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Corbyn's "socialist" party entered British local elections with a collapsed Scottish branch, 0% in polls, and nothing to show after 10 months of failed organising.

Details. Following the conclusion of the British May local elections, "Your Party" [failed](#) to win a majority in any council. The party additionally endorsed numerous [independent candidates](#). Some of them are [former Conservatives](#) and small business owners; the party also temporarily endorsed a group of [slum landlords](#).

► Days before the election, a poll showed [0%](#) voting intention for the party, a drop from 1% back in April. In contrast, the left-populist Green Party has grown in [voting intention](#) and [gained](#) 5 councils and 441 councillors in the recent local elections.

Context. Upon its announcement, the party saw a high [20%](#) voter consideration rate. Despite this, only around [41,000](#) of its 800,000 mailing-list subscribers became paying members - a conversion rate of roughly 5%. The Central Executive Committee (CEC) elections drew only [25,347](#) votes out of 40,985 verified eligible voters.

► Internal conflict had [paralysed](#) the party since its [founding](#), with public feuding, expulsions, and disputed procedures. Corbyn's "The Many" faction [secured](#) majority control of the CEC in February, defeating "Grassroots Left" - a faction of Your Party's co-founder Zarah Sultana. Party insiders described the conflict as a [proxy war](#) between the two founders.

► Corbyn [restricted](#) dual-membership within the party, even after members [voted](#) to allow it, various Trotskyist groups were blocked from joining. Following the restriction, the Scottish branch Central Executive Committee [split](#) from the party in April and intended to create its own rival left-wing alternative.

► Under Corbyn's leadership, "Your Party" can be described as having reformist labour politics. His programme [remains](#) vague and social-democratic, [echoing](#) his 2019 Labour manifesto, after which his internal faction "the Many" is named.