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Subject: my fellow brits... who're you gonna vote for?  
Posted by [Spoony](#) on Sun, 18 Apr 2010 03:15:30 GMT  
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<< lib dems. i've been saying that for some time

it's a shame vince cable isn't still in charge, he was the only politician i genuinely liked. nick clegg's a good guy though.

gordon brown can say whatever he wants, he breaks more promises than he keeps and half the stuff he does has no relation at all to what he said he would do. cameron is not quite so uncharismatic (and dishonest) as brown but the policies aren't exactly radically different.

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Posted by [reborn](#) on Sun, 18 Apr 2010 07:48:29 GMT  
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Posted by [Carrierll](#) on Sun, 18 Apr 2010 10:10:31 GMT  
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Lib dems.

Won that debate hands down. Also have a sensible policy that solves the jobs shortage, helps the economy (create jobs -> get taxes) and helps the enviroment all in go.

Common sense if you ask me.

(For the curious, they intend to create lots of jobs designing/building wind farms etc)

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can someone post their full program? they sound interesting

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Full manifesto.

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Posted by [Herr Surth](#) on Sun, 18 Apr 2010 13:04:15 GMT  
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halfway through... sounds very very votable so far. wish we had such a party in germany.

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Posted by [Dover](#) on Sun, 18 Apr 2010 13:24:17 GMT  
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CarrierII wrote on Sun, 18 April 2010 03:10(create jobs -> get taxes)

Man, I wish the United States had a political party sensible enough not to be afraid of taxes.

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Posted by [CarrierII](#) on Sun, 18 Apr 2010 15:07:51 GMT  
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Posted by [Spoony](#) on Sun, 18 Apr 2010 15:41:07 GMT  
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A "None of the above" option? I liked that idea.

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How does that affect whether someone should use their vote as a protest or not?

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Posted by [HaTe](#) on Sun, 18 Apr 2010 17:11:23 GMT

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Posted by [Dover](#) on Sun, 18 Apr 2010 17:21:31 GMT

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CarrierII wrote on Sun, 18 April 2010 08:07Taxes are evil!

But libraries and public education and roads are good thing.

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Posted by [danpaul88](#) on Sun, 18 Apr 2010 17:53:45 GMT

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Posted by [GEORGE ZIMMER](#) on Sun, 18 Apr 2010 18:30:14 GMT

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HaTe wrote on Sun, 18 April 2010 12:11I vote Obama invades Britain. Win-win. Even George Zimmer agrees with me on this one.

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Posted by [nikki6ixx](#) on Sun, 18 Apr 2010 21:07:40 GMT

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Cameron's position is probably the best of the worst for Britain in the long term. He's a smooth operator compared to Brown, who's sulkiness reminds me way too much of the leftist leaders in our country a few years ago; all they could do was complain.

He's also candid enough to admit that England's society is broken, something that few politicians are willing to say. However, whether he has the stomach to actually tackle the bureaucratic, overreaching nightmare that is the English government, and decentralize the federal government remains to be seen.

Still, Cameron just seems too middling in his policies. He'd probably prefer to head more to the

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right, but then there's that awful shadow of Maggie hanging over him. Her brand of conservatism probably ruined any chance of a real conservative government in England for at least 50 years. Cameron would be wise to look to, and consult Canada's Conservative government, just as Sarkozy did, before he sold out.

I'm happy to see the Liberal-Democrats taking a good share in the polls. Having a power-broker in Parliament is always a good thing, unless of course you live in Canada, and that power-broker is dedicated to separating from the country.

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Posted by [cnc95fan](#) on Sun, 18 Apr 2010 21:40:38 GMT

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An Englishman should run England.

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for me, the high point of the debate was Gordon Brown totally embarrass himself about parliament reform.

"nick, do you support my plans for reforming the houses?"

"i proposed the reforms last week dumbass, you blocked them"

"answer the question nick, do you support me in this?"

