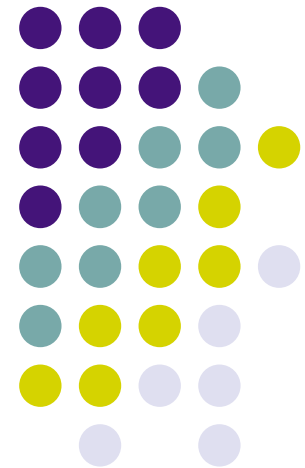
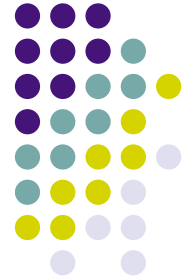


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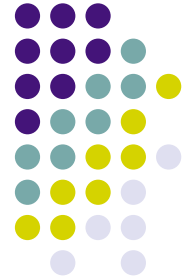
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The Election

- On the 4th June 2009 England went to the polls to elect representatives for their county councils and for the European Parliament.
- The following quotes are taken from a selection of voters explaining why they made their choice.



Individual A

- 'I voted for Labour not because I like Gordon Brown as Prime Minister, but because I think he is the right man for the job in this current economic crisis. If he goes, because of poor performance by the party in the Euro Elections, I didn't want to have contributed to it.'



Individual B

- ‘ I usually vote for the Lib Dems; however, I realised that this election would favour the smaller parties. London already has a Green MEP so I didn’t think my vote would be wasted. I think environmental issues need to be addressed.’



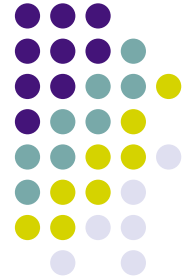
Individual C

- I would have spoiled the ballot paper. I believe in making a contribution, but If I had to chose I would vote Labour. Although Labour is a train wreck, I have more faith in them than any of the other parties. Voting for minor parties is just a protest vote.'



Individual D

- ‘I voted for Green in the European Elections and Conservative in the local. Bearing in mind that I live in a Conservative area I decided to vote on the grounds of personality, not party. The Green candidate is well-known and vocal. National elections would be different, I would always vote Labour.’



To Review

- **What has been the most important factor effecting the voting behaviour of these people?**
- **Is the type of election important? Would they vote differently in a general election?**