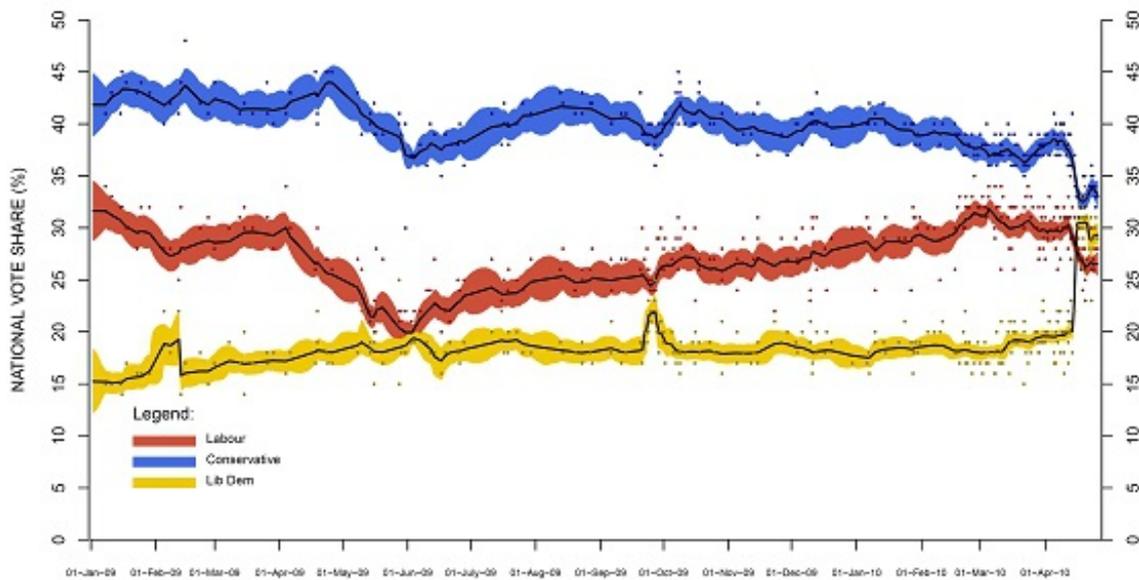


Tories Still Short of a Majority: Hix-Vivyan Prediction up to 26 April

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We have updated our election prediction model, based on national voting intention results from all polls with fieldwork up to and including 26 April. Here is a figure showing the time trends in our “pooling the polls” analysis. The dots in the figure show the results from the various polls and the shaded areas around the lines are the 95 per cent confidence intervals around the mean standings of the parties.



As of 26 April, the national standing of the parties was 33.3 per cent for the Conservatives (up 1.0 per cent from our 19 April analysis), 26.5 per cent for Labour (down 0.3 per cent), and 29.3 per cent for the Lib Dems (down 0.8 per cent). So, in relative terms the Tories may have gained very slightly since our 19 April analysis, but all of these changes are within the margin of error.

Here’s how these national vote shares might translate into seats under three different assumptions: (1) a uniform change in party support across constituencies; (2) differential changes in party support in each region of the country, based on the latest regional polling data from YouGov; and (3) differential changes in party support in key marginal seats, using the latest data from Ipsos-Mori polling data in 57 Labour-held constituencies where the Conservatives need a swing of 5-9 per cent to win.

Hix-Vivyan Seat Projections for 28 April

	Hix-Vivyan pooling-the-polls model			Comparison with other predictions	
	Assuming a uniform national swing	Assuming different regional swings	Assuming different marginal seat swings	UK Polling Report Seat Projection	Electoral Calculus Seat Projection
Last Checked	28 April	28 April	28 April	27 April	27 April
Conservatives	265	278	266	283	265
Labour	255	223	248	238	260
Liberal Democrats	98	117	103	97	94
Other Parties	32	32	33	32	32
No. of seats Cons short of a majority	61	48	60	43	61
No. of seats Labour short of a majority	71	103	78	88	66

With a week to go until polling day, the Conservatives look set to be the largest party in the Commons but well short of a majority of seats.