Gordon clearly didn't realise what a prick he made himself look there

Quote:British National Party Thumbs Up

(in all seriousness, if I were British, I'd go for whichever party gets rid of England's retarded nazi-ism and the overly religious hold on government)  
that would probably be the lib dems too.

Labour under Brown have permitted sharia law courts and huge numbers of faith schools. The Conservatives want more faith schools but specifically Christian ones. The BNP are even more Christian than that, but that's fascism for you. The RESPECT party may as well call itself dhimmis-R-us.

Nick Clegg's an atheist and clearly wasn't too comfortable in admitting it (though it's not as bad as it is in America), and I don't recall the lib dems proposing any surrender of our democratic principles, free speech etc to religious bullying like we've had almost non-stop for years.

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Subject: Re: my fellow brits... who're you gonna vote for?

Posted by [Sean](#) on Mon, 19 Apr 2010 07:26:21 GMT

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I can't vote as I'm not old enough yet (im 16)

But if I could I'd be backing the lib dems/labour..still unsure. They both seam a hell of alot better than the Cons.

After finishing watching the general lection debate (about 5mins ago). I decided that the Cons jus want to take funding out of shit and put is in a worse position. I was initially backing Labour but hearing the policies of the Lib Dems have swayed me to neutral between the two. I'm unsure now

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Its nice to see that you guys aren't apathetic towards politics, that would greatly help when the time comes for me to set foot in the UK

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Posted by [bunka](#) on Tue, 20 Apr 2010 05:34:09 GMT

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21:24 Cameras everywhere

In public places? Oh noez!

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Which are nothing more than more efficient versions of the shittons of files on paper we have here in the United States.

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The perfect answer when I ask for specific grievances.

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[http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/uk\\_news/politics/8032367.stm](http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/uk_news/politics/8032367.stm)

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Call me jaded, but this is all stuff I'd come to expect and consider normal from the United States, self-proclaimed FREEST COUNTRY EVER!!! I'd attribute this more to the changing world we live in, rather than some kind of conspiracy to turn the UK into Airstrip 3.

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Hope England gets someone who can fix that shit :\

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I can't remember which council it was, but down south they used anti-terror laws to check whether people were recycling properly =/

I'm definitely not voting Labour, but I'm unsure from there. Lib dem has definitely made some ground, but I'm unsure whether they are ready for government. Either way, it will be an englishman, I'm sick of the scottish pissing my country up the wall.

Labour has been a cancer for many years, lets get rid of it, one way or another.

I'm going to be watching the other two televised debates, ready to watch them all squirm over the price of petrol. It's getting ridiculous now, I'm sure its some where near 90-95p of it is tax..

Talk about severely handicapping its own people and economy...

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Subject: Re: my fellow brits... who're you gonna vote for?

Posted by [Spoony](#) on Thu, 22 Apr 2010 00:45:08 GMT

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ironically some of bin laden's videos urge us to be greener.

they also used anti-terror laws to freeze iceland's financial assets (probably what pissed them off enough to launch the superweapon at us).

as for not wanting a scotsman in charge of the economy, judging by brown's extravagance i frankly doubt he's scottish at all.

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Subject: Re: my fellow brits... who're you gonna vote for?

Posted by [Carrierll](#) on Thu, 22 Apr 2010 13:08:20 GMT

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The DNA database held the details of a Conservative MP, a Mr Damien Green, IIRC...

[http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/uk\\_politics/8210399.stm](http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/uk_politics/8210399.stm)

He was arrested over a potential leak. Charges dropped => He's innocent. We still (pretend to) operate under "Innocent until proven guilty" so the Police have no right to store his details anymore. They kept them for as long as possible, then only removed them because he was a prominent Tory MP.

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Subject: Re: my fellow brits... who're you gonna vote for?

Posted by [Tiesto](#) on Thu, 22 Apr 2010 16:38:54 GMT

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It's a disgrace.

