

# Political Studies Association

## The London Elections Media Briefing

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# London Election 2012

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# GLA voting systems

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- Mayor: 'Supplementary Vote'
    - 1<sup>st</sup> preference
    - May use 2<sup>nd</sup> preference
    - If no candidate receives 50% of 1<sup>st</sup> preferences, then top two candidates go forward, others knocked out and their 2<sup>nd</sup> preference votes (for top two) counted
  - Assembly: 'Additional member'
    - 14 first-past-the-post constituencies
    - 11 'top-up' members from party list election
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# 2012: starting point 2008

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## Vote share, 2008-2012 (UK)

	2008 (NEVS) %	2010 (GE)	2011 (NEVS)	2012 (YG 4.4)
Con	43	36	38	32
Lab	24	29	37	42
LD	23	23	16	9
Others	10	12	9	17

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# Mayoral elections – 2000, 2004 and 2008

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2000

	1 <sup>st</sup> pref	1 <sup>st</sup> +2nd
Ken Livingstone (Ind)	39%	58%
Steve Norris (Con)	27%	42%
Frank Dobson (Lab)	13%	
Susan Kramer (LD)	12%	
Ram Gidoomal (CPA)	2.5%	
Darren Johnson (Gr)	2.2%	
Michael Newland (BNP)	2.0%	
Damian Hockney (UKIP)	1.0%	

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2004

	1 <sup>st</sup> pref	1 <sup>st</sup> +2nd
Ken Livingstone (Lab)	37%	55%
Steve Norris (Con)	29%	45%
Simon Hughes (LD)	15%	
Francis Maloney (UKIP)	6.2%	
Lindsey German (Respect)	3.3%	
Julian Leppert (BNP)	3.1%	
Darren Johnson (Gre)	3.1%	

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2008

	1 <sup>st</sup> pref	1 <sup>st</sup> +2 <sup>nd</sup>
Boris Johnson (Con)	43%	53%
Ken Livingstone (Lab)	37%	47%
Brian Paddick (LD)	10%	
Sian Berry (Gre)	3.2%	
Richard Barnbrook (BNP)	2.9%	
Alan Criag (CC)	1.6%	
Gerrard Batten (UKIP)	0.9%	

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# 1<sup>st</sup> preference votes – 2000, 2004 and 2008

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	2000	2004	2008
Livingstone	39	37	37
Norris/Johnson	27	29	43
Kramer/Hughes/Paddick	12	15	10
Greens	2.2	3.1	3.2
UKIP	1.0	6.2	0.9
BNP	2.0	3.1	2.9

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# 1<sup>st</sup> preference votes 2008: Johnson top 5

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	%
Kensington & Chelsea	65.3
Bromley	61.7
Havering	60.2
Bexley	59.5
Hillingdon	54.5

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# 1<sup>st</sup> preference votes 2008: Livingstone top 5

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	%
Newham	59.0
Hackney	57.0
Tower Hamlets	56.4
Haringey	51.7
Lambeth	49.0

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# Assembly seats won – 2000, 2004 and 2008

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	2000	2004	2008
Con	9	9	11
Lab	9	7	8
LD	4	5	3
Green	3	2	2
UKIP	0	2	0
BNP	0	0	1

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# Assembly constituencies: vote share lead, 2008

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Enfield & Haringey	Lab – 0.9 over Con
Brent & Harrow	Lab – 1.1% over Con
Greenwich & Lewisham	Lab – 11.0 over Con
Barnet & Camden	Con – 11.2% over Lab
South West	Con – 14.3 over LD
Lambeth & Southwark	Lab – 14.5 over LD
North East	Lab – 14.6% over Con

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# Assembly 'list' vote share – 2000, 2004 and 2008

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	2000	2004	2008
Con	29	29	35
Lab	30	25	28
LD	15	17	11
Green	11	8.6	8.4
UKIP	2.1	8.4	1.9
BNP	2.9	4.8	5.4
Others	10	7	10

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# Greater London Council/Greater London Authority elections

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	GLC/A winner	Following General Election winner
1964	Lab	Lab
1967	Con	Con
1970	Con	Con
1973	Lab	Lab
1977	Con	Con
<b>1981</b>	<b>Lab</b>	<b>Con</b>
2000	Ind (Lab)	Lab
2004	Lab	Lab
2008	Con	Con (minority)

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# **The 2012 London Mayor and Assembly elections**

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





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# Ballot paper for the LONDON MAYORAL ELECTION

