now face the challenge of turning campaign rhetoric into political reality. To set Wales on the path of long-term prosperity some tough decisions must be taken in the first 100 days of the new government... Welsh business wants to see a new government getting into its stride by taking early action on key priorities like empowering our regions to drive growth through dynamic new regional development corporations.”

Emma Watkins, CBI Wales Director



“Going into the election we saw all of the parties propose measures to support small businesses....Given the cross-party recognition of the importance of small businesses to the Welsh economy, we hope to see a strong focus on Wales’ SMEs over the next five years.”

Janet Jones, Wales Policy Chair

“We would urge the first minister to be much more ambitious in his target in this area. Welsh Labour committed to 20,000 new affordable homes over the course of the term, but this falls some way short of the 56,000 that is needed.”

Ben Collins, Director of RICS Wales

Journalist Top Tweets: Welsh Assembly

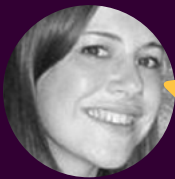
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Kevin Maguire
@Kevin_Maguire



Plaid's Leanne Woods' "new dawn" in Wales is very Blairite after she won Labour a Rhondda seat her party held 1999-2003.



Isabel Hardman
@IsabelHardman



Group with hardest job today not Corbynites reacting to election results but Labour moderates trying to persuade party doom still looms.



Tim Montgomerie
@montie



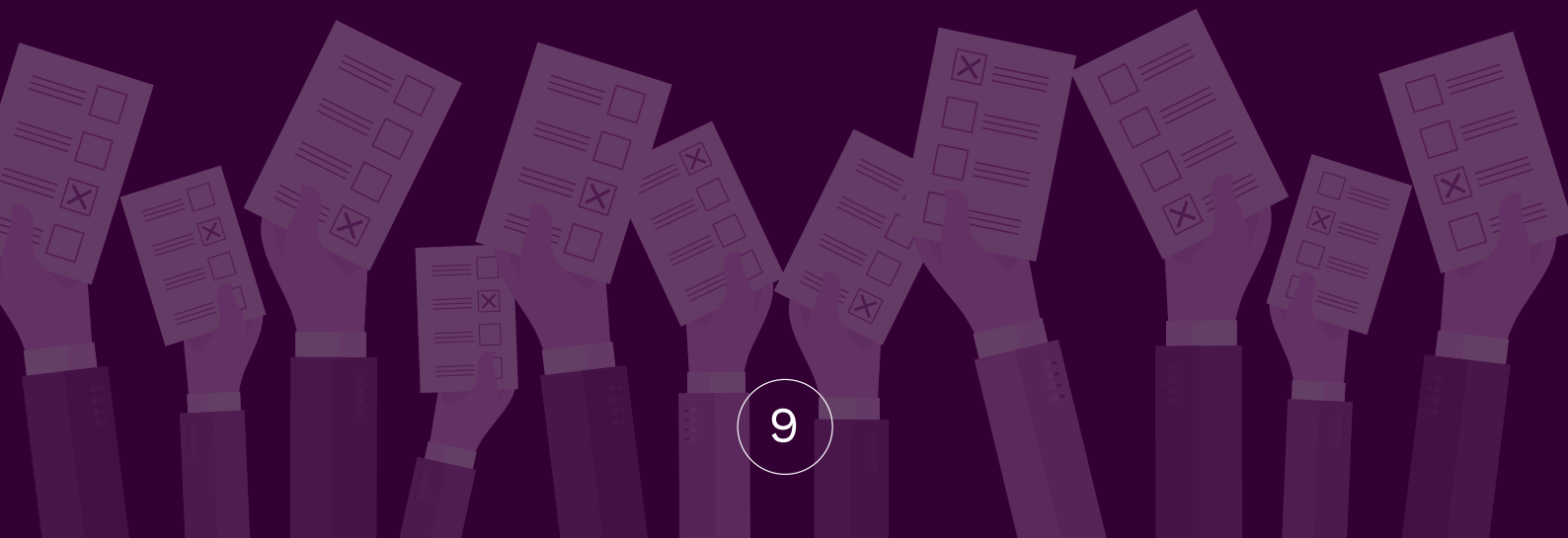
Ukip celebrating their gains in Wales but is having Neil Hamilton as your representative and regularly on TV, any cause for celebration?