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Posted by [Dover](#) on Thu, 22 Apr 2010 17:54:57 GMT

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Posted by [GEORGE ZIMMER](#) on Thu, 22 Apr 2010 18:23:48 GMT

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To be fair, if there is a conspiracy of any sort, then the US and UK are probably both in on it, then...

anyone who actually believes conspiracies of that magnitude exist are pretty retarded, though

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Subject: Re: my fellow brits... who're you gonna vote for?

Posted by [jnz](#) on Thu, 22 Apr 2010 19:49:31 GMT

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I just can't vote, and I won't. Each of them are just hiding behind lies. I get the "well your vote will could win the best party into power" and my response is always "my vote could also count towards the worse". Since we don't know what they are actually going to do, we only see their posters stating anything we want to hear. So we might think we are voting for a good party, and in fact we just voted another Gordan Brown or Tony Blair into power.

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Subject: Re: my fellow brits... who're you gonna vote for?

Posted by [GEORGE ZIMMER](#) on Thu, 22 Apr 2010 20:00:17 GMT

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Curious, can you guys vote for a random person? If so, vote for George Washington if you're undecided. Oh man that'd be hilarious.

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Subject: Re: my fellow brits... who're you gonna vote for?

Posted by [CarrierII](#) on Thu, 22 Apr 2010 20:19:44 GMT

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Posted by [GEORGE ZIMMER](#) on Thu, 22 Apr 2010 20:33:38 GMT

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Subject: Re: my fellow brits... who're you gonna vote for?

Posted by [nikki6ixx](#) on Thu, 22 Apr 2010 20:42:28 GMT

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Kinda like voting for Nader. Only less funny.

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Posted by [Tiesto](#) on Thu, 22 Apr 2010 22:13:01 GMT

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Subject: Re: my fellow brits... who're you gonna vote for?

Posted by [Dover](#) on Fri, 23 Apr 2010 04:56:39 GMT

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Subject: Re: my fellow brits... who're you gonna vote for?

Posted by [Spoony](#) on Fri, 23 Apr 2010 06:38:30 GMT

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Tiesto is correct. It's about £1.20/litre now, was about £1 at the time (the £1/litre mark seemed to be a kind of symbolic marker they didn't want to break, but once they did, they didn't fucking stop).

Quote:but from what I understand absolute wages are higher there than they are here I don't really doubt that.

Quote:and the British Pound is so much stronger than the US Dollar, so I'm sure it all balances out in the end.

If the pound is stronger than the US dollar then this is probably quite a recent thing... not long ago the pound was in the gutter (but so was the dollar).

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But neither the tax rate nor the tax proportion, are anywhere near as high, I'll wager.

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Interesting point, I'll come back to that very shortly...

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Free in the sense that it's paid for by huge levels of tax. I think I read a while ago that it works out as something like £2000/year per adult (I'd be interested to hear how much does the average American adult pay for health insurance?). So your earlier point... all they see is the price on the sign? well, you're not seeing the enormous cost of UK healthcare. I might add that it's also in a terrible state. When the American healthcare debate really started to kick off, I was talking to an American friend about it. Coincidentally we both had a similar operation recently - in my case arthroscopic knee surgery, in his case it was a leg tendon or something. In his case he said something like: i saw the doctor on monday, had an x-ray on tuesday, booked the operation on thursday, and we were making love on friday and saturday, we chilled on sunday (sorry, went a bit off track there).

in my case it was more like: saw a doctor in january, booked an x-ray in march, saw another doctor in june, booked another x-ray in december, had surgery the next june.

now that was for a condition which meant i couldn't run or do anything particularly active, and walking was a rather slow affair (though oddly enough, driving was fine)... admittedly not lifethreatening though. imagine if you had a lifethreatening disease, cancer or something. where would you rather get treatment?

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Subject: Re: my fellow brits... who're you gonna vote for?

