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The **No Corruption Alliance** is an easy way for local people to come together and rid our broken political system of corruption. Communities lend their endorsement to an independent candidate who is not attached to any political party. This endorsement will be carried out at public meetings.

Your candidate endorsed by **your** community then has to commit to their pledge on record, as follows:

Accountability

Every law I plan to vote in favour of will first be explained to constituents line by line, so there is no confusion. This meeting will take place, one outside and one inside working hours. At least one hour must be dedicated to questions, answers and general feedback.

National repeal month

Every February I will dedicate myself to substantial meetings on prior legislation that could be repealed.

No Lobbyists

I pledge not to subject myself to undue influence or persuasion from lobbyists.

The endorsement of your candidate will be priceless and invaluable. If you feel your endorsement has been betrayed, you can immediately revoke it and lend it to someone else.

Join the online website to connect with those neighbours who are also interested in achieving this vital goal.

Institutionalised Corruption

There are no limits on donations to political parties

By Daryl Brown



"You can buy control of the country for less than a superyacht".

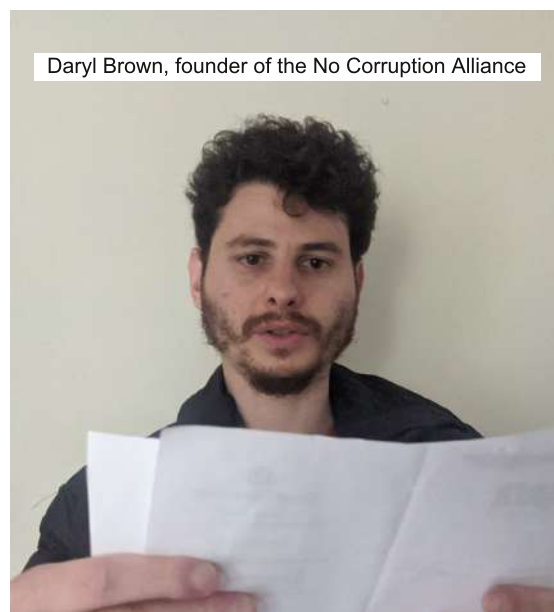
You may be unsurprised to find out that there are no limits on the amount an individual or company can donate to a political party. In fact the Yorkshire Bylines newspaper alleges that "In the UK, you can buy control of the country for less than a superyacht". They say "An 'average' superyacht costs around \$275m. Less than 10 percent of that could buy you a UK election and would cover the spending of a major party. For reference, the Conservatives spent £16m in 2019."

Beyond outright donations to party head offices, some of the other paths to buy influence include the funding of local party associations. Elsewhere donors often provide spreads of donations to politicians and candidates' campaigns within the same party; that helps them to toe the line!

Sky News published some records from the MPs register of financial interests showing that "The government of Qatar is the fourth-biggest donor to MPs, with its Ministry of Foreign Affairs giving a total of £249,932.16 worth of benefits in kind." These benefits in kind were donated to individual MPs across different parties. Can you believe that?

Well, there's more...

Paying for access to politicians within a party is also another business activity that takes place in British politics. The Sunday Times reported that "Ben Elliot, chairman of the Conservative Party and the co-founder of a concierge service to the ultra-rich... had built a reputation for securing wealthy people access to any experience, or any person, under the sun." As quoted in The Sunday Times "he had promised access to those at the top of the government".



The Sunday Times wrote that "Elliot was overseeing a secret "advisory board" of donors who had given at least £250,000 to the

party and, in turn, received access to cabinet ministers, including Boris Johnson and Rishi Sunak.” Furthermore The Sunday Times revealed that “most of the time, this world – in which politics and money meet – is shielded from public view. Ultra-rich donors are given access to politicians, advance information about government policy and other opportunities. In return, they keep their counsel.”

Allegations of ‘cash for access’ activities are by no means confined to the Conservative Party, the Daily Express has reported an “unearthed document distributed by Labour (that) makes clear it too has been granting donors access to the party’s top team of MPs.” The Independent also reported in 2010 on the Labour Party MPs “cash-for-access” allegations, surrounding footage obtained by undercover journalists at Channel 4’s Dispatches and The Sunday Times.

