

House of Lords Survey

CATI Fieldwork : 20th - 22nd April 2012

Absolutes/col percents

Table 1

Q.1 The government is proposing that at least 80% of members of the House of Lords should be elected by voters rather than appointed as they are at present. Some people want any proposal on House of Lords reform to be subject to approval by a national referendum before the Government implements it, while others do not believe there should be a referendum before implementing it. Do you believe there should be a national referendum on this issue, or not?

Base: All respondents

	Gender		Age							Social Grade				Region				
	Total	Male	Female	18-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	AB	C1	C2	DE	South East	Mid-lands	North Eng-land	Wales & South West	Scot-land
Unweighted base	1000	453	547	59	126	186	204	188	237	343	205	171	281	267	259	248	137	89
Weighted base	1000	490	510	120	160	190	170	150	210	270	290	210	230	254	264	251	144	87
Yes, there should be a national referendum	716 72%	350 71%	366 72%	88 73%	117 73%	142 75%	122 72%	107 71%	141 67%	185 69%	202 70%	163 78%	166 72%	182 72%	195 74%	172 69%	111 77%	56 65%
No, there should not be a national referendum	223 22%	126 26%	97 19%	21 18%	29 18%	38 20%	40 23%	37 25%	57 27%	72 27%	77 27%	31 15%	43 19%	55 22%	55 21%	59 24%	30 20%	24 27%
Don't know	61 6%	14 3%	47 9%	11 9%	14 9%	10 5%	8 5%	6 4%	12 6%	13 5%	11 4%	16 8%	21 9%	17 7%	14 5%	19 8%	4 3%	7 8%

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Table 2

Q.2 If you were invited to vote in a referendum on membership of the House of Lords, which of these options are you most likely to vote for?

Base: All respondents

	Gender		Age						Social Grade				Region					
	Total	Male	Female	18-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	AB	C1	C2	DE	South East	Mid-lands	North Eng-land	Wales & South West	Scot-land
Unweighted base	1000	453	547	59	126	186	204	188	237	343	205	171	281	267	259	248	137	89
Weighted base	1000	490	510	120	160	190	170	150	210	270	290	210	230	254	264	251	144	87
Electing at least 80% of members of the House of Lords	693 69%	333 68%	359 70%	82 68%	122 76%	139 73%	121 71%	96 64%	134 64%	191 71%	203 70%	144 68%	155 67%	171 67%	170 64%	177 71%	107 74%	68 78%
Continuing with the present arrangements whereby members of the House of Lords are appointed rather than elected	230 23%	124 25%	106 21%	31 26%	32 20%	36 19%	35 20%	37 25%	57 27%	63 23%	70 24%	50 24%	46 20%	62 24%	68 26%	63 25%	24 17%	13 15%
Would not vote for either of these but would vote	14 1%	9 2%	4 1%	2 2%	1 1%	3 2%	3 1%	1 1%	3 2%	5 2%	4 1%	2 1%	3 1%	5 2%	3 1%	* *	3 2%	2 3%
Would not vote	15 2%	8 2%	8 2%	1 1%	- -	4 2%	3 2%	2 2%	5 2%	4 1%	2 1%	4 2%	6 2%	2 1%	6 2%	5 2%	1 1%	- -
Don't know	48 5%	16 3%	33 6%	3 3%	5 3%	8 4%	9 5%	13 9%	10 5%	7 3%	11 4%	10 5%	20 9%	14 6%	17 6%	5 2%	8 6%	4 5%

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Q.2 If you were invited to vote in a referendum on membership of the House of Lords, which of these options are you most likely to vote for?

Base: All respondents

	Total	Do you believe there should be a national referendum on this issue, or not?		
		Yes, there should be a national referendum	No, there should not be a national referendum	Don't know
Unweighted base	1000	706	234	60
Weighted base	1000	716	223	61
Electing at least 80% of members of the House of Lords	693 69%	563 79%	112 50%	18 29%
Continuing with the present arrangements whereby members of the House of Lords are appointed rather than elected	230 23%	120 17%	92 41%	18 30%
Would not vote for either of these but would vote	14 1%	8 1%	4 2%	2 4%
Would not vote	15 2%	2 *	8 4%	6 9%
Don't know	48 5%	24 3%	7 3%	17 28%