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The Welsh Election Study 2021: Some initial findings

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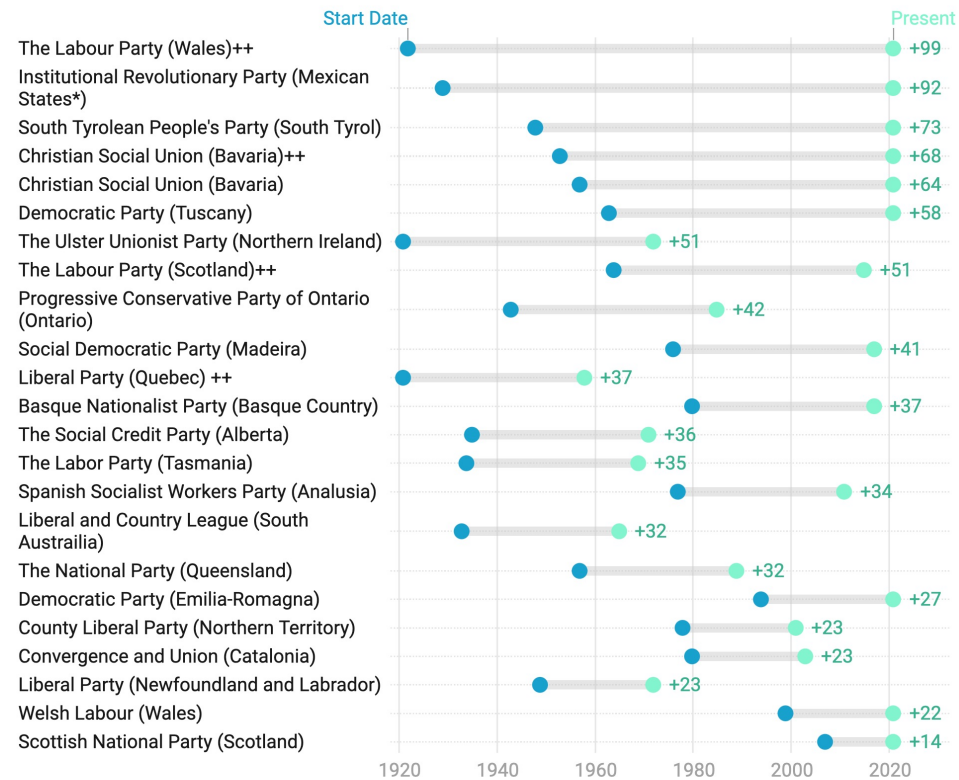
- Wyn Jones, R., Surridge, P., Larner, J., Poole, E. G., Wincott, D. *2021 Welsh Election Study*
- Funded by the Economic and Social Research Council
- We interview 4,000 respondents across 3 waves in a panel design:
 - Pre-election wave - 4 weeks before the election
 - Campaign wave – daily interview of a few hundred respondents for 28 days
 - Post-wave - in immediate aftermath of election
- Booster sample of 250 16 & 17 year olds



	Constituency		Regional List		Seats	
Party	Vote Share	Change	Vote Share	Change	Total	Change
Labour	39.9	5.2	36.2	4.7	30	1
Conservative	26.1	5.0	25.1	6.3	16	5
Plaid Cymru	20.3	-0.2	20.7	-0.1	13	1
Liberal Democrats	4.9	-2.8	4.3	-2.2	1	-