Posted by [jnz](#) on Fri, 23 Apr 2010 08:13:13 GMT

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Spoony wrote on Fri, 23 April 2010 07:38

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Don't know what hospital you went to but where I work they do x-rays the same day as you see the consultant. As well as the fact that in the NHS if a patient is listed for an operation they must have the treatment within 18 weeks, longer than that, staff start getting punished (even sacked).

The NHS is very good in my opinion, however with the enormous amount of patients and stretched budgets, you are unlikely to be seen about a non-life threatening problem fairly urgently. Private hospitals have short waiting times because not a lot of people want to get health insurance or pay the fees.

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Subject: Re: my fellow brits... who're you gonna vote for?

Posted by [Spoony](#) on Fri, 23 Apr 2010 08:57:32 GMT

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my brother had a life-threatening illness and he didn't get seen to much quicker than i did.

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Subject: Re: my fellow brits... who're you gonna vote for?

Posted by [Herr Surth](#) on Fri, 23 Apr 2010 13:29:53 GMT

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also, the prizes you describe are normal for most of europe. The problem isnt the high taxes, its the fact that same tax money doesnt get spent properly.

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Subject: Re: my fellow brits... who're you gonna vote for?

Posted by [Spoony](#) on Sat, 24 Apr 2010 02:13:24 GMT

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Subject: Re: my fellow brits... who're you gonna vote for?

Posted by [Herr Surth](#) on Sat, 24 Apr 2010 09:50:41 GMT

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Subject: Re: my fellow brits... who're you gonna vote for?

Posted by [Spoony](#) on Sat, 24 Apr 2010 13:51:34 GMT

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i'm not at all sure what is my overall position on healthcare, which is why i've criticised both

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socialised and US-style systems.

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Subject: Re: my fellow brits... who're you gonna vote for?

Posted by [Herr Surth](#) on Sat, 24 Apr 2010 16:10:33 GMT

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Spoony wrote on Sat, 24 April 2010 08:51

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very agreeable.

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Subject: Re: my fellow brits... who're you gonna vote for?

Posted by [Carrierll](#) on Sat, 24 Apr 2010 17:29:52 GMT

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Public transport in the South East:

Outside the cities (IE, Brighton, which has a fantastic bus service):

Density - easily less than half served by meaningful (More than twice a day, I'm not joking!) bus service. Easily less than a third served by train (Although that's not really gov't's fault, there's a lot of hills round here).

Price: It's cheaper to drive provided parking is free (it mostly is), although my car scores 52 MPG, which is a little higher than all but the latest ranges (despite being 11.5 years old. )

My mother, for example, would have to catch a train (1/2 hour journey every 1/2 hour), and then a



bus (1 hour journey, poor reliability, theoretically once every 1/2 hour) to get to where she works (40 miles away)... and she works in... \*drumroll\* a community hospital. Perfect figurative example, TBH.

My Dad takes the train, but then he works in London.

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Subject: Re: my fellow brits... who're you gonna vote for?

Posted by [danpaul88](#) on Sun, 25 Apr 2010 00:43:23 GMT

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Public transport in the UK outside of the major cities is a joke. For me to get to university from here would involve over an hour travelling on two buses and about 20 minutes of walking to and from bus stops.... and the university is less than 10 miles down the road! Plus the bus tickets are an absolute rip off....

I can drive to university in about 10-15 minutes, depending on time of day and traffic and park for free in university car park. Shame about the carbon emissions and such, but I am not prepared to spend a fortune on public transport and waste hours of my time travelling on buses.... or waiting for buses that don't ever turn up... when it's so much easier to drive. Public transport has failed in this instance.

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Subject: Re: my fellow brits... who're you gonna vote for?

Posted by [Dover](#) on Sun, 25 Apr 2010 04:27:08 GMT

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Subject: Re: my fellow brits... who're you gonna vote for?  
Posted by [Herr Surth](#) on Sun, 25 Apr 2010 11:44:36 GMT  
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Subject: Re: my fellow brits... who're you gonna vote for?  
Posted by [Dover](#) on Mon, 26 Apr 2010 02:09:31 GMT  
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Can't be bothered.