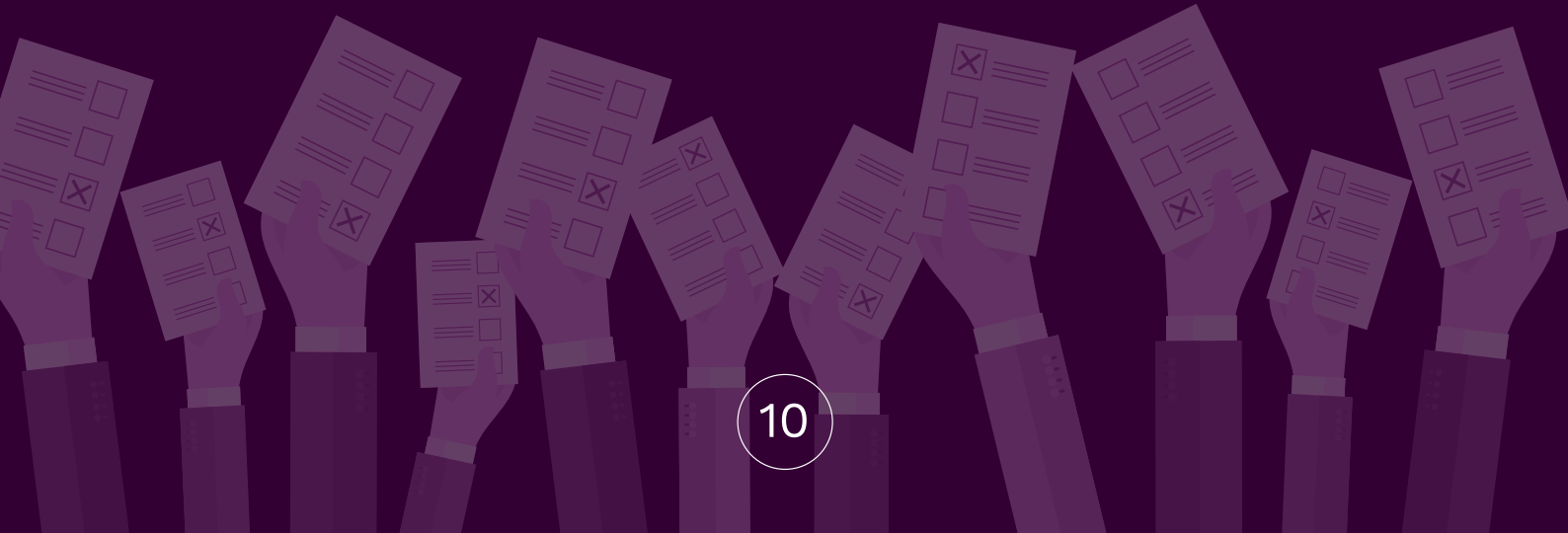
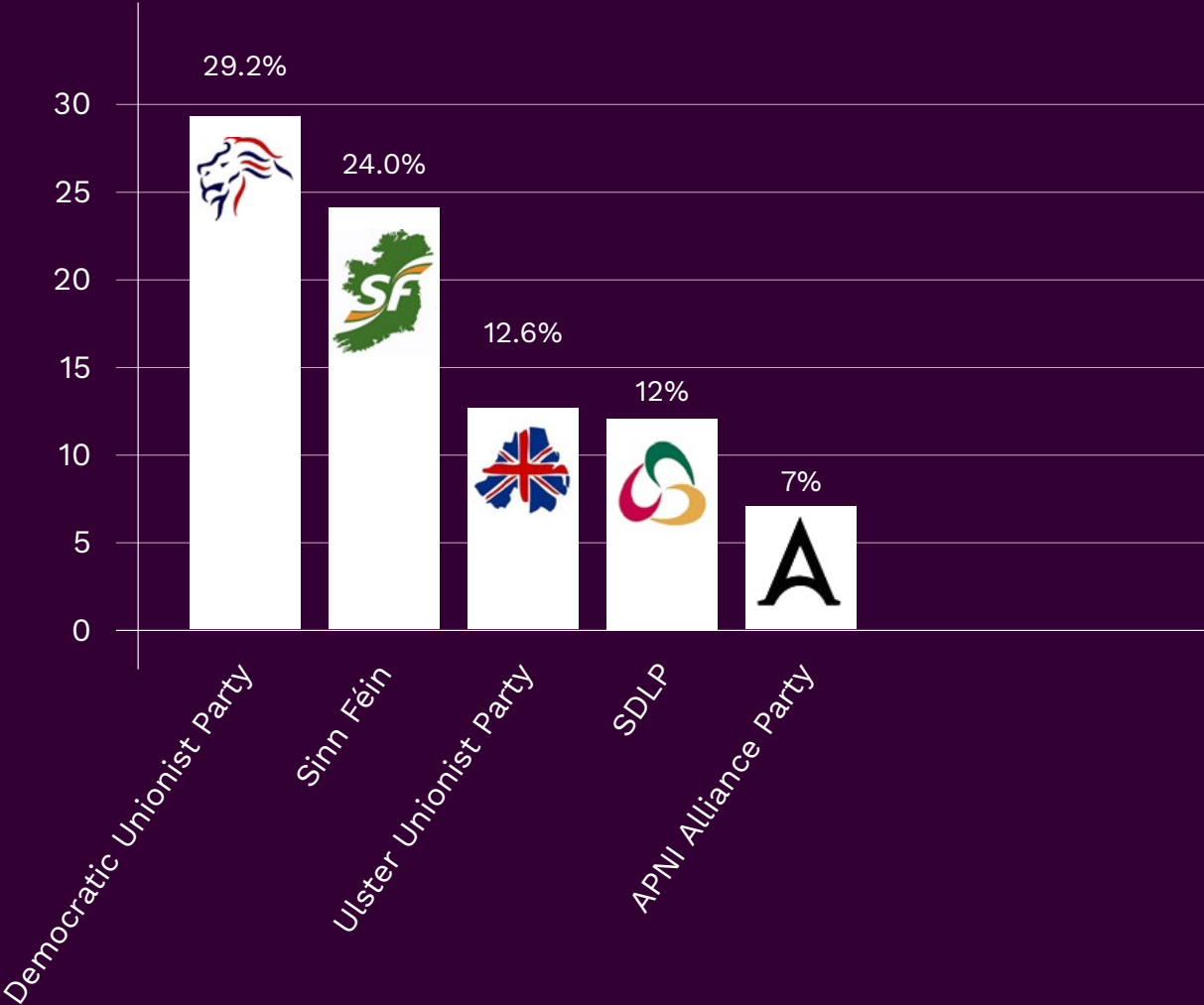
Daniel Davies
@DanDaviesDavies