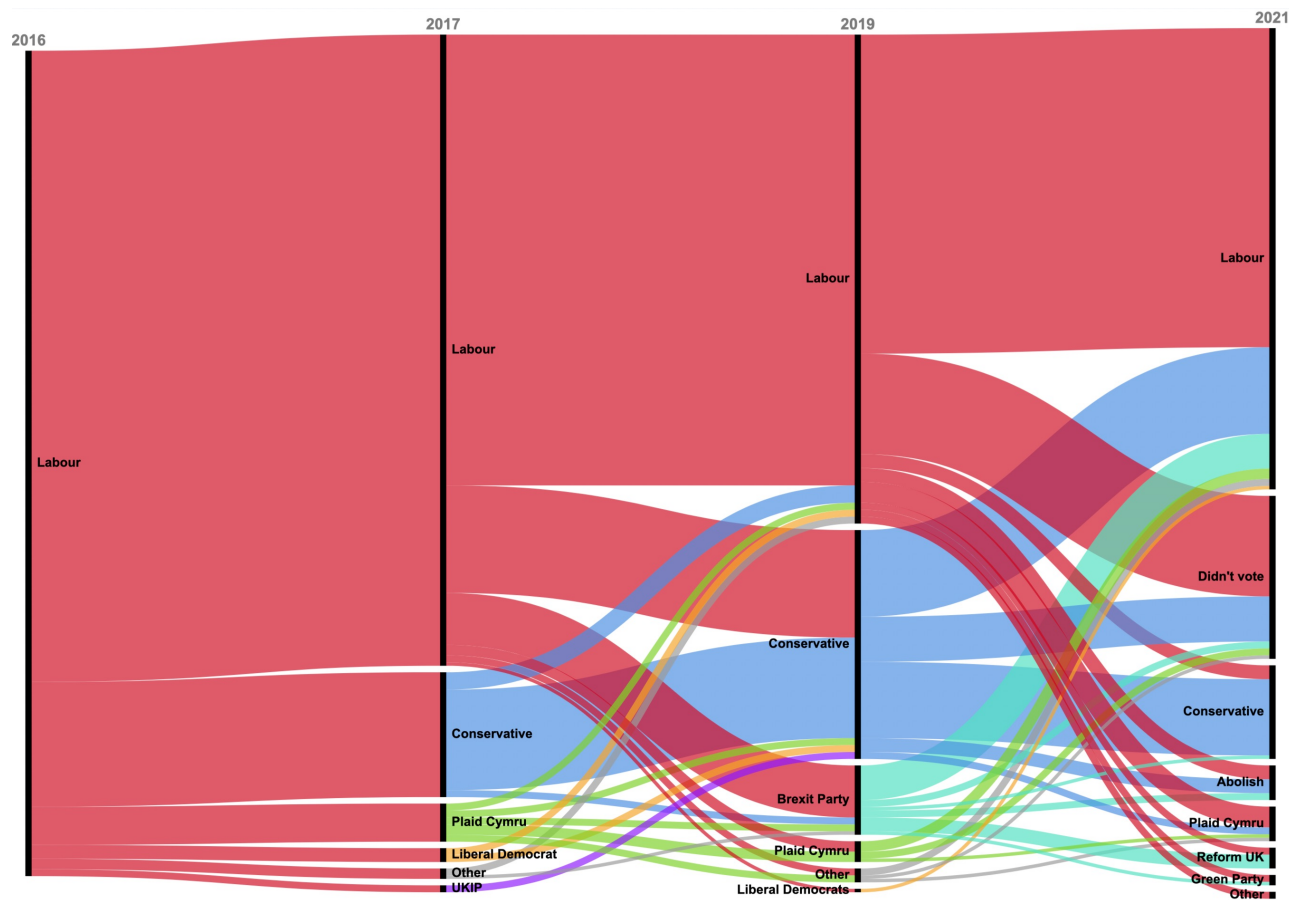
Dominant sub-state Parties



*Coahuila, Colima, Campeche, Hidalgo, & State of Mexico || ++ State-level elections