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Subject: Re: my fellow brits... who're you gonna vote for?  
Posted by [papaelbo](#) on Tue, 27 Apr 2010 12:56:55 GMT  
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None of the parties have all the answers but i find "i agree with Nick" on more things than not.

1st Debate  
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=u0QsSoV0SRo>

2nd Debate  
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Rqis1mkS2CE>

LibDems all the way.

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Subject: Re: my fellow brits... who're you gonna vote for?  
Posted by [danpaul88](#) on Wed, 28 Apr 2010 18:13:47 GMT  
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I see Gordon Clown has deployed the foot gun....

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Subject: Re: my fellow brits... who're you gonna vote for?  
Posted by [Starbuzz](#) on Wed, 28 Apr 2010 19:08:51 GMT  
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Ouch...that's gotta hurt with the elections so near...!

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Subject: Re: my fellow brits... who're you gonna vote for?  
Posted by [snpr1101](#) on Thu, 29 Apr 2010 08:47:05 GMT  
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You brits would of heard about what Gordan Brown said in the car after talking to that old lady?

[http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jFI\\_evwML2M](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jFI_evwML2M)

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Subject: Re: my fellow brits... who're you gonna vote for?  
Posted by [CarrierII](#) on Thu, 29 Apr 2010 13:13:58 GMT  
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That was what Spooky's Danpaul's link was, goodbye Labour!

Edit - I'm going to go hide in corner now.

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Subject: Re: my fellow brits... who're you gonna vote for?  
Posted by [Herr Surth](#) on Thu, 29 Apr 2010 14:53:20 GMT  
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thats no spooky... thats a danpaul!

edit: can i see the second debate online anywhere?

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Subject: Re: my fellow brits... who're you gonna vote for?  
Posted by [Spooky](#) on Thu, 29 Apr 2010 19:40:07 GMT  
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i have an odd vision of cameron making a quick video saying gordon brown ought to be ashamed of himself... then getting into a car and driving off. we then hear "did you really think that david?" "whatever, i struggle to mask my contempt when i talk to the ordinaries"

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Subject: Re: my fellow brits... who're you gonna vote for?  
Posted by [Barry Scott](#) on Sun, 02 May 2010 23:00:41 GMT  
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Subject: Re: my fellow brits... who're you gonna vote for?  
Posted by [reborn](#) on Mon, 03 May 2010 16:30:07 GMT  
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Lib Dems have some funny ideas about jail terms. Sentences under 6 months to be scrapped? I know that there is material that suggests that these 6 months sentences are counter productive, but how can you justify letting so many people escape jail time? There's a few other policies I do not like about the Lib Dems (EU anyone?).

Labour breaks more promises than it keeps, I cannot trust them. Plus, I hate this top heavy tier of free loaders in my country that Labour have created and supported.

Conservatives would scrap allot of police jobs, and I feel we need more, and not just these hippy youth "community support officers", I mean real police officers. I don't like their anti union ideas, and they seem to have it in for the NHS.

I have real concerns about all of the top three parties policies, therefore I think I'm seriously going to go for a "protest vote".

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Subject: Re: my fellow brits... who're you gonna vote for?  
Posted by [Spoony](#) on Mon, 03 May 2010 18:17:44 GMT  
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Subject: Re: my fellow brits... who're you gonna vote for?  
Posted by [reborn](#) on Mon, 03 May 2010 18:46:16 GMT  
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Spoony wrote on Mon, 03 May 2010 14:17protest vote for who, then?

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Probably, I really like most of their policies, especially on crime, the economy, welfare, education and the defense. Specifically on immigration, I think they've nailed it. Their policies are what I would like to see happen, however unlikely...

If UKIP gained a significant enough share of the vote, then the party that gained power might take them seriously and actually look at what they're saying.

