

YouGov Survey Results

The House of Lords

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Whatever system is used to choose members of the House of Lords in future, which of these would you most like... %

- The reformed House of Lords should consist mostly of representatives of the main political parties 10
- The reformed House of Lords should consist of roughly equal numbers of representatives of the main political parties and non-party-political people 48
- The reformed House of Lords should consist mostly of non-party-political people 32
- Don't know 10

Which of the following options do you favour MOST for a reformed House of Lords (Second Chamber)? It should be...

- Fully elected 33
- Majority elected 22
- 50/50 28
- Majority appointed 5
- Fully appointed 3
- Don't know 10

If it is decided that at least some members of the House of Lords should be elected, do you think they should be elected by the same "first-past-the-post" system that is used to elect MPs to the House of Commons, or by "proportional representation", so that the number of members that each party has in the House of Lords is proportional to the number of votes it secures in the election?

- First-past-the-post 23
- Proportional representation 65
- Don't know 11

If it is decided that at least some members of the House of Lords should continue to be appointed, would you support or oppose the appointed members including... (please tick ALL those you would like to see included):

- Senior bishops from the Church of England 37
- Senior representatives of other Christian 36
- Senior representatives of other religions 34
- Senior judges ("Law lords") 56
- Senior business leaders 60
- Senior trade union leaders 51
- Senior writers, composers, artists, theatre and film directors etc 38
- Senior academics 63