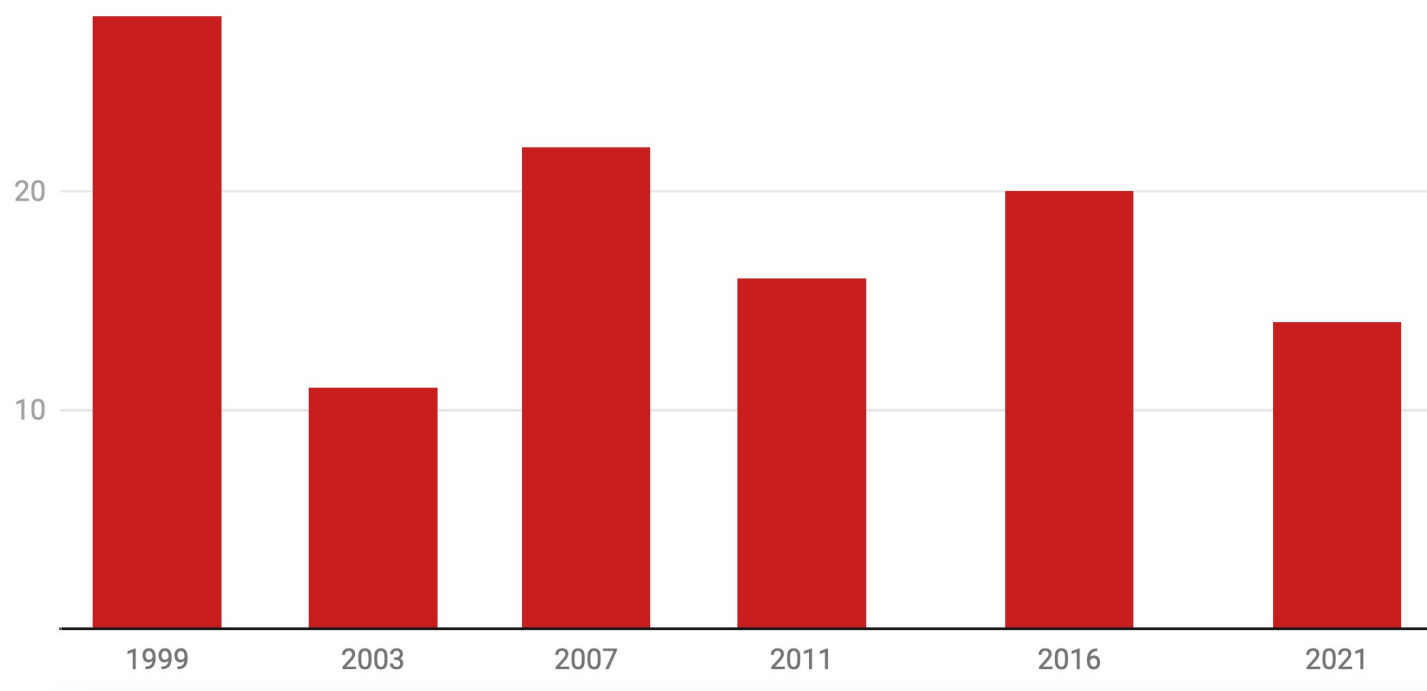
Labour Leavers

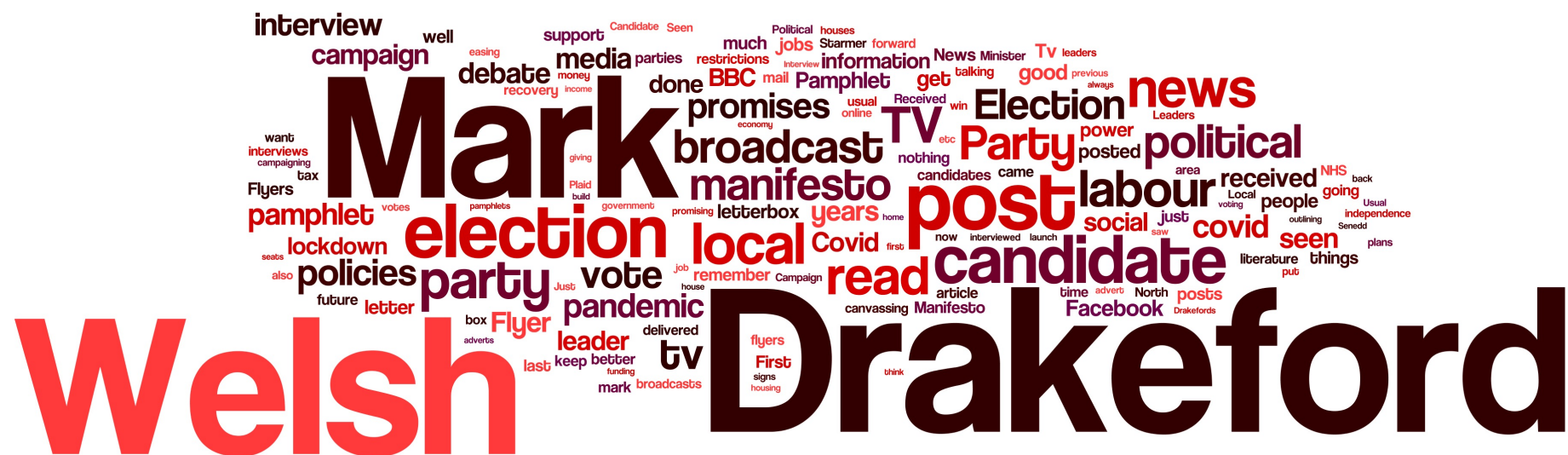


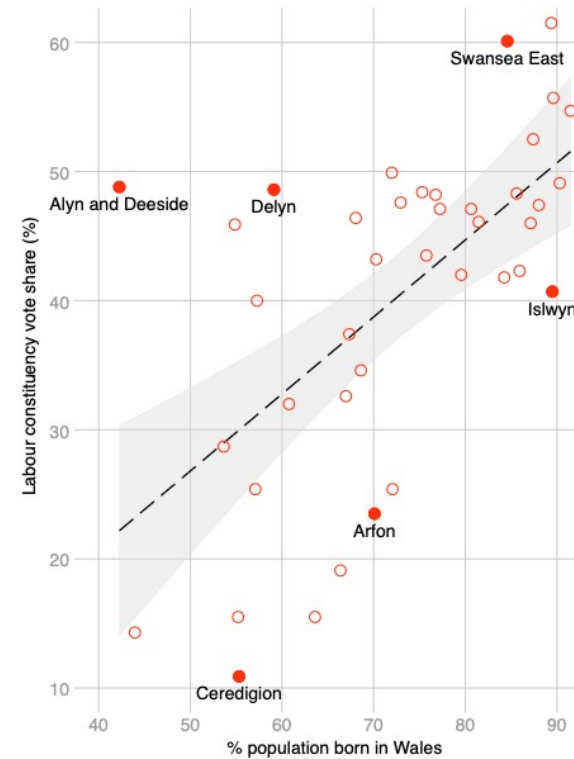
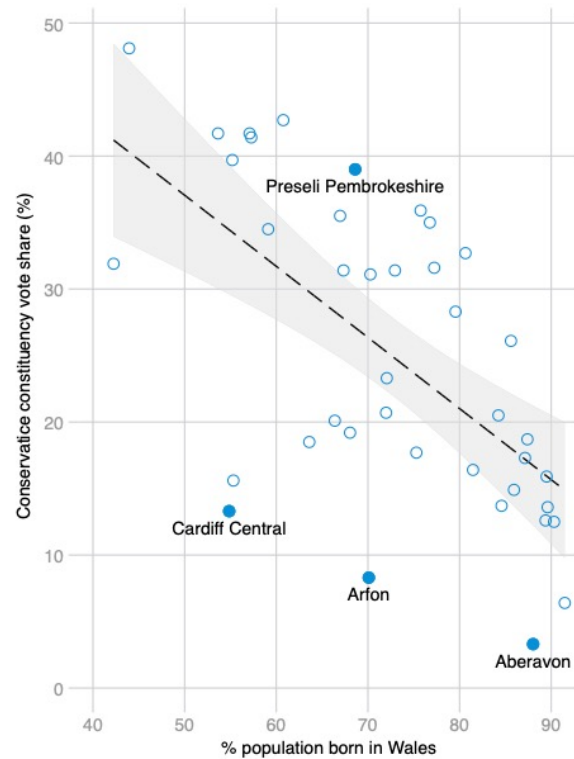


