



House of Lords Reform Poll

18/12/2013

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Methodology

Fieldwork Dates

17th December 2013

Data Collection Method

The survey was conducted via online panel. Invitations to complete surveys were sent out to members of the panel. Differential response rates from different demographic groups were taken into account.

Population Sampled

All adults aged 18+ England, Scotland and Wales.

Sample Size

1,005

Data Weighting

Data were weighted to the profile of all adults aged 18+. Data were weighted by age, sex, region, household income, education and past vote. Targets for the weighted data were derived from Office of National Statistics 2011 Census data and the results of the 2010 General Election.

Margin of Error

Because only a sample of the full population was interviewed, all results are subject to margin of error, meaning that not all differences are statistically significant. For example, in a question where 50% (the worst case scenario as far as margin of error is concerned) gave a particular answer, with a sample of 1,005 it is 95% certain that the 'true' value will fall within the range of 3.1% from the sample result. Sub-samples from the cross-breaks will be subject to higher margin of error, conclusions drawn from cross-breaks with very small sub-samples should be treated with caution.

Voting Intention

Due to the shortened fieldwork time for this poll we have not published a fully weighted and adjusted voting intention for this poll. The voting intention figures shown in the cross-breaks should be used for comparison purposes only and not be treated as indicating a "state of the parties" prediction.

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Question presentation

All data tables shown in full below, in order and wording put to respondents, including but not limited to all tables relating to published data and all relevant tables preceding them. Tables for demographic questions might not be included but these should be clear from the cross-breaks on published tables.

In all questions where the responses are a list of parties, names or statements, these will typically have been displayed to respondents in a randomising order. The only questions which would not have had randomising responses would be those in which there was a natural order to maintain – e.g. a scale from “strongly agree” to “strongly disagree”, a list of numbers from 0 to 10 or questions which had factual rather than opinion-related answers such as demographic information. “Other”, “Don't know” and “Refused” responses are not randomised.

Not all questions will have necessarily been asked to all respondents – this is because they may be follow-on questions from previous questions or only appropriate to certain demographic groups. Lower response counts should make clear where this has occurred.

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Table 18
Q10. Which of the following statements is closest to your opinion?
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	Total	Gender		Age			2010 Vote				Voting Intention					SEG				Region6					
		Male	Female	18-34	35-54	55+	CON	LAB	LD	OTHER	CON	LAB	LD	UKIP	OTHER	AB	C1	C2	DE	Scotland	Wales	London	South	Midlands	North
Unweighted Total	1005	481	524	301	401	303	242	244	170	70	200	321	79	122	65	226	226	277	276	88	56	113	308	171	264
Weighted Total	1005	488	517	289	355	361	269	216	171	70	241	264	80	129	70	201	208	235	360	92	49	109	339	167	241
It is right that the House of Lords continues to include 92 "hereditary" peers	230 22.9%	123 25.1%	107 20.7%	83 28.6%	60 16.8%	87 24.2%	97 36.2%	42 19.4%	47 27.3%	9 12.2%	95 39.6%	41 15.4%	19 24.0%	29 22.4%	5 7.2%	65 32.1%	41 19.7%	54 22.9%	70 19.6%	10 11.3%	9 19.3%	21 18.9%	78 23.0%	64 38.5%	44 18.2%
It is wrong that the House of Lords continues to include 92 "hereditary" peers	532 53.0%	290 59.4%	242 46.9%	120 41.5%	204 57.4%	209 57.9%	128 47.7%	126 58.3%	92 53.4%	54 76.3%	113 46.9%	149 56.5%	44 55.4%	82 63.7%	52 74.0%	111 55.3%	118 56.6%	136 57.9%	167 46.4%	68 74.1%	27 55.6%	65 60.0%	152 45.0%	73 44.0%	143 59.1%
Don't know	243 24.2%	75 15.4%	168 32.4%	87 29.9%	91 25.8%	65 18.0%	43 16.2%	48 22.3%	33 19.2%	8 11.6%	32 13.4%	74 28.1%	16 20.5%	18 13.9%	13 18.7%	25 12.6%	49 23.7%	45 19.3%	123 34.0%	13 14.6%	12 25.1%	23 21.0%	109 32.1%	29 17.5%	55 22.6%
SIGMA	1005 100.0%	488 100.0%	517 100.0%	289 100.0%	355 100.0%	361 100.0%	269 100.0%	216 100.0%	171 100.0%	70 100.0%	241 100.0%	264 100.0%	80 100.0%	129 100.0%	70 100.0%	201 100.0%	208 100.0%	235 100.0%	360 100.0%	92 100.0%	49 100.0%	109 100.0%	339 100.0%	167 100.0%	241 100.0%

