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The writing is on the wall for the two party alternation of power between Labour and the Conservative Party. If it does not crack at this election, it will happen at the next. People know and the evidence proves it, that day after day the present Westminster political duopoly is failing the nation.

Immigration is a big issue and has been for years. It is the issue which threatened to transform British politics when Ted Heath was Prime Minister.

If Rishi Sunak fails to stop the Tory Party splitting in the next few months over immigration, the dominance of two party politics will end and a new era will start to open up. Change is already underway in that the electoral systems are very different in Scotland, Wales and for the London Assembly. People have got used to that system and can see that it works.

The first crack will open up if the Reform Party fights the Conservative Party, as they say they will, at the forthcoming Election even if they make no political deals with other parties. It will be in their interests to let the other parties – Liberal Democrats, the Greens and the new Social Democratic Party - fight Labour. Pundits will say that this will ensure a Labour Party overall majority. Maybe, but that is threatened anyhow. Immigration is a big enough issue to make many Labour voters rethink their voting intention for this General Election. And if nothing is changed and immigration continues at high levels there will be a huge cleavage by the following General Election.

There is deep disillusionment within the electorate of the past performance of both Labour and Conservative governments. One only has to recognise the depth of the commitment of so many young people to the environment to realise the appalling nature of a system that may well mean not even having one Green MP in the next Westminster Parliament. Politics has already changed and Westminster pretends it has not. Sinn Fein has changed as the electorate in Northern Ireland has recognised. It is even possible that Sinn Fein, who have fought previous Westminster elections, but have never taken up their seats, will now do so.

We are no longer living with an electorate that assumes the rotation of power between Labour and Conservative government is a good thing of itself. They want their more diversified view represented and are becoming hostile to a political establishment that refuses to adapt.

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