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Subject: Re: my fellow brits... who're you gonna vote for?  
Posted by [GEORGE ZIMMER](#) on Mon, 03 May 2010 23:13:51 GMT  
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Subject: Re: my fellow brits... who're you gonna vote for?  
Posted by [Dover](#) on Tue, 04 May 2010 00:44:17 GMT  
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Patrick Stewart, greatest Englishman to ever live, supports the Labor Party. I think that's enough said.

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Subject: Re: my fellow brits... who're you gonna vote for?  
Posted by [nopol10](#) on Tue, 04 May 2010 00:55:03 GMT  
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If Patrick Stewart supported the Labor Party, it should be high time he started caring more about Brit politics.

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Subject: Re: my fellow brits... who're you gonna vote for?  
Posted by [Spoony](#) on Wed, 05 May 2010 14:15:13 GMT  
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Subject: Re: my fellow brits... who're you gonna vote for?  
Posted by [Spoony](#) on Thu, 06 May 2010 16:12:11 GMT  
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Back from the polling station.

Any Brits not voting?

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Subject: Re: my fellow brits... who're you gonna vote for?  
Posted by [danpaul88](#) on Thu, 06 May 2010 16:53:48 GMT  
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You only just voted today Spoony? Shame on you, I voted by post last week

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Subject: Re: my fellow brits... who're you gonna vote for?  
Posted by [Spoony](#) on Thu, 06 May 2010 17:00:36 GMT  
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my parents did that too cos they're on holiday now. trouble with that is something colossal might happen between then and the election.

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Posted by [Herr Surth](#) on Thu, 06 May 2010 17:36:03 GMT  
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so who'd you vote for? lib dems i assume?

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Subject: Re: my fellow brits... who're you gonna vote for?  
Posted by [reborn](#) on Thu, 06 May 2010 19:31:21 GMT  
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I voted around 6 o'clock, it's hard to grab time to go out the house at the moment, so very pleased I was able to make the time.

I voted for UKIP in the general election, but couldn't bring myself to vote for anyone in the local

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election. Shame really, I was there with the paper in my hand and a pencil, but none of them was worth the effort.

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Subject: Re: my fellow brits... who're you gonna vote for?

Posted by [TORN](#) on Fri, 07 May 2010 01:20:42 GMT

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I would have voted UKIP.

Seems they're very similar to the Constitution party here in the U.S.

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Subject: Re: my fellow brits... who're you gonna vote for?

Posted by [GEORGE ZIMMER](#) on Fri, 07 May 2010 07:59:11 GMT

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Oh, obviously. But it'd still be hilarious to see an obviously racist party even get more than 3 votes.

On a serious note though, I hope more parties come into play for England. Maybe America would follow suit. It'd be nice to not have the same old two important parties, and every other party is just "a third party"

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Subject: Re: my fellow brits... who're you gonna vote for?

Posted by [danpaul88](#) on Fri, 07 May 2010 09:13:35 GMT

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Posted by [Goztow](#) on Fri, 07 May 2010 09:15:15 GMT

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Posted by [danpaul88](#) on Fri, 07 May 2010 09:19:40 GMT

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Well it's hard to form a waiting line in a non-country which clearly has a non-population xD

(For anyone who doesn't understand this comment, it's a joke made in reference to this video - <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uFRFA4wIVj8>)

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Posted by [Goztow](#) on Fri, 07 May 2010 09:39:11 GMT

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Subject: Re: my fellow brits... who're you gonna vote for?

Posted by [danpaul88](#) on Fri, 07 May 2010 09:40:53 GMT

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Goztow wrote on Fri, 07 May 2010 10:39Yeah, I live in a non country, that must mean I'm a non person!

And therefore a non-moderator.... oh no, don't let the spammers know, we will be drowned under a sea of spam Oo

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Subject: Re: my fellow brits... who're you gonna vote for?