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Q11. Which of the following statements is closest to your opinion?
Base : All Respondents

	Gender		Age			2010 Vote				Voting Intention					SEG				Region6						
	Male	Female	18-34	35-54	55+	CON	LAB	LD	OTHER	CON	LAB	LD	UKIP	OTHER	AB	C1	C2	DE	Scotland	Wales	London	South	Midlands	North	
Unweighted Total	1005	481	524	301	401	303	242	244	170	70	200	321	79	122	65	226	226	277	276	88	56	113	308	171	264
Weighted Total	1005	488	517	289	355	361	269	216	171	70	241	264	80	129	70	201	208	235	360	92	49	109	339	167	241
The House of Lords does a good job of representing Britain today	272 27.0%	151 30.9%	121 23.4%	91 31.6%	65 18.4%	115 31.8%	106 39.4%	56 25.8%	56 33.0%	10 13.8%	108 45.0%	57 21.7%	24 29.7%	34 26.4%	7 9.5%	73 36.5%	55 26.2%	49 21.0%	94 26.1%	16 17.1%	13 26.2%	29 26.8%	93 27.4%	63 37.8%	53 22.1%
The House of Lords does not do a good job of representing Britain today	543 54.0%	280 57.3%	263 50.9%	127 44.1%	230 64.9%	185 51.4%	131 48.8%	116 53.8%	83 48.6%	55 77.8%	107 44.4%	152 57.5%	39 48.4%	85 65.8%	50 70.8%	100 49.8%	120 57.7%	145 61.6%	178 49.4%	64 69.2%	28 56.6%	59 54.1%	165 48.8%	78 46.9%	146 60.3%
Don't know	190 18.9%	57 11.8%	133 25.7%	71 24.4%	59 16.7%	61 16.8%	32 11.8%	44 20.4%	32 18.5%	6 8.4%	26 10.7%	55 20.8%	17 21.8%	10 7.8%	14 19.6%	28 13.7%	33 16.0%	41 17.4%	88 24.5%	13 13.7%	8 17.2%	21 19.1%	81 23.8%	26 15.3%	42 17.6%
SIGMA	1005 100.0%	488 100.0%	517 100.0%	289 100.0%	355 100.0%	361 100.0%	269 100.0%	216 100.0%	171 100.0%	70 100.0%	241 100.0%	264 100.0%	80 100.0%	129 100.0%	70 100.0%	201 100.0%	208 100.0%	235 100.0%	360 100.0%	92 100.0%	49 100.0%	109 100.0%	339 100.0%	167 100.0%	241 100.0%

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Table 20
Q12. Currently members of the House of Lords do not receive a salary but are paid £300 in expenses for each day they attend Parliament. The total cost of running the House of Lords is £101 million each year. Which of the following statements is closest to your opinion?
Base : All Respondents

	Total	Gender		Age			2010 Vote				Voting Intention					SEG				Region6					
		Male	Female	18-34	35-54	55+	CON	LAB	LD	OTHER	CON	LAB	LD	UKIP	OTHER	AB	C1	C2	DE	Scotland	Wales	London	South	Midlands	North
Unweighted Total	1005	481	524	301	401	303	242	244	170	70	200	321	79	122	65	226	226	277	276	88	56	113	308	171	264
Weighted Total	1005	488	517	289	355	361	269	216	171	70	241	264	80	129	70	201	208	235	360	92	49	109	339	167	241
The House of Lords provides good value for money	173 17.2%	88 18.0%	85 16.5%	61 21.1%	43 12.1%	69 19.2%	68 25.3%	27 12.3%	51 29.5%	5 7.4%	75 31.0%	33 12.4%	20 24.7%	13 10.3%	5 7.3%	53 26.6%	33 15.7%	33 13.9%	54 15.1%	8 8.4%	9 19.5%	27 24.9%	65 19.1%	36 21.8%	25 10.4%
The House of Lords does not provide good value for money	682 67.9%	341 69.8%	341 66.0%	167 57.6%	266 74.9%	250 69.2%	181 67.5%	149 69.3%	99 58.1%	60 84.5%	148 61.4%	182 68.8%	45 56.7%	107 83.6%	57 80.8%	126 62.8%	143 68.8%	177 75.4%	235 65.2%	77 84.2%	34 70.3%	67 61.7%	205 60.5%	114 68.2%	178 73.9%
Don't know	150 14.9%	60 12.2%	90 17.5%	62 21.3%	46 13.0%	42 11.7%	19 7.2%	40 18.3%	21 12.4%	6 8.1%	18 7.5%	50 18.8%	15 18.6%	8 6.1%	8 12.0%	21 10.6%	32 15.5%	25 10.7%	71 19.7%	7 7.5%	5 10.2%	15 13.4%	69 20.4%	17 9.9%	38 15.7%
SIGMA	1005 100.0%	488 100.0%	517 100.0%	289 100.0%	355 100.0%	361 100.0%	269 100.0%	216 100.0%	171 100.0%	70 100.0%	241 100.0%	264 100.0%	80 100.0%	129 100.0%	70 100.0%	201 100.0%	208 100.0%	235 100.0%	360 100.0%	92 100.0%	49 100.0%	109 100.0%	339 100.0%	167 100.0%	241 100.0%