Labour to Plaid Cymru switching

Westminster → Senedd





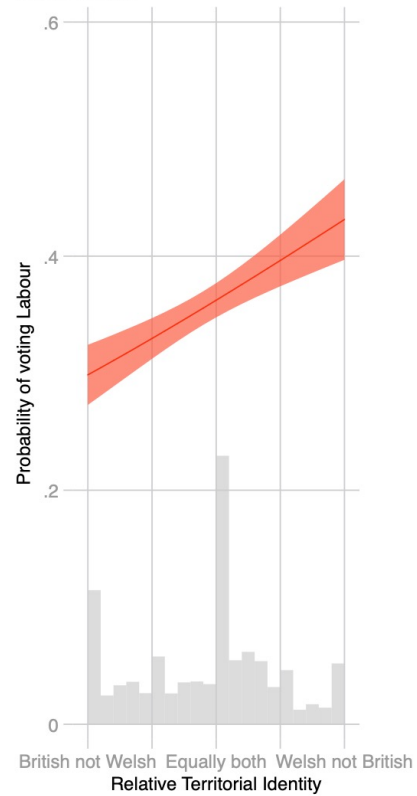


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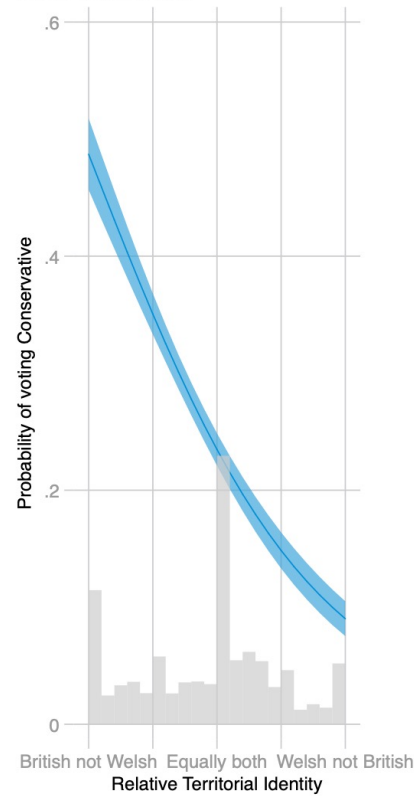
NB: different Y axis scales