In other abominations, outgoing Prime Ministers are granted the privilege of producing a recommended honours list, mostly made up of party donors, who can then take positions in the House of Lords.

If any of these revelations has begun to fill you with confidence, then you’ll be pleased to know that the ‘independent adviser on ministerial interests’ who investigates these matters is appointed by the Prime Minister!



Another method applied is by hedging your bets by splashing out on a hopeful candidate in the campaign leadership for a party. Hundreds of thousands of pounds were donated and spent by multiple individual candidates campaigns in the 2020 Labour party leadership election. One of the losing candidates, MP Rebecca-Long Bailey later went on to reveal in an interview with The Evening Standard that “donors always expect to be paid back in the end.”

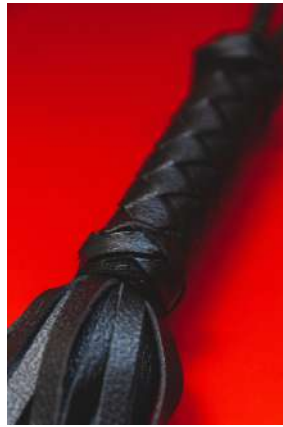


Of course then there are always the somewhat grey areas of flexing 'muscle' power through the channels of favourable media coverage too.

*If you think the way British politics is run is wrong then join **No Corruption Alliance** to do something about it. Do you think that there should be limits on donations to political parties and that shell company donations should be banned? Register, and you can have your say when online in our poll, and comments section too.*

The Party Whip System

By Daryl Brown



"It stems from the word whipping!"

The party whip system is how political parties compel the politicians under them into voting how their party dictates. It stems from the word whipping! Politicians entrusted with applying this pressure are called whips!

The concept of elected public servants voting from their conscience instead of the demands of their party, is such an alien concept that it is actually referred to as 'a free vote', and these occasions very rarely occur.

On a BBC programme in 2016 the Conservative MP Charlotte Leslie described how MPs view themselves as only having very few, once in a blue moon opportunities, to vote against the whips' demands. "If you want to make a point you only have so many rebellions... it's important to be able to keep the powder dry".

This explains the reason why pretty much every law (no matter what it is) proposed in parliament by the government, passes. Politicians who defy the whip risk the potential of being kicked out of their party and are unlikely to be re-elected.

An article by The Spectator in 2014 described some of the methods that are used by whips to persuade their party members to 'vote the right way'. Their strategies include collating information on members into files stored in the whips' offices, commonly known as 'dirt books'.

They quote former Tory whip Tim Fortescue as saying "When you are trying to persuade a member to vote the way he didn't want to vote on a controversial issue — which is part of your job — it is possible to suggest that perhaps it would not be in his interest if people knew something or other -very mildly."

Read on...

The Spectator further reported that "Tim Fortescue says that in his days as a Whip, from 1970-73, Tory MPs in financial or sexual trouble would come to the Office and ask for help. 'And if we could help we would; because if we can get a chap out of trouble, then he'll do as we ask for ever- more.'"

"Anyone with any sense who was in trouble, would come to the whips and tell them the truth, and say 'I'm in a jam, can you help?'. It might be debt, it might be... a scandal involving small boys, or any kind of scandal in which... a member seemed likely to be mixed up in; they'd come and ask if we could help, and if we could, we did.'"

This is why we started the NCA, to change our system and get independent candidates endorsed by our own communities instead. Join us on our mission today. It's up to us to change the world how we see fit.

Tax Havens

By Daryl Brown



"Promises made by politicians to shut down loopholes have strangely never materialised."

Did you know that the top three tax havens are British overseas territories? Why is this allowed, you say? Promises were made by politicians to shut down these loopholes but they have strangely never materialised.

Most of the wealthy individuals who donate to political parties and politicians are connected to big business. The National Federation of Independent Business reported in 2016 that "Large corporations offshore tax havens put incredible burden on small business".

According to The Guardian in 2013 "Only two of the [highest valued corporations] have no subsidiaries in [Tax] havens". They say "In total, FTSE 100 companies have 1,685 subsidiaries in UK Crown dependencies such as Jersey, or overseas territories such as the British Virgin Islands (BVI), Bermuda and Gibraltar."