UKIP telling us for years that they're taking votes off Labour in Wales. But it's PC, Tory and LDs who UKIP have forced out of assembly.



First preference vote share



Stakeholder Reaction & Journalist Top Tweets: Northern Ireland Assembly



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“With the Assembly election over, is it now time for MLAs to legislate for Marriage Equality in Northern Ireland?”

[NUS](#)

“NI Chamber advocates a much more confident Programme for Government, one that favours strength of ambition in finding solutions and is not hindered by political cautiousness or prejudice. NI Chamber members stand by, ready to assist, in any way they can to support a Programme for Government that helps grow the business sector, that puts jobs, pride and dignity into our communities.”

[Stephen McCully, President, Northern Ireland Chamber of Commerce](#)



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Tim Montgomerie

@montie

“ Always + to see SinnFein go backwards. Strong personal result for @DUPleader. Arlene Foster ran presidential campaign. ”



Gareth Gordon

@BBCGarethG

“ 29. The number of brand new MLAs bound for Stormont this week #ae16. ”



Sam McBride

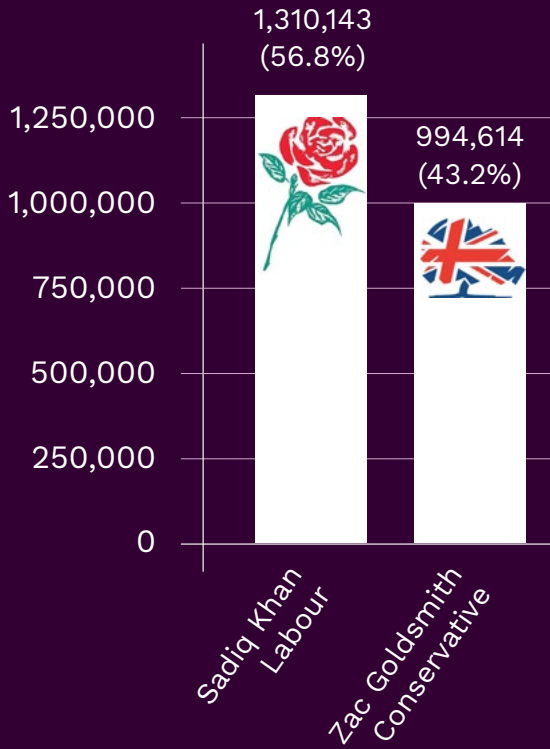
@SJAMcBride

“ This is a stunning result for Arlene Foster- & also for unionism. But a deeply alarming trend for nationalism. ”

