

## Candidate 6 evidence

4. From source A, the result of the 2016 election in Cowdenbeath was a somewhat success for the Labour Party. This is because they clearly won the seat with a majority of 11,192. However, they did lose 734 votes compared to 2011 to other parties and have therefore lost some support. Nevertheless, they still beat the SNP by a huge majority of 5,488, compared to their smaller majority of 1,267 in 2011. This means that the seat is comfortable for Labour, as their competition received much fewer votes. Furthermore, from source B, Labour got 9.3% more votes than in 2011, compared to main competition of SNP who lost 13.2% of the votes. This means that

Labour is gaining supporters from competition. Therefore, as Labour comfortably won the seat, ~~it can be argued~~ compared to 2011, it can be argued that the result of the 2015 election for the Cowdenbeath constituency was a great success for the Labour Party. even though they lost some votes compared to 2011.

Furthermore, the sources to some extent agree with the viewpoint that no other party could be pleased with the outcome. This is because from source A the SNP lost a huge number of 4,975 votes compared to 2011. This allowed Labour to increase their majority and make it much more difficult for the SNP to regain the seat. Moreover, from source

B, the SNP lost 13.2% change of the vote, allowing Labour to extend their majority. Therefore the SNP could not be happy with the outcome. However, from source A, the Conservatives and ~~Labour~~ <sup>somewhat</sup> others can be pleased with the outcome as they both increased their number of votes from 2011, from source B, they also increased their change in the % of votes by 2.4% and 2.1% meaning that they have gained some votes off the SNP. Some parties could be ~~pleased~~ pleased with the outcome and therefore the ~~two~~ sources do not fully support the viewpoint.

Furthermore, the sources do not fully support the statement that there was a significantly greater participation in the 2014 election. This is because from

source C, the number of votes cast decreased by 5,667, meaning there was much less participation by voters compared to in 2011. However, the number of candidates increased by 2 in 2014 and therefore there was some increase in participation. So the sources do not fully support the viewpoint.

In conclusion, the sources only fully support one statement in the viewpoint regarding the success of the Labour Party and so to little extent the sources fully support the viewpoint.