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Fringe Party

A fringe party is a political party that is **considered**¹ to be outside the mainstream of the political spectrum. They often have beliefs and policies that are extreme or unconventional.

They may be **focused on**² a specific issue (such as leaving the EU), ideology, or interest group, and their support tends to be concentrated among a relatively small segment of the population – **at least**³ **initially**⁴. They may also be viewed as protest parties that often gain support from voters who are dissatisfied with the policies and actions of the **major**⁵ parties.

In some cases, fringe parties can have a **significant**⁶ **impact on**⁷ elections and the political agenda, particularly if they are able to **gain a foothold**⁸ in the political system and **influence**⁹ the policies and decisions of the dominant parties.

¹ considered /ɪl kən'sɪdəd/ uważany

² focused on sth 'fəʊkəst ɒn 'səmθɪŋ
skoncentrowany na czymś

³ at least at lɪst/ przynajmniej

⁴ initially ɪ'nɪʃəli początkowo

⁵ major 'meɪdʒə(r) główny

⁶ significant sɪɡ'nɪfɪkənt znaczący

⁷ impact on sth 'ɪmpækt ɒn 'səmθɪŋ
wpływ na coś

⁸ to gain a foothold tə geɪn ə 'fəʊthəʊld
znaleźć punkt zaczepienia

⁹ to influence sth tu 'ɪnfluəns 'səmθɪŋ
wpływać na coś

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