

(*Independent*, 26

April)

Talk of an early election: the Tories have plenty of money, unlike Labour and the Liberal Democrats. The Government's spending cuts have not yet sunk in and the Tories remain steady in the polls. Labour is plainly not ready for an election. It is blamed by the public for the deficit. Ed Miliband has not had time to establish himself and his policies are a "blank sheet".

<http://www.independent.co.uk/opinion/commentators/andrew-grice/andrew-grice-miliband-finds-he-has-little-room-for-manoeuvre-on-av-2274690.html>

(*Telegraph*, 28 April)

Cameron appears revived, not as a politician, but as a Conservative.

<http://blogs.telegraph.co.uk/news/benedictbrogan/100085315/at-least-there%E2%80%99s-a-silver-lining-to-this-pointless-av-referendum/>

(*Guardian*, 28 April)

Yes campaign needs 60-40 split in its favour among Labour voters, but polls show majority oppose alternative vote

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/politics/2011/apr/28/ed-miliband-labour-alternative-vote>

(*UK polling report*, 28 April)

<http://ukpollingreport.co.uk/blog/archives/3513>

(*Guardian*, 29 April)

With a snap election likely to benefit neither party, Cameron and Clegg remain bound together – however difficult that is: "If they couldn't do it last May, they can't do it now."

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/commentisfree/2011/apr/29/av-coalition-david-cameron-nick-clegg>

(*Independent*, 29 April)

supporters of first-past-the-post would approach the Commons business committee of MPs, which has the power to set aside time for issues concerning backbenchers. The tactic of using the business committee to force a Commons division was successful in overturning moves to give the vote to prisoners.

<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/politics/av/tories-plot-to-overturn-referendum-results-2276388.html>

(, 1 May)

Analysis of the impact of the AV referendum, and a prediction: "If the polls are broadly right, there will be a Nationalist government in Scotland; a Labour government or Labour-led coalition in Wales; Labour will be in charge of most of the big English cities except London; the capital will have a Tory mayor; a Conservative-Liberal Democrat coalition will continue to govern at Westminster."

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/commentisfree/2011/may/01/andrew-rawnsley-av-winner>

(*Guardian*, 27

April)

Discussion of 3 senior Lib Dems and their independence from the Tories: Tim Farron, Vince Cable and Chris Huhne

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/politics/wintour-and-watt/2011/apr/27/liberal-conservative-coalition-av-referendum>

(*Spectator Blog*, 1 May)

Comparison between the Lib Dems at Westminster and in Holyrood: the Lib Dems in Holyrood had a coalition with clear divid