British election round-up Beleaguered Prime Minister Gordon Brown's Labour Party suffered

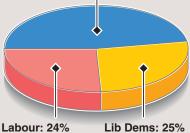
nationwide losses in key local polls, pushed into third place behind the Conservatives and Liberal Democrats

Share of national vote with

152 of 159 councils declared

Conservatives: 44%

Gains: 243 seats



Losses: 297 seats Gains: 24 seats

Turnout: 35% © GRAPHIC NEWS