**1** Election of the Mayor

Vote once (X) in column one for your first choice  
Vote once (X) in column two for your second choice

		column one first choice	column two second choice
	1 CANDIDATE 01 Party I	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	2 CANDIDATE 02 Party K	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	3 CANDIDATE 03 Independent	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	4 CANDIDATE 04 Party D	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	5 CANDIDATE 05	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	6 CANDIDATE 06 Party F	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	7 CANDIDATE 07 Party J	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	8 CANDIDATE 08 Party H	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	9 CANDIDATE 09 Party A	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	10 CANDIDATE 10 Party G	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	11 CANDIDATE 11 Party B	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

## ComRes 10 April 2012 London Election poll

	First and second round preference by reported 2010 general election vote		
	Conservatives	Liberal Democrats	Labour voters
Boris Johnson	93	45	15
Ken Livingstone	7	55	85
Total	100%	100%	100%







# TWO MOST RECENT MAYORAL ELECTION POLLS

Per cent support for candidates	ComRes 10 April		YouGov 20 March	
	First round	Both rounds	First round	Both rounds
Boris Johnson Conservative	46	53	49	54
Ken Livingstone Labour	41	47	41	46
Bryan Piddick Liberal Democrat	6		5	
All others	7		4	

# Ballot papers for the GREATER LONDON ASSEMBLY ELECTION


**2** Election of the London Assembly  
Constituency Member – Your Constituency

Vote once (X) in the blank box

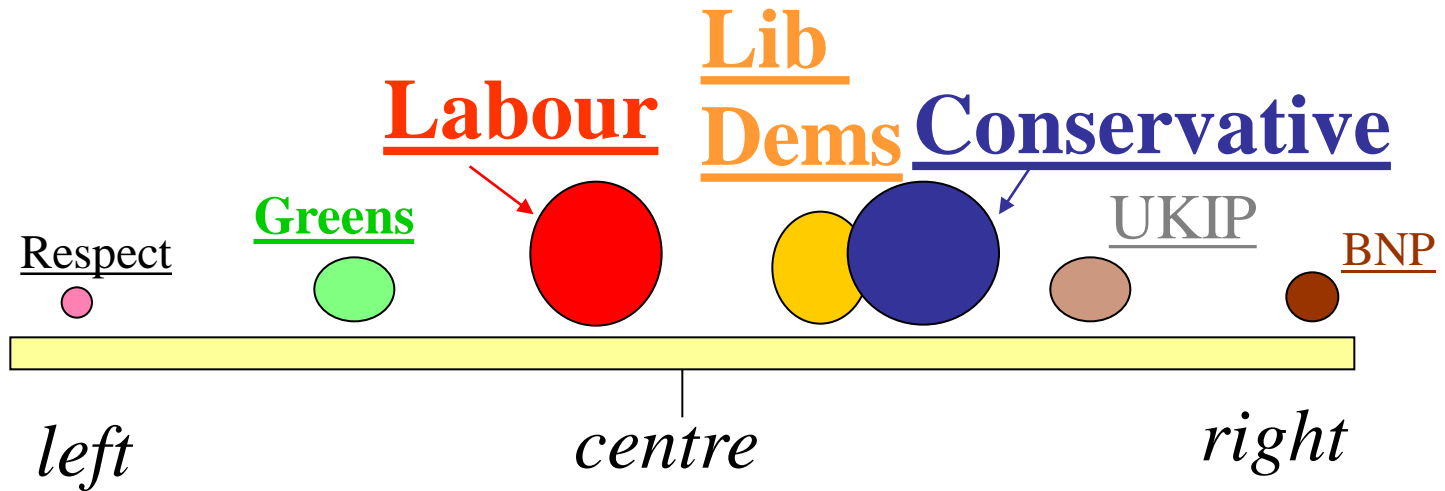
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	5	CANDIDATE 5 Party E	<input type="checkbox"/>
	6	CANDIDATE 6 Party C	<input type="checkbox"/>
	7	CANDIDATE 7 Independent	<input type="checkbox"/>
	8	CANDIDATE 8 Party A	<input type="checkbox"/>

**3** Election of the London Assembly  
London Member

Vote once (X) in the blank box

	1	PARTY A	<input type="checkbox"/>
	2	PARTY B	<input type="checkbox"/>
	3	PARTY C	<input type="checkbox"/>
	4	PARTY D	<input type="checkbox"/>
	5	PARTY E	<input type="checkbox"/>
	6	PARTY F	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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	9	CANDIDATE 01 Independent	<input type="checkbox"/>