Many of the donors whether individuals or companies may also have investments in the numerous shell companies of tax havens, where details can be hard to find.

A report by Sky News in 2023 alleges that "The third-biggest overall donor to individual MPs is a company registered to an office in Hertfordshire that has no website and, according to its accounts, has no employees. MPM Connect Ltd has given £345,217 to three well-known Labour MPs: shadow home secretary Yvette Cooper (£184,317), shadow

health secretary Wes Streeting (£60,900) and former mayor of South Yorkshire Dan Jarvis (£100,000)."

A report on suspicious shell companies by Buzzfeed in 2018 contained an interview with tax expert Richard Brooks, who said "the law is only as good as its enforcement... but they're not actually doing anything... They're not resourcing anyone to police their own rules."

Worse still, monopolies form, regulations get pushed to politicians by these large corporations who have cornered most of their markets already, further crushing their smaller business competitors. Under the current party system that we allow to rule the roost, these local businesses are doubly penalised by the fact that they themselves cannot afford to use these offshore tax havens.

If we are to progress with prosperity, moving forward it is imperative these embedded loopholes are criminalised by independent people using their free thinking conscience and resources armed to match.

Elections Watch

History of the Vote

By Daryl Brown

Mass peaceful and violent struggles ensued in the 19th century, demanding that the franchise of the vote be extended to all men. This was known as universal suffrage, as promoted by the Chartist Movement.



and men from that very town or village from every sector of our society, who never came home.

For reasons of fear or favour, or just due to public attitude, and in the newly-found bonds between the usually divided social classes, the government would have surely felt no choice but be compelled to pass a motion in extending the franchise of the vote to all men (regardless of their social status). Or maybe, if it was for no other reason than that these men who were the majority of the population, were now trained and battle hardened fighters, who had already lost so much, would never have accepted any less.

Some were killed in the clashes. Three were even sentenced to be hanged, drawn and quartered, but were later transported to Australia instead. Many of the chartists did not live long enough to see their demands met in their lifetime.

Only a small minority of the population, property owners, had the vote. Living conditions were overcrowded and unsanitary. Large swathes of the poor were exploited in low paying factory jobs and coal mines, including children, risking life and limb.

Many had no choice but to surrender to the workhouses and the good or bad will of whoever was running it. Around half of the workhouse population were children.

It was only after the sheer scale of the First World War that the extension of the vote to all men would be conceded to. Never before had that many millions from so many nations and colours sacrificed their lives in war before.

You cannot have failed to notice that in every single village and town centre across the whole of Britain, lies a sizeable memorial that was expected by its populace, to honour the dead. Each one contains a long list of boys

Five of the six demands the original Chartist Movement generally agreed upon were eventually won. A lesson for us to learn.



The living standards and freedoms that the Chartists claimed would be gained from achieving their aims, actually bore fruit and were eventually realised.

Quality of life improved massively, the workhouses closed, children were freed from the dangerous and exploitative cycle of factories and pits, health provisions and workers' pay became more important and politicians now had to appeal more to poorer people as well to get their vote.

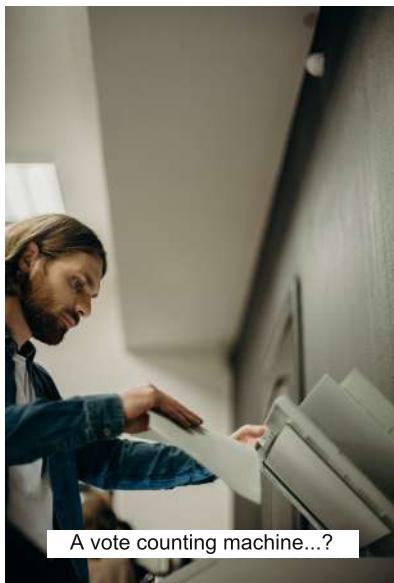
Proportional Representation: the 'Trojan Horse'

By Daryl Brown



The tempting shiny object named 'proportional representation' (PR) is a ploy to bring in electronic vote counting machines (e-counting). Election counting machines are not transparent because you cannot see inside one and observe it counting.

In a conventional election counting system there is one candidate who wins in your area by earning the most votes. Hand counters are openly observed placing one ballot with, one option marked, into one pile.



