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THREE major opinion polls of voting intentions have been published in the newspapers this week. The Prime Minister may be interested to see the computer predictions of the numbers of seats which the parties would hold if the nation were to vote in accordance with the opinion poll results.

The following is a summary of the results:

POLL/Newspaper	DATE	CON% STS	LAB% STS	SDP% STS	LEAD	O/ALL MAJORITY
MARPLAN/Guardian	17/2	49.0 466	: 28.0 142	: 22.0 11	21%C	CON: 297 seats
GALLUP/Telegraph	17/2	43.5 375	: 32.5 230	: 22.0 14	11%C	CON: 115 seats
MORI/Standard	15/2	45.0 386	: 32.0 222	: 21.0 11	13%C	CON: 137 seats

All calculations are based on the old boundaries and exclude some regional variations in voting intention.

The poll results, despite their apparent indication of an unassailable Tory lead, contain a warning: the Labour vote is holding very steady at a core figure of about 30 per cent. Labour cannot safely be written off and there is no room for complacency.

In the unlikely event of an election result as good as that predicted in the Guardian Marplan index today, Harold Wilson's seat at Huyton would fall to the Conservatives.

A full list of the seats changing hands on the basis of each opinion poll is attached.



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cc. The Rt. Hon. Cecil Parkinson, MP;
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GUARDIAN MARPLAN INDEX, 17 FEBRUARY, 1983:

SEATS CHANGING HANDS IF 49.0 % VOTE CONSERVATIVE, 28.0 % LABOUR AND 22.0 % ALLIANCE

CONSTITUENCY	NO.	CON%	LAB%	SDP%	WINR	CONSTITUENCY	NO.	CON%	LAB%	SDP%	WINR
ACCRINGTON	9	45.1	36.3	17.5	C(L)	ASHFIELD	18	44.9	39.2	14.8	C(L)
ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE	20	40.8	40.6	16.6	C(L)	BARROW-IN-FURNESS	36	40.0	39.5	19.8	C(L)
BASSETLAW	40	42.6	37.3	19.9	C(L)	BATLEY & MORLEY	42	42.3	36.4	18.7	C(L)
BERWICK & E LOTHN	51	44.7	32.3	18.1	C(L)	BEXLEY ERITH & CRFD	54	45.9	35.1	17.8	C(L)
BIRKENHEAD	56	40.5	37.1	21.6	C(L)	BIRMING ERDINGTON	58	48.6	34.2	16.5	C(L)
BIRMING HANDSWORTH	60	48.9	41.0	9.2	C(L)	BIRMING PERRY BAR	63	50.3	35.4	13.4	C(L)
BIRMING STECHFORD	67	48.8	36.0	14.1	C(L)	BISHOP AUCKLAND	69	42.6	36.2	21.3	C(L)
BLACKBURN	71	41.3	37.7	19.5	C(L)	BLAYDON	74	39.9	39.7	19.7	C(L)
BOLTON EAST	78	47.8	35.4	16.3	C(L)	BOLTON WEST	79	47.5	33.3	19.2	C(L)
BRADFORD NORTH	85	40.5	37.8	19.9	C(L)	BRADFORD SOUTH	86	43.9	35.0	20.8	C(L)
BRADFORD WEST	87	41.4	40.0	16.6	C(L)	BRENT EAST	90	41.4	39.6	15.8	C(L)
BRISTOL NORTH-EAST	100	41.3	38.3	18.1	C(L)	BRISTOL SOUTH-EAST	103	46.3	33.7	19.7	C(L)
BURNLEY	111	40.2	37.7	20.8	C(L)	BURY & RADCLIFFE	113	49.3	33.7	17.3	C(L)
CAITHNESS & SUTH	116	35.7	30.8	9.2	C(L)	CAMDEN HOLBORN	120	44.3	36.6	17.4	C(L)
CANNOCK	122	42.0	39.2	18.3	C(L)	CARLISLE	129	43.7	36.9	19.4	C(L)
CARMARTHEN	131	29.3	26.6	16.5	C(L)	COVENTRY NORTH-WEST	157	44.4	37.2	17.2	C(L)
CREWE	160	43.7	35.9	19.9	C(L)	DARLINGTON	166	47.6	33.8	18.5	C(L)
DERBY NORTH	172	48.7	33.4	17.8	C(L)	DERBY SOUTH	173	43.3	37.1	17.9	C(L)
DERBYSHIRE NE	174	43.3	35.7	21.2	C(L)	DEWSBURY	180	42.5	34.7	23.3	C(L)
DONCASTER	181	46.7	36.3	16.5	C(L)	DUDLEY EAST	188	40.3	40.0	17.1	C(L)
DUMBARTONSHR EAST	192	39.0	28.2	16.0	C(L)	DUMBARTONSHR WEST	193	38.7	36.0	9.2	C(L)
DUNFERMLINE	195	35.3	32.9	19.5	C(L)	ECCLES	207	40.6	39.8	18.1	C(L)
EDINBURGH LEITH	210	37.1	34.4	20.2	C(L)	ENFIELD EDMONTON	215	46.9	35.0	16.0	C(L)
ETON & SLOUGH	222	44.3	31.6	19.0	C(L)	FARNWORTH	228	40.3	37.2	22.3	C(L)
FLINT EAST	232	42.7	35.9	19.3	C(L)	GLASGOW CATHCART	240	46.2	34.1	14.0	C(L)
GRIMSBY	265	44.2	38.6	16.1	C(L)	HALIFAX	271	45.7	32.5	21.9	C(L)
HAMMERSMITH NORTH	275	43.0	35.8	19.7	C(L)	HARINGEY WOOD GREEN	279	44.3	34.8	18.6	C(L)
HARLOW	280	44.6	31.7	23.4	C(L)	HARTLEPOOL	285	43.0	40.9	15.1	C(L)
HEYWOOD & ROYTON	302	46.0	33.6	20.2	C(L)	HILLINDN HAYES-H	304	45.0	35.9	17.6	C(L)
HOUNSLOW FELTHAM	314	45.8	35.9	16.9	C(L)	HUDDERSFIELD EAST	317	44.2	35.3	20.3	C(L)
HUYTON	320	42.4	38.6	18.6	C(L)	ILKESTON	321	40.8	37.6	21.4	C(L)
IPSWICH	324	47.3	35.8	16.6	C(L)	ISLINGTON CENTRAL	327	40.4	38.3	17.0	C(L)
ISLINGTON S & FINS	329	39.0	38.6	16.6	C(L)	KEIGHLEY	331	48.9	33.4	17.6	C(L)
KETTERING	334	47.2	33.4	20.1	C(L)	K-UPON-HULL CENTR	337	39.3	38.7	19.9	C(L)
LAMBETH NORWOOD	347	46.1	35.2	17.3	C(L)	LANARK	350	36.1	32.1	15.6	C(L)
LEICESTER EAST	360	45.7	34.8	17.5	C(L)	LEICESTER SOUTH	361	46.9	34.5	17.6	C(L)
LEICESTER WEST	362	40.2	39.8	16.7	C(L)	LEIGH	363	41.3	40.2	17.7	C(L)
LEWISHAM EAST	367	47.1	34.2	17.0	C(L)	LEWISHAM WEST	368	48.3	34.5	15.9	C(L)
MANCHSTR BLACKLEY	390	43.8	37.4	17.9	C(L)	MANCHSTR GORTON	392	43.0	39.7	15.5	C(L)
MANCHSTR MOSS SIDE	393	43.3	38.6	17.1	C(L)	MERTON MITCHAM & M	401	48.1	33.6	17.3	C(L)
MIDDLETON & PRESTW	403	48.2	34.0	18.0	C(L)	NEWCASTLE-U-LYME	416	45.7	36.0	18.2	C(L)
NEWCASTLE EAST	418	41.2	40.9	16.9	C(L)	NEWCASTLE WEST	420	40.7	40.5	17.9	C(L)
NEWPORT	425	41.1	38.4	18.7	C(L)	NEWTON	426	42.0	38.2	18.7	C(L)
NORWICH NORTH	436	39.8	37.7	20.1	C(L)	NORWICH SOUTH	437	46.0	33.4	20.8	C(L)
NOTTINGHAM EAST	438	44.4	37.5	15.9	C(L)	NOTTINGHAM NORTH	439	45.5	34.8	17.6	C(L)
NOTTINGHAM WEST	440	46.4	34.5	18.0	C(L)	NUNEATON	441	42.4	37.1	18.1	C(L)
OLDHAM EAST	443	42.5	37.7	19.6	C(L)	OLDHAM WEST	444	40.2	38.9	18.8	C(L)
ORMSKIRK	446	52.7	37.1	9.2	C(L)	PENISTONE	452	37.2	36.5	26.4	C(L)
PLYMOUTH DEVONPORT	457	48.7	35.2	15.4	C(L)	PRESTON SOUTH	467	47.3	33.1	19.7	C(L)
RENFREWSHIRE WEST	476	36.2	33.1	19.5	C(L)	SHEFFLD HEELEY	508	44.6	37.0	17.8	C(L)
SOUTHAMPTON ITCHEN	517	47.8	34.4	18.4	C(L)	SOUTHWARK DULWICH	525	47.0	31.9	19.2	C(L)
STALYBDG & HYDE	531	43.8	38.6	17.3	C(L)	STOCKPORT NORTH	535	47.5	32.8	20.1	C(L)
STOCKPORT SOUTH	536	46.4	33.5	20.0	C(L)	SUNDERLAND SOUTH	545	42.6	39.4	17.4	C(L)
SWANSEA WEST	553	49.4	34.2	15.2	C(L)	SWINDON	554	43.0	37.3	19.5	C(L)
TEESSIDE REDCAR	557	41.4	39.9	17.3	C(L)	TEESSIDE STOCKTON	558	41.0	39.4	17.6	C(L)