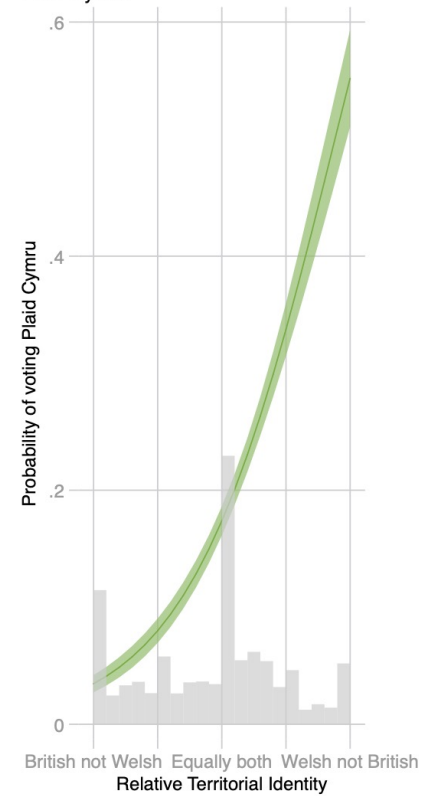
Welsh Labour



Welsh Conservative

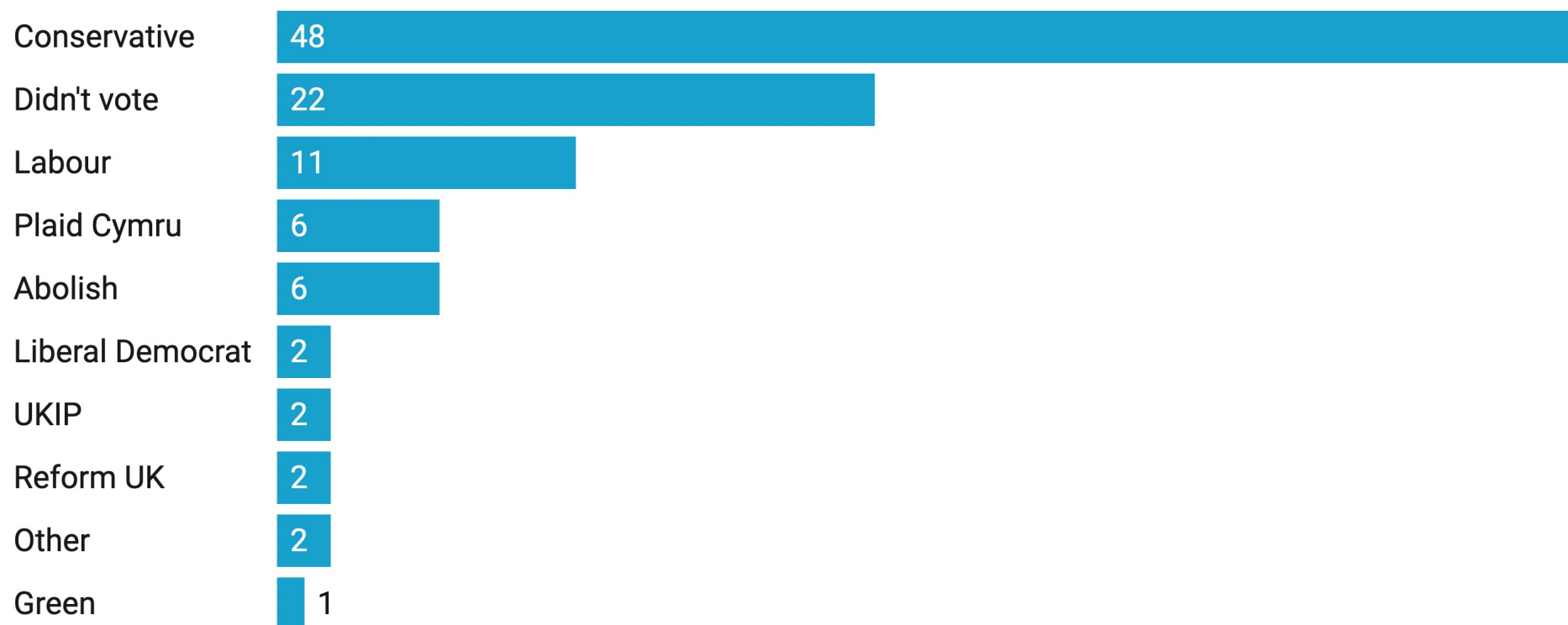


Plaid Cymru



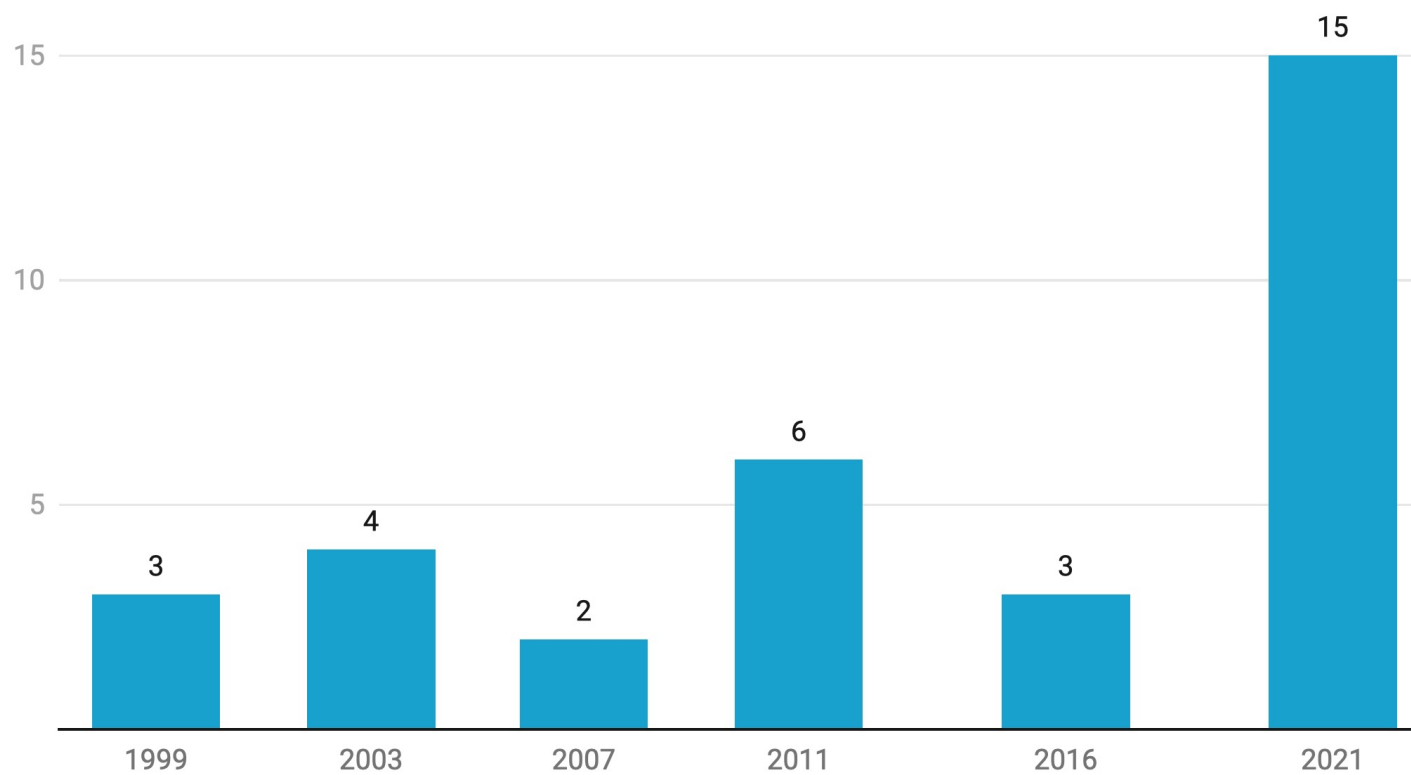


How did 2019 Conservative voters vote in 2021?