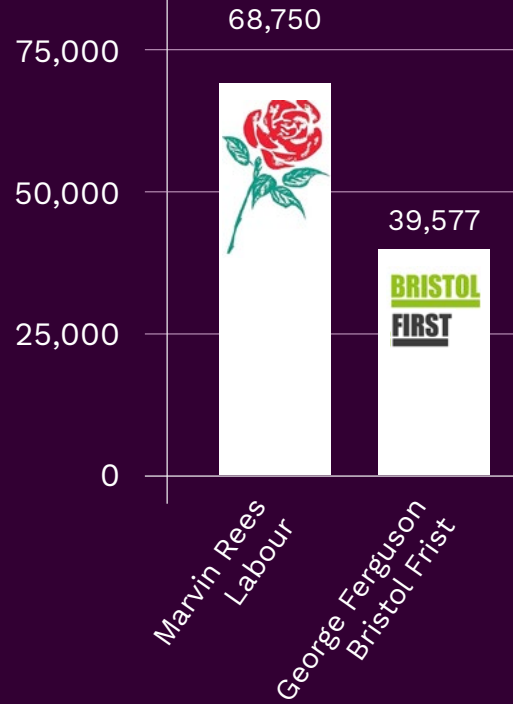
Election Results Summary: Mayoral Elections



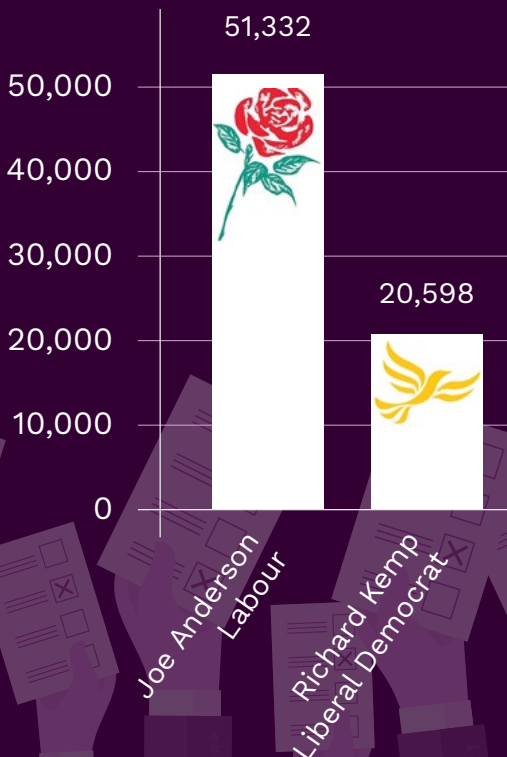
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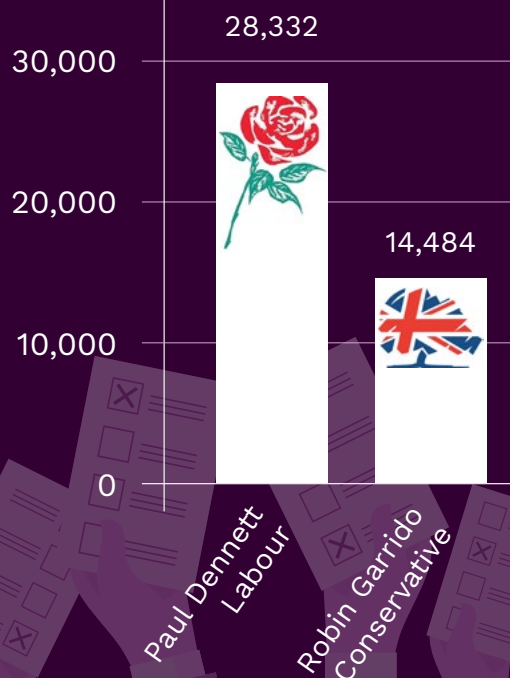
Bristol



Liverpool



Salford



“#LondonElects a new Mayor. Now let’s make sure they commit to #fixrenting.”

