

YouGov / Sortition Foundation Survey Results

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Fieldwork: 23rd - 24th April 2025

	Vote in 2024 GE					EU Ref 2016		Gender		Age				Social Grade		Country			Region in England			
	Total	Con	Lab	Lib Dem	Reform UK	Remain	Leave	Male	Female	18-24	25-49	50-64	65+	ABC1	C2DE	England	Wales	Scotland	North	Midlands	London	Rest of South
Weighted Sample	2009	362	516	185	217	705	717	972	1037	211	830	496	472	1145	864	1738	96	175	476	329	243	689
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Members of Parliament (MPs)	12	13	16	17	15	8	18	8	18	8	21	12	13	12	16	9	13	13	16	10	15	15	13
Members of a citizens' assembly	57	57	54	58	60	69	52	65	54	61	52	56	59	61	56	59	58	59	52	61	58	51	58
Don't know	31	30	30	25	25	22	30	27	28	31	27	33	28	27	28	32	29	28	32	29	27	33	29

Currently, UK parliament has two chambers, the House of Commons (1st chamber) and the House of Lords (2nd chamber). The House of Lords is made up of hereditary peers (those who inherit a seat in the House of Lords), bishops, and other 'life peers' chosen by Prime Ministers to have a seat in the Lords until they die. The Lords have the power to delay and suggest amendments to legislation passed by MPs in the House of Commons. In which of the following ways, if any, would you most like to see the House of Lords reformed?

Replacing the house of Lords with an elected chamber	18	17	13	23	20	18	21	16	21	13	15	17	18	18	19	14	16	14	26	15	16	17	17
Replacing the house of Lords with a rolling citizens' assembly	24	22	17	24	24	25	23	22	20	24	19	23	25	19	25	19	22	23	20	26	22	17	22
A house of regions with indirectly elected members appointed by regional or local government	5	4	3	5	5	2	5	3	5	3	7	4	4	3	5	3	4	9	2	4	5	2	4
Abolishing the house of Lords and whole second chamber	14	13	14	13	6	22	10	21	13	13	5	12	13	18	12	15	13	20	15	15	14	11	11
The house of Lords should remain appointed but hereditary peers should be removed	11	14	17	17	21	7	17	12	14	13	15	13	14	14	15	12	14	13	14	11	10	15	17
None of these – the House of Lords should remain as it is	9	10	22	5	7	13	8	12	12	9	15	7	10	15	10	11	11	8	7	9	11	15	11
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Generally speaking, would replacing the House of Lords with a citizens' assembly increase or decrease your trust in politics, or would it make no difference?

Significantly increase my trust in politics	x	9	6	13	12	10	8	9	10	9	9	11	9	8	10	8	9	12	11	10	10	8	8
Slightly increase my trust in politics	x	34	31	40	36	35	38	33	34	34	36	37	32	30	37	30	34	36	34	36	36	26	35
TOTAL INCREASE TRUST	x	43	37	53	48	45	46	42	44	43	45	48	41	38	47	38	43	48	45	46	46	34	43
No difference - I do not trust in politics now, and still would not	x	25	28	19	17	34	24	30	24	25	16	22	25	34	21	29	25	21	26	25	24	27	25
No difference - I do trust in politics now, and still would	x	5	4	6	8	3	6	4	6	4	9	4	6	5	6	4	5	6	5	3	6	8	5
Slightly decrease my trust in politics	x	4	8	4	6	4	6	4	5	4	3	3	6	6	6	3	5	2	4	4	4	6	5
Significantly decrease my trust in politics	x	5	8	4	3	6	4	7	6	4	5	2	6	7	5	5	5	4	5	4	3	4	6
TOTAL DECREASE TRUST	x	9	16	8	9	10	10	11	11	8	8	5	12	13	11	8	10	6	9	8	7	10	11
Don't know	x	17	14	15	17	7	15	13	15	20	22	21	15	11	15	21	17	19	16	18	16	20	17

To what extent, if at all, would you trust each of the following to tell you the truth?

Members of Parliament (MPs)

A great deal	1	1	2	1	0	1	0	1	2	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	5	1
A fair amount	16	16	20	23	18	6	21	10	19	14	27	15	15	16	19	13	16	16	17	15	15	24	16
TOTAL GREAT DEAL / FAIR AMOUNT	17	17	22	24	18	7	21	11	21	15	28	17	16	17	20	14	17	16	17	15	15	29	17
Not much	44	44	49	47	56	36	49	42	44	45	51	42	46	44	48	39	45	38	42	43	49	36	47
Not at all	34	32	23	25	22	54	25	43	32	32	17	31	35	36	27	38	31	36	34	36	31	27	30
TOTAL NOT MUCH / AT ALL	78	76	72	72	78	90	74	85	76	77	68	73	81	80	75	77	76	74	76	79	80	63	77
Don't know	6	6	6	4	4	3	5	4	4	8	3	10	4	3	4	9	6	10	6	6	6	7	6
NET TRUST	-61	-59	-50	-48	-60	-83	-53	-74	-55	-62	-40	-56	-65	-63	-55	-63	-59	-58	-59	-64	-65	-34	-60

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No difference - I do not trust in politics now, and still would not	x	25	24	23	26	22	19	27	26	29	21	26
No difference - I do trust in politics now, and still would	x	5	3	3	2	10	6	8	4	6	6	5
Slightly decrease my trust in politics	x	4	3	4	5	4	5	6	4	6	2	4
Significantly decrease my trust in politics	x	5	3	4	1	5	6	4	7	4	4	5
TOTAL DECREASE TRUST	x	9	6	8	6	9	11	10	11	10	6	9
Don't know	x	17	20	17	16	16	20	20	15	16	19	16

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