% of Conservative GE voters switching to Labour at Senedd





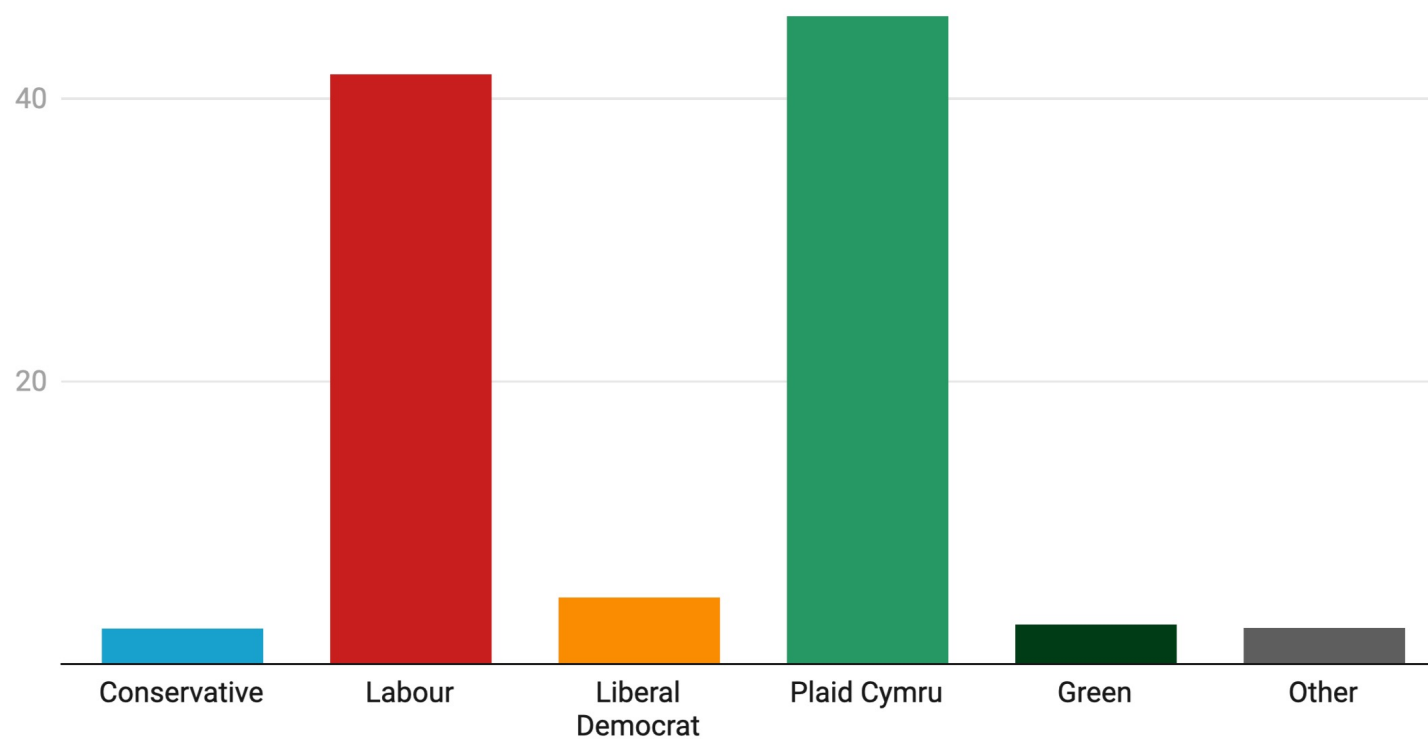
“I voted Conservative in the general election because of Brexit. In the Senedd election I voted Labour because I thought he did a better job at handling corona here”

- *Conservative to Labour switcher*



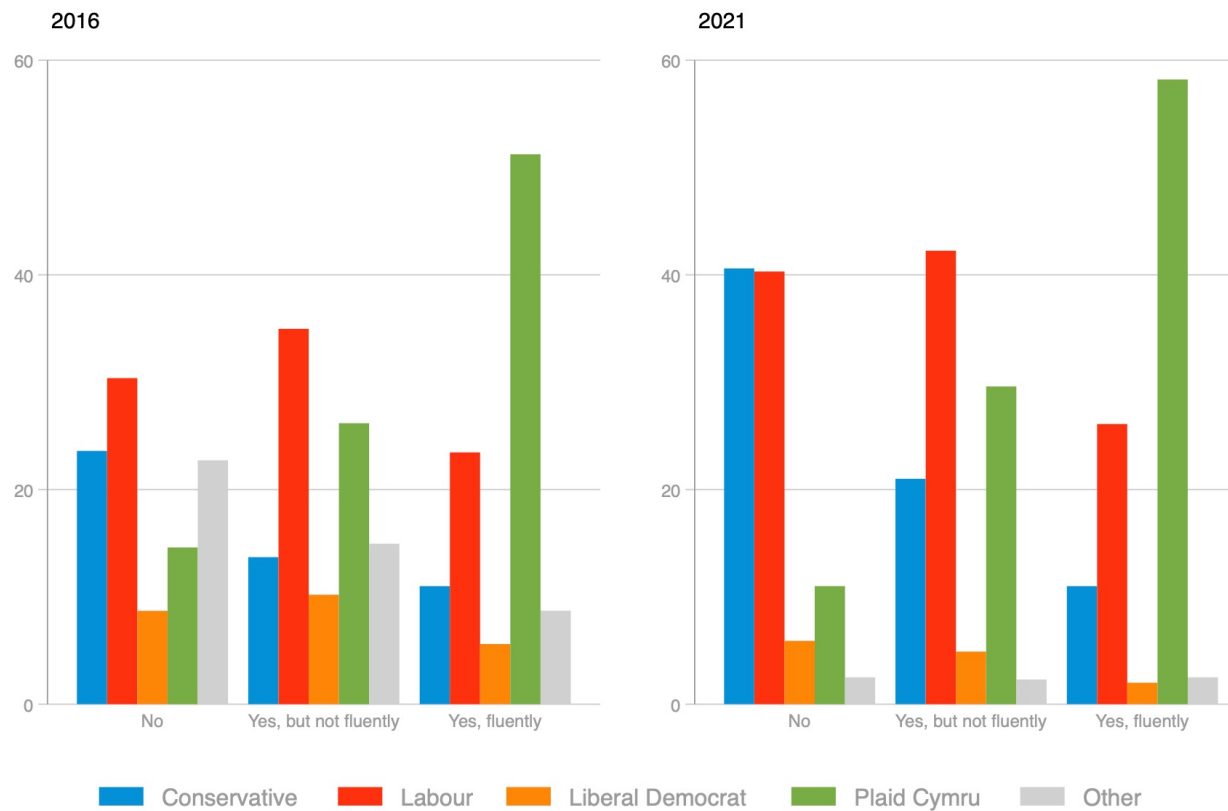


How did independence supporters vote?



