**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/HOC  Since 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: |  |