Shelter

“Building homes requires more builders, and that’s why the new Mayor must move to close the skills gap. We have previously documented the construction skills gap, but more broadly all London businesses need access to a diverse, skilled workforce. Improved training and enabling more businesses to recruit overseas will help.”

LCC



“London will want to hear him champion a city where Jews, Christians, Muslims and people of all faiths and none feel equally at home. But it is still of real importance that, at a time like this, Londoners elected a British Muslim to be Mayor of a city of London’s global significance.”

British Future

“#Liverpool’s #mayor has been a success, but questions remain about the new city region mayor in 2017 #LocalElections”

Centre for Cities

Journalist Top Tweets: Mayoral Elections

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Kevin Maguire

@Kevin_Maguire

“ To Islamophobes spouting poison on Twitter: You lost, decency won and Sadiq Khan is London Mayor. Get over it.” ”



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Owen Jones

@OwenJones84

“ Let's not just blame @ZacGoldsmith. His anti-Muslim campaign was orchestrated by the Tory leadership. Tory Party must take collective blame. ”



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Faisal Islam

@faisalislam

“ I interpreted @SadiqKhan speech early this morning, as indication he expected some sort of accountability from Tories for campaign conduct. ”



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Tom Fitzpatrick

@CNTomFitz

“ SEL: 2008 mayoral election based on crime; 2012 on transport; housing didn't feature but biggest issue of 2016. ”