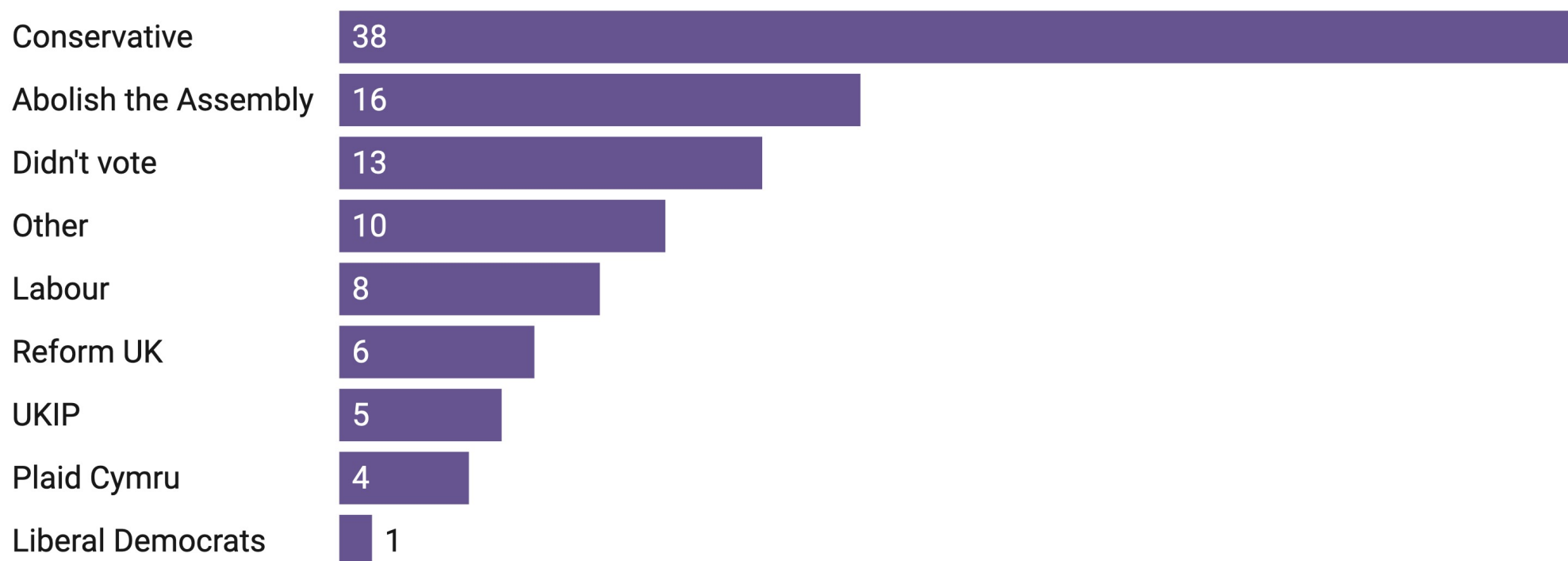


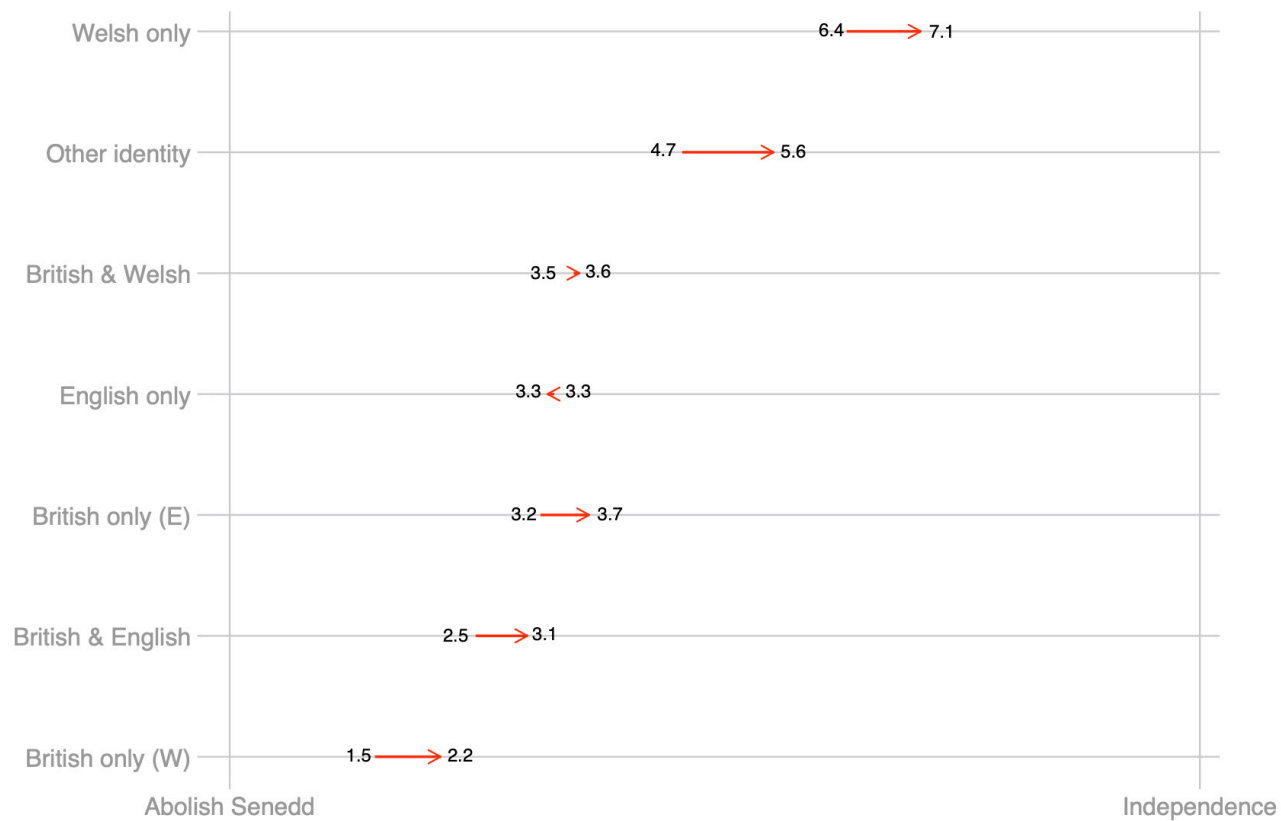
Constituency vote by language ability



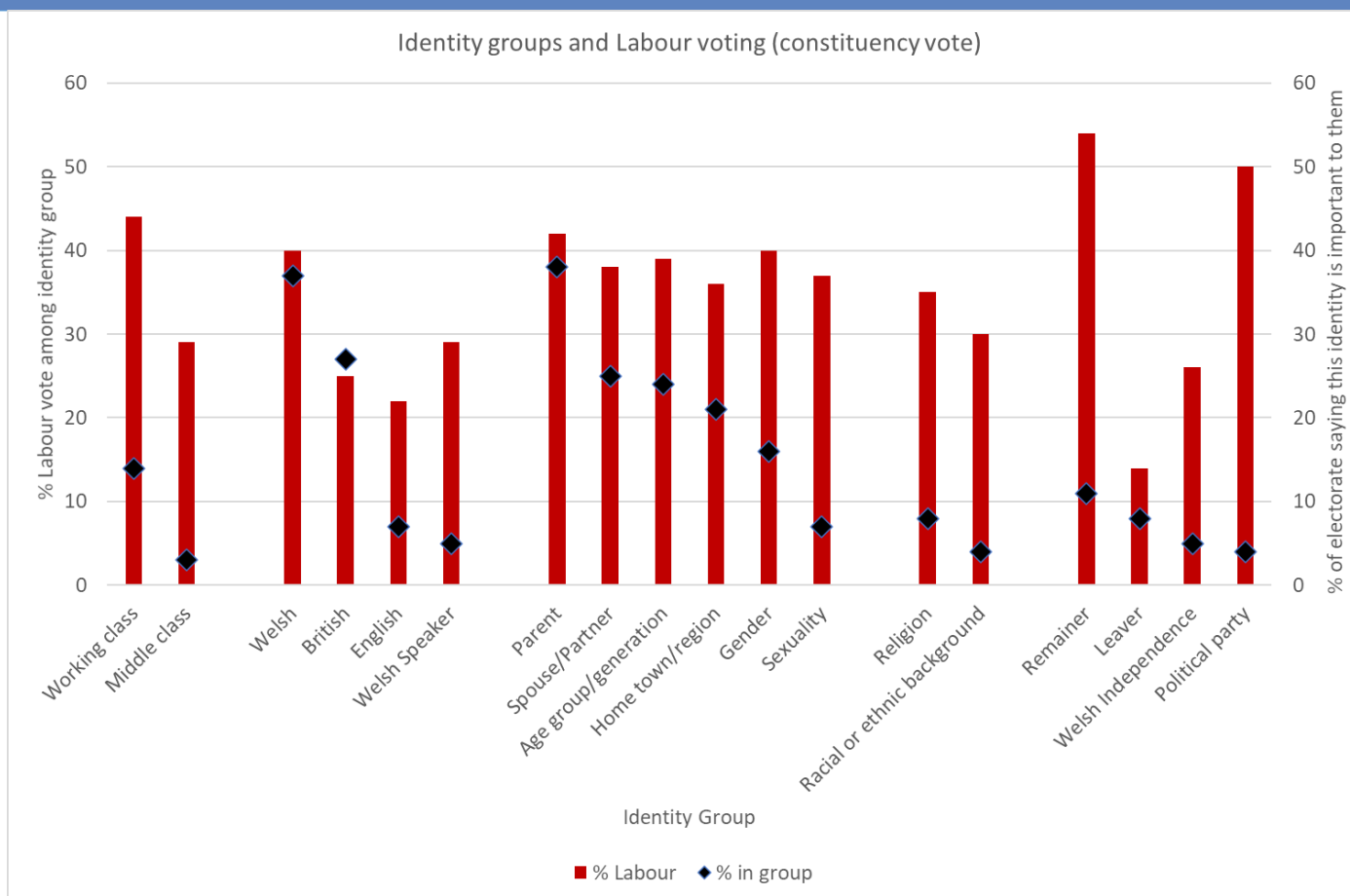


How did 2016 UKIP voters vote?





(E) = born in England, (W) = born in Wales





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