

To what extent should our
campaign seek to converge
around a voting system?

Until now:

- Main message: the need to ditch FPTP
- No recommendation on a system
- General principles:
 - Good Systems Agreement
 - LCER's statement on elections to the HoC
 - “Families” of systems that would be workable/acceptable

Rationale:

- First priority: commitment to ditch FPTP
- Don't get bogged down in unattractive technicalities
- Risk of in-fighting

But:

- People are increasingly asking about systems
- We're now at a different stage in the campaign
- Lack of convergence could be used against us



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Pros and cons of attempting to converge...

Pros

- Many activists want this
- At some stage the decision will have to be made, and activists must be part of this
- Pre-empts the critique that there is “no consensus”

Cons

- A boring rabbit-hole?
- A plethora of unsuitable systems will probably emerge
- Inability to agree: “*I would die in a ditch*”

One good scenario?

Even if we don't achieve full agreement between systems X and Y, a clear message:

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