



# A Review of Politics in Northern Ireland

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# What's changed?

- 2019 General Election
- 'New Decade, New Approach'
- Brexit
- Covid-19

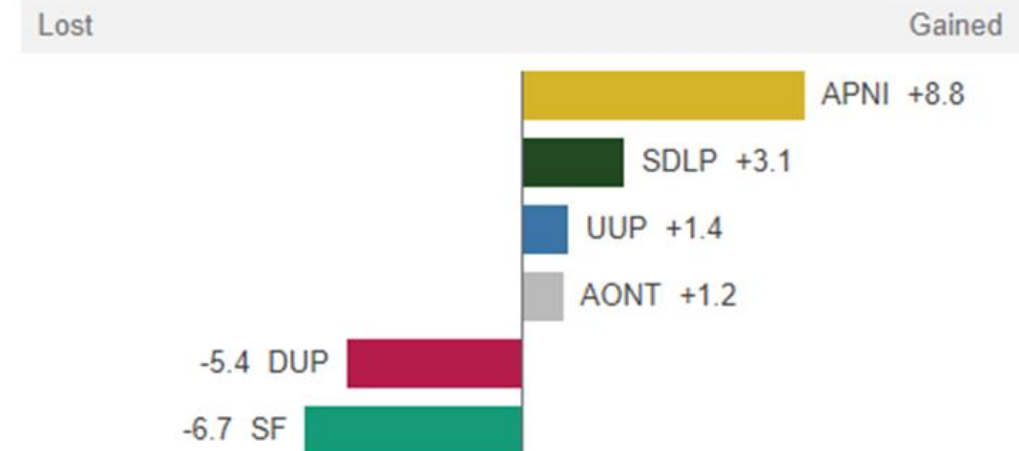
# UK General Election 2019

## Change in NI representation in Westminster:

- DUP: 8 (-2)
- Sinn Fein: 7 (-)
- SDLP: 2 (+2)
- Alliance: 1 (+1)

## NI vote share change since 2017

After 18 of 18 seats



Source: [https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/election/2019/results/northern\\_ireland](https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/election/2019/results/northern_ireland)

- Brexit
- Institutional Resilience
  - Petition of Concern
  - Party Leaders' Forum
  - SoS obligations
- Transparency
- Rights
  - Language rights
  - Bill of Rights
- Funding



# Brexit

- Transition phase to end on 31<sup>st</sup> December 2020
- 15<sup>th</sup> October UK deadline
- Protocol on Ireland/Northern Ireland
- Internal Market Bill
  - Impact in NI
  - Anglo-Irish relations
- Talks continue...

# Covid-19 Pandemic

- NDNA commitments
- Brexit
- Resources
- Controversies

# Further Resources

- Briefing Paper on NDNA (Governance and Identity) - <https://performingidentities.org/bal/briefing-paper-the-new-decade-new-approach-deal-in-northern-ireland-governance-and-identity/>
- Institute for Government – ‘Myth-busting the Northern Ireland Protocol’ <https://www.instituteforgovernment.org.uk/blog/busting-myths-northern-ireland-protocol>
- Journal Article - ‘Into the Unknown: Implementing the Protocol on Ireland/Northern Ireland’ (from Pg. 17) <http://crossborder.ie/site2015/wp-content/uploads/2020/09/Final-Digital-Journal-Cross-Border-Studies.pdf>
- Book (free download) - ‘Bordering Two Unions: Northern Ireland and Brexit’ <https://policy.bristoluniversitypress.co.uk/bordering-two-unions>
- Report – Northern Ireland Affairs Committee – ‘New Decade, New Approach Agreement’ <https://committees.parliament.uk/publications/1867/documents/18309/default/>
- Website – UK in a Changing Europe <https://ukandeu.ac.uk/>