

# Britain's election system "archaic"

A report by Britain's Electoral Reform Society finds that the May general election was the most disproportionate in history. Under a list-based system of proportional representation, as used in elections to the European parliament, the outcome would have been very different

## ACTUAL SEATS WON (May 7 election)

First-past-the-post method

350

300

250

200

150

100

50

0

Across all parties, 331 of 650 MPs were elected on under 50% of vote, and 191 with less than 30% of vote

Conservative Labour UKIP Lib Dem SNP Green Other

## PARTY LIST SYSTEM

Proportional representation

242

208

80

47

30

20

23

European parliament uses **D'Hondt method**, that allocates seats in proportion to parties' share of vote

UK's **First-past-the-post method** sees candidate with highest number of votes, but not necessarily majority of electorate, elected