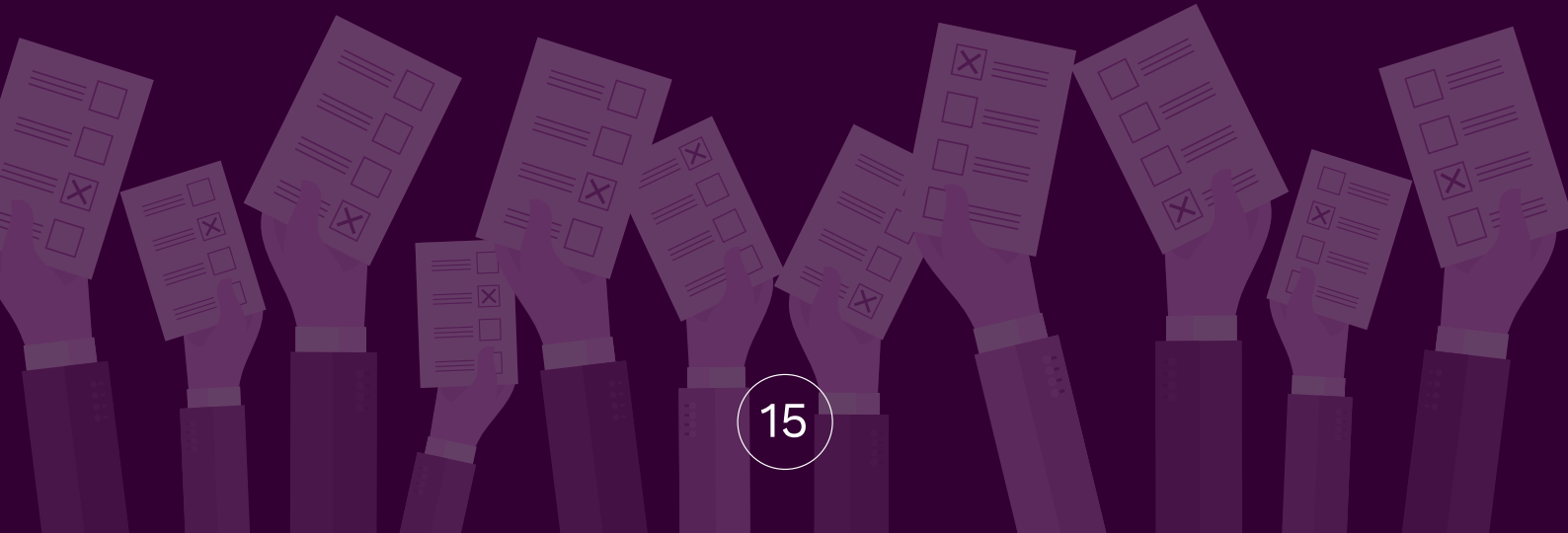
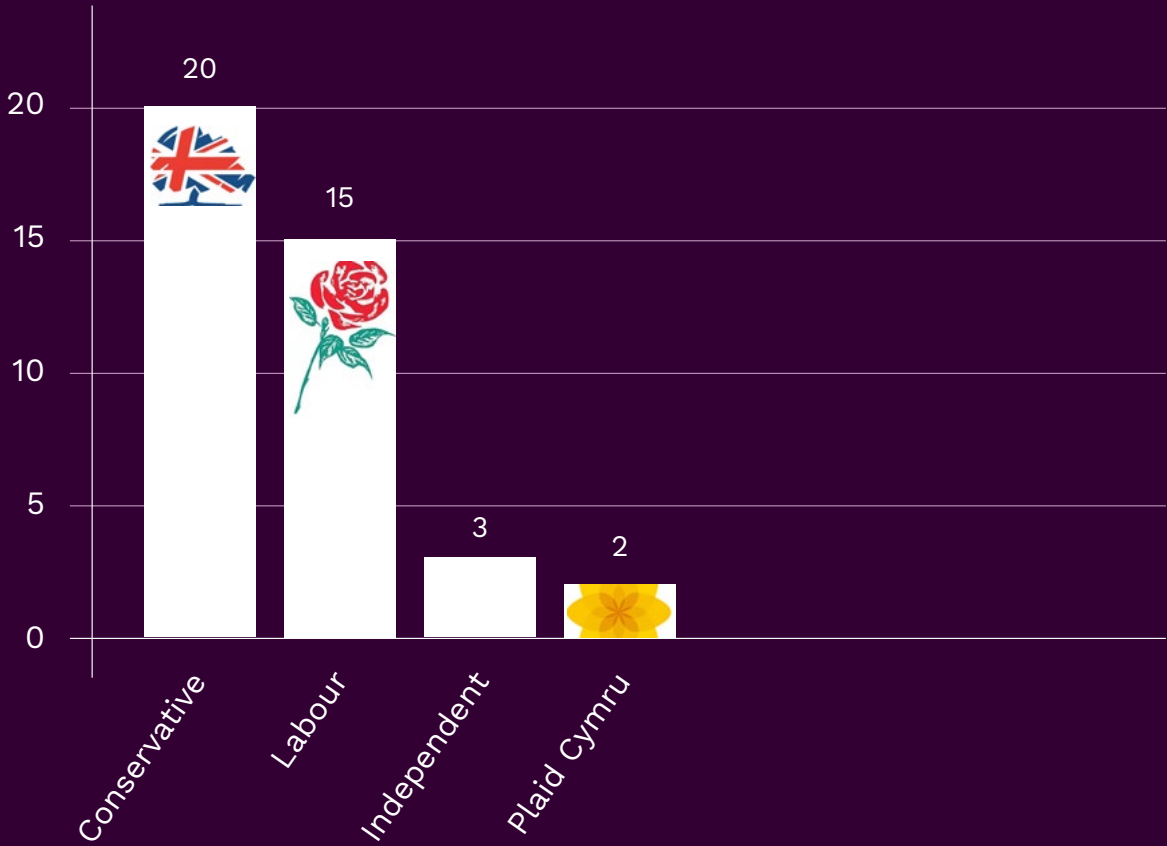


Sophia Cannon

@SophiaCannon

“ A Muslim elected as the London mayor, a gay man elected as the Salford mayor, and a black man elected as the Bristol mayor #LondonHasRisen. ”

Seats



Journalist Top Tweets: Police & Crime Commissioners

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David Conn

@david_conn



Vera Baird re-elected Northumbria police & crime commissioner; as a barrister in 1985, she defended Orgreave miners.



Royston Martis

@RoamingRoyston



Politics in policing. 12 Independent #Police And Crime Commissioners elected in 2012 reduced to just three.



Michael Crick

@MichaelLCrick



Leics Tories to complain to Elect Comm about vote pattern in Leicestershire where Lab Lord Willy Bach won PCC. Tories fear postal vote abuse.



Abbie Wightwick

@AbbieWightwick



More than 20,893 spoiled ballot papers in South Wales Police and Crime Commissioner election.