CONSTITUENCY NO.	CON%	LAB%	SDP%	WINR
TEESSIDE THORNABY	559	43.7	38.0	17.6 C(L)
WAKEFIELD	572	41.4	37.8	19.5 C(L)
WALSALL SOUTH	576	51.2	37.8	9.2 C(L)
WALTHAM F WLTHSTW	579	42.4	37.3	17.3 C(L)
WANDSW Tooting	583	42.1	38.6	16.6 C(L)
WEST BROMWCH EAST	592	46.5	34.9	16.4 C(L)
WHITEHAVEN	599	44.3	38.9	14.6 C(L)
WOLVERHAMPTON NE	607	42.1	37.1	18.2 C(L)
YORK	619	46.9	33.2	19.5 C(L)

CONSTITUENCY NO.	CON%	LAB%	SDP%	WINR
THURROCK	563	43.8	36.1	17.7 C(L)
WALSALL NORTH	575	44.3	37.8	15.7 C(L)
WALTHAM F LEYTON	578	42.1	38.2	16.7 C(L)
WANDSW BATTSEA STH	581	48.2	33.5	17.4 C(L)
WARLEY EAST	584	46.3	40.9	9.2 C(L)
WESTHOUGHTON	595	44.1	35.8	20.3 C(L)
WIDNES	600	42.2	41.0	15.9 C(L)
WORKINGTON	612	45.1	39.5	14.7 C(L)

PARTY:	1979	NOW	GAIN	LOSS	1979%	ESTD%
CONSERVATIVE (C) :	339	466	127	0	44.87	49.00
LABOUR (L) :	269	142	0	127	37.69	28.00
SDP/LIBERAL (S) :	11	11	0	0	14.10	22.00

CONSERVATIVE OVERALL MAJORITY OF 297 SEATS.

 GALLUP SURVEY, DAILY TELEGRAPH, 17 FEBRUARY, 1983:

