

YouGov / Unlock Democracy Survey Results

Sample Size: 2349 GB Adults
Fieldwork: 18th - 20th April 2012

	Voting intention			2010 Vote			Gender		Age				Social grade		Region					
Total	Con	Lab	Lib Dem	Con	Lab	Lib Dem	Male	Female	18-24	25-39	40-59	60+	ABC1	C2DE	London	Rest of South	Midlands / Wales	North	Scotland	
Weighted Sample	2349			747	626	504	1142	1207	284	599	803	662	1339	1010	301	763	503	578	204	
Unweighted Sample	2349	566	728	171	744	584	553	1127	1222	123	594	1027	605	1570	779	344	792	458	551	204
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Sometimes major political issues, such as Scottish and Welsh devolution or the electoral system, have been decided by referendum. Thinking about how referendums are called, which of the following best reflects your view?

Only the government and Parliament should have to power to call a referendum on an issue	22	34	23	29	28	22	22	26	19	16	21	22	25	26	16	27	21	22	18	32
There should be a way for the public to trigger a referendum, such as by collecting a certain number of signatures on a petition	62	58	62	62	62	63	65	64	60	53	60	64	66	60	65	53	65	63	67	53
Neither	4	2	6	4	3	4	4	4	4	6	4	4	3	4	4	5	4	4	4	4
Don't know	12	5	9	6	7	11	9	6	18	25	14	10	6	10	14	16	11	12	11	11

Currently the House of Lords is mostly made up of people appointed by the political parties, or independent peers nominated by the House of Lords appointment Commission. There are also seats for 21 bishops and 92 hereditary peers who have inherited their titles.

All the political parties at Westminster have said there should be some sort of reform of the House of Lords. Which of the following would you prefer for the House of Lords in the future?

A fully elected chamber	33	26	42	21	27	43	33	39	26	18	32	39	32	32	33	27	29	36	33	46
A mostly elected chamber, with a small number of appointed members	16	15	18	29	14	17	22	17	14	11	20	16	14	18	13	18	16	14	16	14
A chamber with equal numbers of appointed and elected members	20	26	17	32	25	16	22	19	22	18	17	18	28	21	19	18	22	22	20	17
A mostly appointed chamber, with a small number of elected members	5	10	3	5	7	3	4	4	5	5	3	4	7	5	4	7	5	4	3	5
A fully appointed chamber	5	8	3	4	8	3	4	6	4	9	4	5	5	6	4	4	6	4	5	3
Don't know	22	15	18	9	19	19	16	14	29	39	25	18	15	18	27	26	22	20	23	14

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Some people have said that an appointed House of Lords is desirable as it allows the appointment of experts such as professors and scientists who might not run for election. Other people have said that there are better ways of involving experts in debates and decisions on laws without making them members of the Lords.

Which of the following best reflects your view?

It is better to appoint experts from many different areas as full members of the House of Lords, so they can contribute to all areas and discussions	32	41	31	39	38	29	32	34	30	34	35	29	33	34	30	34	33	34	31	24
It is better to invite experts on the particular law being discussed to take part in committees and debates on the area they are an expert in; there is no need for them to become full members of the House of Lords	45	45	46	52	44	46	51	47	42	38	39	49	47	48	41	38	46	44	45	49
Neither	6	3	8	1	4	7	4	8	4	6	5	7	6	5	8	8	5	6	6	10
Don't know	17	12	14	9	15	18	13	11	24	21	21	16	14	14	21	19	17	16	18	17

Many existing members of the House of Lords are opposed to the Lords being replaced by an elected chamber and have said they would vote to block any changes. Which of the following best reflects your view?

The House of Lords itself should have to agree to any changes to how the House of Lords is appointed or elected	20	30	16	32	28	16	19	24	16	18	17	19	24	24	16	18	23	21	17	18
If the House of Commons votes to replace the House of Lords with an elected chamber the existing House of Lords should not be able to block the change	48	44	57	47	44	56	55	53	44	38	51	51	47	51	45	46	47	47	51	54
Neither	10	11	9	9	9	9	9	9	10	17	8	9	9	9	11	9	9	9	11	11
Don't know	22	16	18	12	19	19	18	13	30	27	25	20	19	17	28	26	21	24	21	17