Posted by [Dover](#) on Fri, 07 May 2010 09:49:06 GMT

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GEORGE ZIMMER wrote on Fri, 07 May 2010 00:59Maybe America would follow suit. It'd be nice to not have the same old two important parties, and every other party is just "a third party"

lol.

danpaul88 wrote on Fri, 07 May 2010 02:19

(For anyone who doesn't understand this comment, it's a joke made in reference to this video - <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uFRFA4wIVj8>)

Wow, that guy's a dick. >:[

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Subject: Re: my fellow brits... who're you gonna vote for?  
Posted by [Herr Surth](#) on Fri, 07 May 2010 10:02:58 GMT  
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least the greens got one in brighton. apart from that - disaster.

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Subject: Re: my fellow brits... who're you gonna vote for?  
Posted by [Kimb](#) on Fri, 07 May 2010 13:24:00 GMT  
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is this true? then i vote for him

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Subject: Re: my fellow brits... who're you gonna vote for?  
Posted by [Spoony](#) on Fri, 07 May 2010 15:19:48 GMT  
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mmhmm, and the other house isn't even elected at all.

spreading democracy in the middle east is all very well, but i wouldn't have minded if tony blair decided spreading democracy in the UK would be worth doing too.

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Subject: Re: my fellow brits... who're you gonna vote for?  
Posted by [Carrierll](#) on Fri, 07 May 2010 16:18:08 GMT  
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All bar one result now declared - major parties seeking to form a coalition gov't, not likely to last IMO.

Danpaul is correct, the system is completely flawed, to make it worse, the Lib Dems (despite losing 5 seats) gained 1% more of the popular vote, whilst Labour lost 6.2% of the popular vote (compared to 2005). The Lib Dems are currently very short of the number of seats the populace thinks they should hold.

I hope there is another election. This will never last.

I voted Lib Dem, incidentally.

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Subject: Re: my fellow brits... who're you gonna vote for?

Posted by [Spoony](#) on Fri, 07 May 2010 18:53:45 GMT

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about the same proportion of brits voted lib dem as the proportion of americans that voted for bush :/

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Subject: Re: my fellow brits... who're you gonna vote for?

Posted by [nikki6ixx](#) on Fri, 07 May 2010 20:30:35 GMT

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You should write your media to abstain from using the term 'hung parliament' because it implies that nothing gets done.

Brown seems intent on courting the Lib Dems, and that means that they can play the 'electoral reform' card. It's not just limited to Brown; Cameron will need their help as he'll inevitably have to cut services and raise taxes, or for when he introduces initiatives that will cause England to tangle with the EU.

I do hope Cameron will have a slight change of heart and co-operate with the EU, if only on the subject of the Canadian/European Free Trade Talks. If he's a good conservative, he'll realize how beneficial it'll be for his country to have near unfettered access to ours (and America, by proxy of NAFTA).

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Subject: Re: my fellow brits... who're you gonna vote for?

Posted by [Tiesto](#) on Tue, 11 May 2010 14:28:36 GMT

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I hope we don't get any more involved with EU than we already are, its quite evident that this single currency isn't working.

If we get PR, it will be a hung parliament every election, and nothing will ever get done.

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Subject: Re: my fellow brits... who're you gonna vote for?

Posted by [GEORGE ZIMMER](#) on Tue, 11 May 2010 14:30:04 GMT

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Tiesto wrote on Tue, 11 May 2010 09:28 I hope we don't get any more involved with EU than we already are, its quite evident that this single currency isn't working.  
I kinda have to agree. I might not be European, but I can't help but feel the UK gets fucked in the ass at numerous angles because of the EU.

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Subject: Re: my fellow brits... who're you gonna vote for?

Posted by [Tiesto](#) on Tue, 11 May 2010 17:12:16 GMT

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We do, and the last thing i want is for us to hold up a failing union.

Theres even rumours that British taxpayers money is being put into this euro bailout fund. If this is true, its fucking ludicrous. It really is.