SEATS CHANGING HANDS IF 43.5 % VOTE CONSERVATIVE, 32.5 % LABOUR AND 22.0 % ALLIANCE

CONSTITUENCY NO.	CON%	LAB%	SDP%	WINR	CONSTITUENCY NO.	CON%	LAB%	SDP%	WINR
ABERDEENSHIRE W	6	39.7	13.2	41.4 S(C)	BERWICK & E LOTHN	51	39.0	37.5	18.1 C(L)
BIRMING ERDINGTON	58	43.0	39.7	16.5 C(L)	BIRMING PERRY BAR	63	44.9	41.0	13.4 C(L)
BIRMING STECHFORD	67	43.2	41.7	14.1 C(L)	BOLTON EAST	78	42.3	41.0	16.3 C(L)
BOLTON WEST	79	42.0	38.6	19.2 C(L)	BRISTOL SOUTH-EAST	103	40.6	39.1	19.7 C(L)
BURY & RADCLIFFE	113	43.8	39.1	17.3 C(L)	DARLINGTON	166	42.1	39.2	18.5 C(L)
DERBY NORTH	172	43.1	38.7	17.8 C(L)	DUMBARTONSHR EAST	192	33.1	32.7	16.0 C(L)
ENFIELD EDMONTON	215	41.3	40.6	16.0 C(L)	ETON & SLOUGH	222	38.6	36.7	19.0 C(L)
GLASGOW CATHCART	240	40.5	39.6	14.0 C(L)	HALIFAX	271	40.0	37.8	21.9 C(L)
HARLOW	280	38.9	36.8	23.4 C(L)	HEYWOOD & ROYTON	302	40.3	39.0	20.2 C(L)
IPSWICH	324	41.7	41.6	16.6 C(L)	KEIGHLEY	331	43.4	38.8	17.6 C(L)
KETTERING	334	41.6	38.8	20.1 C(L)	LEICESTER SOUTH	361	41.3	40.0	17.6 C(L)
LEWISHAM EAST	367	41.5	39.7	17.0 C(L)	LEWISHAM WEST	368	42.8	40.0	15.9 C(L)
MERTON MITCHAM & M	401	42.6	39.0	17.3 C(L)	MIDDLETON & PRESTW	403	42.7	39.5	18.0 C(L)
MONTGOMERY	406	39.1	14.1	40.9 S(C)	NORWICH SOUTH	437	40.3	38.7	20.8 C(L)
NOTTINGHAM WEST	440	40.8	40.1	18.0 C(L)	ORMSKIRK	446	47.4	43.1	9.2 C(L)
PLYMOUTH DEVONPORT	457	43.1	40.9	15.4 C(L)	PRESTON SOUTH	467	41.7	38.4	19.7 C(L)
RICHMOND SURREY	478	45.3	9.7	46.0 S(C)	SOUTHAMPTON ITCHEN	517	42.3	39.9	18.4 C(L)
SOUTHWARK DULWICH	525	41.4	37.1	19.2 C(L)	STOCKPORT NORTH	535	42.0	38.0	20.1 C(L)
STOCKPORT SOUTH	536	40.8	38.9	20.0 C(L)	SWANSEA WEST	553	43.9	39.8	15.2 C(L)
WALSALL SOUTH	576	45.9	43.9	9.2 C(L)	WANDSW BATTSEA STH	581	42.7	38.9	17.4 C(L)
WEST BROMWCH EAST	592	40.9	40.5	16.4 C(L)	YORK	619	41.3	38.5	19.5 C(L)

PARTY:	1979	NOW	GAIN	LOSS	1979%	ESTD%
CONSERVATIVE (C) :	339	375	39	3	44.87	43.50
LABOUR (L) :	269	230	0	39	37.69	32.50
SDP/LIBERAL (S) :	11	14	3	0	14.10	22.00

CONSERVATIVE OVERALL MAJORITY OF 115 SEATS.

MORI POLL, EVENING STANDARD, 15 FEBRUARY, 1983:

SEATS CHANGING HANDS IF 45.0 % VOTE CONSERVATIVE, 32.0 % LABOUR AND 21.0 % ALLIANCE
 CONSTITUENCY NO. CON% LAB% SDP% WINR CONSTITUENCY NO. CON% LAB% SDP% WINR

BERWICK & E LOTHN	51	40.3	36.9	17.0	C(L)	BEXLEY ERITH & CRFD	54	41.6	40.1	16.8	C(L)
BIRMING ERDINGTON	58	44.5	39.1	15.4	C(L)	BIRMING PERRY BAR	63	46.4	40.4	12.3	C(L)
BIRMING STECHFORD	67	44.7	41.1	13.0	C(L)	BOLTON EAST	78	43.7	40.4	15.2	C(L)
BOLTON WEST	79	43.4	38.0	18.1	C(L)	BRISTOL SOUTH-EAST	103	42.0	38.5	18.7	C(L)
BURY & RADCLIFFE	113	45.3	38.5	16.2	C(L)	DARLINGTON	166	43.5	38.6	17.4	C(L)
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CONSERVATIVE (C) :	339	386	47	0	44.87	45.00
LABOUR (L) :	269	222	0	47	37.69	32.00
SDP/LIBERAL (S) :	11	11	0	0	14.10	21.00

CONSERVATIVE OVERALL MAJORITY OF 137 SEATS.