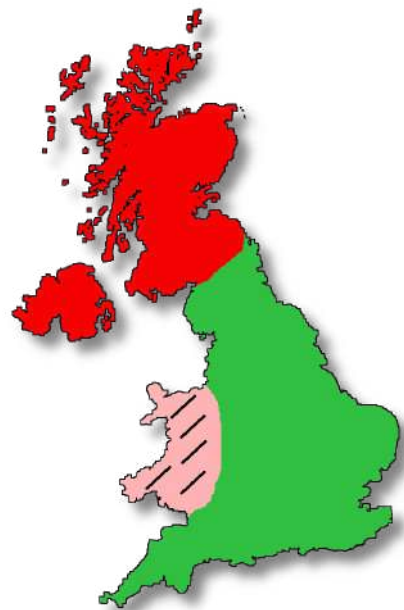
A vote counting machine...?

The establishment PR system of choice recently seems to be 'Single Transferable Vote' (STV), a style of ranked choice voting. It is being pushed across the world and experts are recommending it in their commissioned reports, as shown in Wales, who advised it is best implemented with electronic vote counting machines due to the complexities.

Anything that contains more than one option on a single ballot creates unnecessary dilemmas, complications, or problems from a democratic integrity perspective. It takes longer, and justifies arguments for counting by electronic machines.

The general public rejected a decision to turn our election system into this when they were asked in a referendum in 2011.

This has not deterred it's 'mission creep' and the accompaniment of e-counting machines entering the fray of lesser profile council elections in Scotland. Also, in 2027, councils in Wales will have the option of choosing STV.



Council Elections

■ STV ▨ Councils have the option of STV ■ No STV

E-counting is installed and run by international corporations. ***Does that sound fool proof to you?***

You could easily argue from hearing discourse among pundits, rightly disillusioned members of the public and political parties that the general mood for this seductively termed change has never been greater.

Explaining the different systems of PR

STV

As mentioned above it is the most likely version of PR to be implemented. It is the most complicated to count and therefore is the most likely to bring in e-counting machines. If no e-counting is utilised it can create a questionable election time-delay.

The D'hondt Method



Not as complex to count as STV (unless ranked choice voting is included), but it has additional, major drawbacks. Elected seats are doled out in multiples, covering one much larger region, and based off the order of political parties pre-chosen lists. Even if ballots are adapted to include independents, this voting option will not go towards multiple seats being gained, as it is for parties. These factors serve to further reinforce the flaws with the party system, and lead to the loss of the individual and local connection.

Additional Member System (AMS)

This combines the traditionally counted elections, with a second added election of 'PR' counted regional seats. As combined elections are counted on the same day, AMS has the ability to bless both with the curse of e-counting machines.



To Summarise

We are one of the last places in the world which has not yet succumbed to the 'promise' of PR in general elections! If we can share this information with an informed general public, then we stand a chance of handing down to our children free and fair elections.

Whistleblowers Alley

If you have inside knowledge or experience of people trying to rig elections or of a deep systematic flaw, we need to hear from you. This space is reserved for you.

Only by knowing a problem can we take it on. Let's expose the facts, be they big or small...

Contact us at info@nocorruptionalliance.com



Remedy Corner



Have you got a potential solution that we could patch leaky election holes with? Let us know.

The Current State of Elections

Our ratings formula!

General Elections

Entirely hand-counted ✓

Counted at a localised location by locals ✓

Count achieved on the same night ✓

Securely sealed chain of custody of in-person votes until count time ✓

Full access to observers including postal signatures ✓

Wide-scale availability of on-demand postal voting ✓

Compulsory mailouts of postal voting forms ✗

Percentage of postal votes: 21%

Early in-person voting ✗

Points Rating: 13/20

Colour Rating:  Yellow

Most aspects to our General Elections (Parliament) are good. There are problems with postal voting. On-demand postal voting ballots are allowed without a strict reason for them. We have a strong tradition of voting in-person in General Elections, so postal vote numbers are relatively low (under 20%).