Why should we prop up a dead currency?

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Subject: Re: my fellow brits... who're you gonna vote for?

Posted by [reborn](#) on Wed, 12 May 2010 07:11:49 GMT

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Lib Dems got 6% less of the vote than Labour, yet had approx 5 times less seats than them.  
That's pretty retarded...

But now... The lib dems who came Third in the election are now jointly in power with the winners due to the hung parliament and the coalition they formed.

This means that 1st and 3rd in the election are the winners, and second place got bugger all.  
Infact, the leader of the party that came Third is now deputy prime minister.

That's even more retarded!

What the hell happens if Cameron is killed while war breaks out? We've got the dude who's party came Third in-charge?!?! WTF?

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Subject: Re: my fellow brits... who're you gonna vote for?

Posted by [Dover](#) on Wed, 12 May 2010 07:33:32 GMT

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Does the % of popular vote matter? In any election, anywhere?

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Subject: Re: my fellow brits... who're you gonna vote for?

Posted by [CarrierII](#) on Wed, 12 May 2010 18:20:02 GMT

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No, as previously stated:

Labour got 256 seats with 29% of the popular vote (ignoring constituency boundaries, which is how the system works, one constituency is one seat).

The Lib Dems got 57 seats with 23% of the popular vote.

Fair much?

Reborn, I see your point, but bear in mind two things:

1) The Lib Dems gained 1% of the popular vote compared to the previous election. (Given that the # of voters also increased, this means they were more popular, just not with voters in the right constituencies).

2) Labour lost 6% of the popular vote compared to the last election. Again, given that #voters increased, this means that not only did previous supporters abandon them, but new voters didn't vote for them, either.

Labour came third in terms of public support, when you do a more thorough analysis.

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Subject: Re: my fellow brits... who're you gonna vote for?

Posted by [EaZiE](#) on Wed, 26 May 2010 10:28:30 GMT

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The current government is complete wank, as is Labour. I say we have a good ol' civil war or complete Guy Fawkes mission. Only then will be be able to impliment true democracy.

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Subject: Re: my fellow brits... who're you gonna vote for?

Posted by [Hypnos](#) on Wed, 26 May 2010 14:36:34 GMT

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As you can imagine, no Scotsman voted for the Tories.

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Subject: Re: my fellow brits... who're you gonna vote for?

Posted by [nikki6ixx](#) on Wed, 26 May 2010 19:53:48 GMT

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Subject: Re: my fellow brits... who're you gonna vote for?

Posted by [Tiesto](#) on Fri, 28 May 2010 00:39:22 GMT

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No one is angry enough in England to do it.

And Elizabeth II hasn't really got the pare face & moustache to do the Charles role in it.

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Subject: Re: my fellow brits... who're you gonna vote for?

Posted by [IAmFenix](#) on Sat, 29 May 2010 15:57:21 GMT

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Subject: Re: my fellow brits... who're you gonna vote for?

Posted by [Muad Dib15](#) on Sun, 30 May 2010 17:29:32 GMT

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Posted by [nikki6ixx](#) on Wed, 02 Jun 2010 01:26:15 GMT

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Subject: Re: my fellow brits... who're you gonna vote for?

Posted by [Hypnos](#) on Wed, 02 Jun 2010 02:00:41 GMT

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The only decent thing about Private Health Care is, you're immediately looked after, with likes of Bupa etc. they provide a very efficient, top class service. Plus, no 24 year waiting list for that liver you need.

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Yeah! In fact, why stop with health care? People should buy their own fire and police protection! And public schooling should be abolished! And people should pave their own roads! Down with the amenities of civilization!!1!

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Subject: Re: my fellow brits... who're you gonna vote for?

Posted by [Carrierll](#) on Wed, 02 Jun 2010 08:03:34 GMT

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The issues with the implementation of our public health care system are completely seperate from any hypothetical flaws in the concept of the public health care system.

Or: Too much red tape.