# The 2012 party system, in England and London

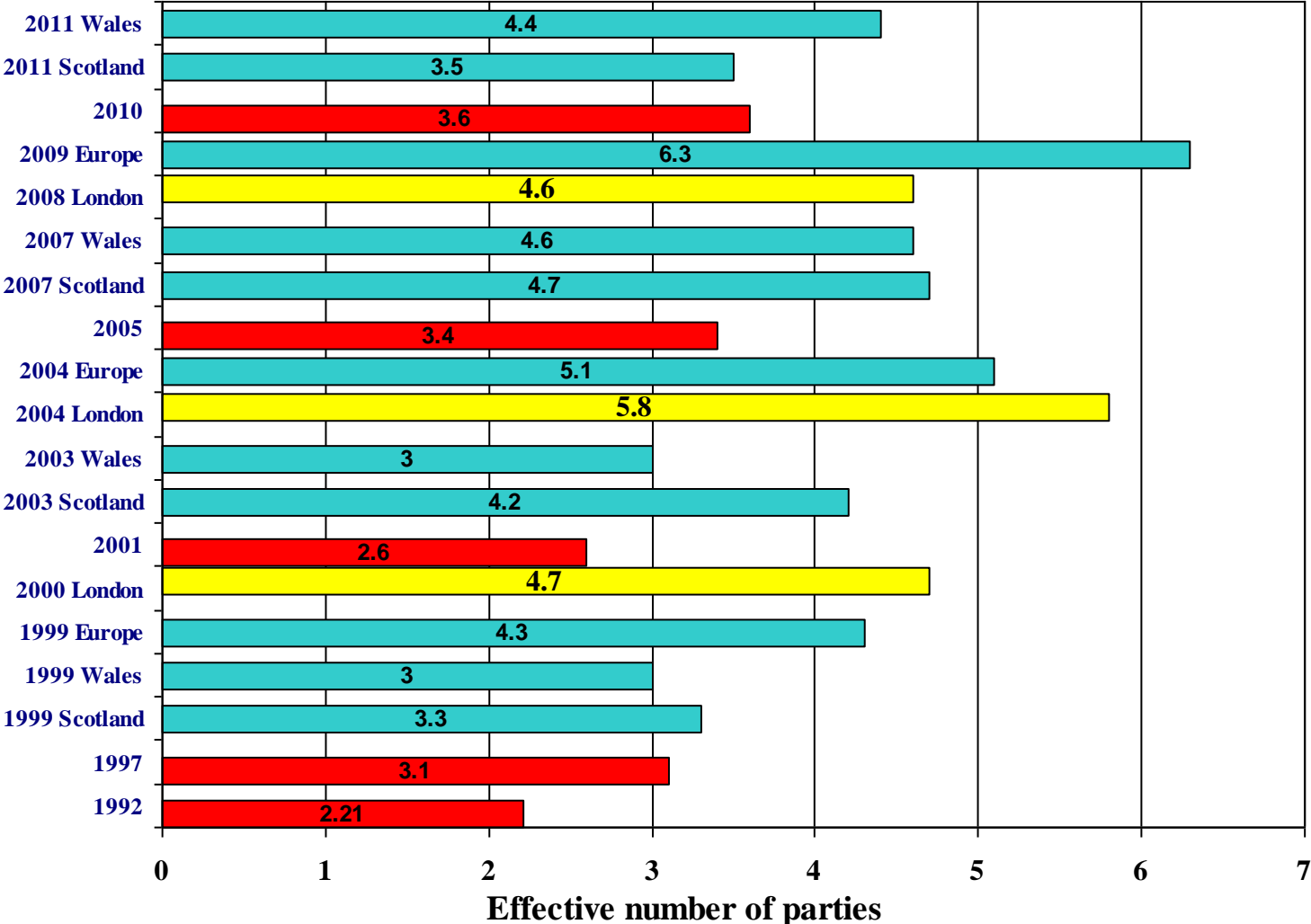


# Counting parties – the ENP score

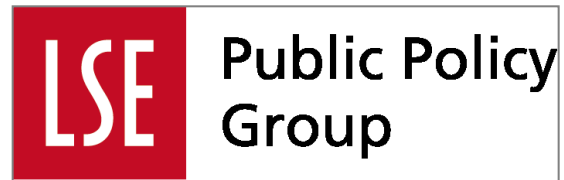
- We calculate the effective number of parties (ENP) by squaring the decimal vote shares, summing and dividing 1 by the sum
- The squaring process weights the contribution of large parties highly, and marginalizes that of small parties
- Here 1 divided by 0.312 = 3.21 parties

Party	Vote	Vote sq
Con	.38	0.144
Lab	.35	0.123
Lib	.20	.04
Others	.07	.005
<i>Total</i>		<i>0.312</i>

# COUNTING THE NUMBER OF PARTIES AT BRITISH ELECTIONS: THE ENP SCORES, 1992 TO 2011



■ Plurality rule general election 
 ■ PR election elsewhere 
 ■ London Assembly PR election



Thank you for listening