English Council Elections

Entirely hand-counted ✓

Counted at a localised location by locals ✓

Count achieved on the same night ✓

Securely sealed chain of custody of in-person votes until count time ✓

Full access to observers including postal signatures ✓

Wide-scale availability of on-demand postal voting ✓

Compulsory mailouts of postal voting form ✗

Percentage of postal votes: 31.4%

Early in-person voting ✗

Points Rating: 11/20

Colour Rating:  Orange

Low interest. Way too many seats (multiples, two or three) per each ward/division in lots of places (Barnet council alone has 63 councillors). This disadvantages independents (however thanks to wards/divisions covering small areas independents sometimes win). Worryingly high postal percentage.

Scottish Council Elections

Entirely hand-counted **X**

Count achieved on the same night **✓**

Full access to observers including postal signatures **✓**

Compulsory mailouts of postal voting forms **X**

Early in-person voting **X**

Counted at a localised location by locals **✓**

Securely sealed chain of custody of in-person votes until count time **✓**

Wide-scale availability of on-demand postal voting **✓**

Percentage of postal votes: 39.1%

Points Rating: 0/20

Colour Rating:  Red

Use STV and electronic counting machines.

Welsh Council Elections

Entirely hand-counted **✓**

Count achieved on the same night **✓**

Full access to observers including postal signatures **✓**

Compulsory mailouts of postal voting forms **X**

Early in-person voting **X**

Counted at a localised location by locals **✓**

Securely sealed chain of custody of in-person votes until count time **✓**

Wide-scale availability of on-demand postal voting **✓**

Percentage of postal votes: 33%

Points Rating: 10/20

Colour Rating:  Orange

The Welsh Government has legislated that local councils will now have the option of switching to STV. They have till 2024 to decide, if so for the next 2027 council elections. We recommend pressurising your councillors not to if you live in Wales!

N.Ireland Council Elections

Entirely hand-counted ✓

Count achieved on the same night ✗

Full access to observers including postal signatures ✓

Compulsory mailouts of postal voting forms ✗

Early in-person voting ✗

Counted at a localised location by locals ✓

Securely sealed chain of custody of in-person votes until count time ✓

Wide-scale availability of on-demand postal voting ✗

Percentage of postal votes: 1.4%

Points Rating: 16/20

Colour Rating:  Yellow

STV, but it's not electronically counted. It has before taken far too long to count, causing vulnerability of the outcome. The only place in the UK at the moment where no-excuse, on-demand postal voting is banned is in N.Ireland.

London Elections

Entirely hand-counted ✗

Count achieved on the same night ✓

Full access to observers including postal signatures ✓

Compulsory mailouts of postal voting forms ✗

Early in-person voting ✗

Counted at a localised location by locals ✗

Securely sealed chain of custody of in-person votes until count time ✓

Wide-scale availability of on-demand postal voting ✓

Percentage of postal votes: unknown

Points Rating: 0/20

Colour Rating:  Red

Uses STV and international machine-counting corporations. Switching back to non-STV, will have to see if they will abandon the machines too!

No Corruption Alliance - Fair Elections Points Rating System 1st edition by Daryl Brown

How the points are rated: Points are deducted from an initial score of twenty.

Entirely hand-counted

Yes 0 points
No 20 points

Counted at a localised location by locals

Yes 0 points
No 8 points

Count achieved on the same night

Yes 0 points
No 4 points

Securely sealed chain of custody of in-person votes until count time

Yes 0 points
No 20 points

Full access to observers including postal signatures

Yes 0 points
No 10 points

Wide-scale availability of on-demand postal voting

Yes 3 points
No 0 points

Compulsory mailouts of postal voting forms

Yes 20 points
No 0 points


Postal


Each percent of postal vote is 0.2 points off the score.


Early in-person voting

Yes 20 points
No 0 points

Colour code descriptions:  = Good
Green (over 17 points)

 = Okay but improvements needed
Yellow (under 17 points)

 = Some big problems occurring
Orange (under 13 points)

 = If you are not being provided demonstrably transparent free and fair elections, why should you pay tax?
Red (under 6 points)

What can be done if free and fair elections are denied to us?

Do you feel *your* elections are transparent and fair? If not then you might want to withhold tax as leverage. Then you could potentially adapt our websites open source code into a useful tax rebellion leveraging tool. Any successful and reasonable objective-driven tax rebellion should include a clear red-line demand, with a set time frame, and with a forceful determination over a very wide consensus.