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**‘FAKE POST – TRUTH POLLING’**

**FPTP** is a two-party system. It “was shaped throughout by the needs and interests of the party leaders… in a private inter-party conclave.” (Vernon Bogdanor, *The People and the Party System*, CUP, 1981, p 113.)

But England now has (at least) four parties: Brexit, Conservative, (Green), Labour and Lib-Dem.

If in any one constituency, party ***X*** wins 26% of the vote, while the others get only 25 or 24%, ***X*** wins, even though, maybe, 74% think ***X*** is the *worst*.

If this is repeated throughout England, ***X*** will win 100% of these seats. This result would be FAKE. But *any* **FPTP** result can be, and probably is, fake.

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Granted, no electoral system is perfect. Some are fine, a few are adequate, but some are terrible. And single preference electoral systems like **FPTP** are just hopelessly inaccurate and Orwellian: “this candidate good, those candidates bad,” as if all the other candidates are equally bad. Which is obviously nonsense. So every individual ballot is fake; no wonder the overall result is also fake.

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**Fine electoral systems** are proportional and may be preferential; they include:

+ the Quota Borda System, QBS, ideally held in six-seater constituencies;

+ PR-STV, PR-single transferable vote, as in Ireland;

+ the Swiss PR-list which, like QBS and PR-STV, allows voters to vote for several candidates;

**Adequate systems include**:

+ the Belgian PR-list allows voters to vote for a few candidates but of only one party;

+ multi-member proportional, MMP, the German system, which is half PR-list and half **FPTP**.

**Terrible systems include**:

+ the Israeli PR-list system which is closed: you vote for one party only;

+ the French two-round system; and worst of all (apart from the likes of a North Korean variety),

**+ FPTP,** first-past-the-post.

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