**Impact of electoral systems in the UK**

When evaluating the impact of a new electoral system, it is likely you will compare how each party has done under a new system compared to their success under FPTP. Remember however, people vote differently when electing different representatives – e.g. look at UKIP vote share for the General Election compared to European Parliament – this probably had more to do with what they were voting for rather than the system used.

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| **FPTP**Where: Westminster/Parliament/HOCSince when:1708 (first General Election after Union) | * Favours a two party system

 Lab/Con in the UK* Favours the winning party – a ‘winner’s bonus’

 Cons gained 36% vote in 2015 but 51% seats (331/650) * Favours concentrated vote

 Cities voted Lab/rural areas voted Con in 2015 e.g. Rushcliffe vs. Wirral south* 3rd/Nationalist parties disadvantaged

 Lib Dems gained 8 seats for 7.9%, UKIP gained 1 seat for 12.6% |
| **AMS**Where:Since when:Last election: |  |
| **SV**Where:Since when:Last election: |  |
| **STV**Where:Since when:Last election: |  |
| **List**Where:Since when:Last election: |  |
| **AV**Where:Since when:Last election: |  |