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One year on: 9 things you need to know about the 2019 General Election

1. The Conservatives won a big majority… despite only increasing their vote share by 1.3% on 2017

2. Smaller parties got crushed – as usual. Nearly 900,000 votes for the Green Party across the UK equated to exactly one Green MP.

In contrast, it took just 25,000 or so votes to elect an SNP MP (thankfully, both parties back proportional representation!)

3. The ERS predicted with 100% accuracy the result in the majority (56%) of England's seats – 300 of them – before polling day

For the 16 million-plus voters in these seats, it may have felt like there was barely an election happening at all

4. Around 14.5 million voters are unrepresented across the UK (they didn't pick the one winner in each seat)

That's a marked contrast to proportional representation, where we'd end one-party-takes-all results at last

5. Nearly one in three people (30%) are likely to have voted tactically, according to BMG polling for the ERS.

That means millions of people were forced to try and game the system. Often, the many tactical voting sites contradicted each other

6. Safe seat voters got left out. Voters in swing seats reported receiving far more leaflets than those in Britain's hundreds of safe seats, according to research for the ERS

Frankly, it's seen as not worthwhile for some parties to campaign in ultra-safe seats

7. The 2019 election result might look quite different if seats matched votes and everyone's voice was heard.

The PR, the Conservatives would still have been the largest party – they got the most votes. But they would not have an undeserved majority of seats

8. One in six seats in the Commons are effectively ‘unearned’ under Westminster’s warped voting system

Last December’s election saw a return to deeply disproportionate results

Nearly 75,000 people signed our petition for proportional representation after the election https://t.co/CJ0zyQgDiS