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Q13. Which of the following statements is closest to your opinion?
Base : All Respondents

	Total	Gender		Age			2010 Vote				Voting Intention					SEG				Region6					
		Male	Female	18-34	35-54	55+	CON	LAB	LD	OTHER	CON	LAB	LD	UKIP	OTHER	AB	C1	C2	DE	Scotland	Wales	London	South	Midlands	North
Unweighted Total	1005	481	524	301	401	303	242	244	170	70	200	321	79	122	65	226	226	277	276	88	56	113	308	171	264
Weighted Total	1005	488	517	289	355	361	269	216	171	70	241	264	80	129	70	201	208	235	360	92	49	109	339	167	241
People who have served time in jail for a criminal offence should not be allowed to sit in the House of Lords	781 77.7%	373 76.4%	408 79.0%	202 69.8%	278 78.4%	301 83.5%	238 88.8%	158 73.2%	135 79.0%	55 78.6%	186 77.3%	211 79.8%	61 76.3%	112 87.0%	51 73.1%	154 76.6%	165 79.1%	177 75.2%	285 79.2%	80 86.7%	40 82.5%	72 65.9%	262 77.4%	129 77.1%	190 78.7%
People who have served time in jail for a criminal offence should still be allowed to sit in the House of Lords	145 14.4%	81 16.6%	64 12.3%	54 18.6%	47 13.2%	44 12.2%	23 8.5%	32 14.7%	27 15.5%	9 13.3%	42 17.4%	36 13.6%	14 17.6%	10 7.6%	12 16.5%	34 16.7%	24 11.6%	37 15.6%	50 13.9%	5 5.3%	5 10.9%	22 20.1%	48 14.2%	27 16.2%	38 15.6%
Don't know	79 7.9%	34 7.0%	45 8.7%	34 11.6%	30 8.4%	16 4.3%	7 2.7%	26 12.1%	9 5.5%	6 8.1%	13 5.2%	17 6.6%	5 6.2%	7 5.4%	7 10.4%	13 6.7%	19 9.3%	22 9.2%	25 6.9%	7 8.0%	3 6.5%	15 14.0%	28 8.4%	11 6.7%	14 5.7%
SIGMA	1005 100.0%	488 100.0%	517 100.0%	289 100.0%	355 100.0%	361 100.0%	269 100.0%	216 100.0%	171 100.0%	70 100.0%	241 100.0%	264 100.0%	80 100.0%	129 100.0%	70 100.0%	201 100.0%	208 100.0%	235 100.0%	360 100.0%	92 100.0%	49 100.0%	109 100.0%	339 100.0%	167 100.0%	241 100.0%

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Q14. Which of the following do you think is the best system for selecting members to sit in the upper chamber of Parliament?

Base : All Respondents

	Total	Gender		Age			2010 Vote				Voting Intention					SEG				Region6					
		Male	Female	18-34	35-54	55+	CON	LAB	LD	OTHER	CON	LAB	LD	UKIP	OTHER	AB	C1	C2	DE	Scotland	Wales	London	South	Midlands	North
Unweighted Total	1005	481	524	301	401	303	242	244	170	70	200	321	79	122	65	226	226	277	276	88	56	113	308	171	264
Weighted Total	1005	488	517	289	355	361	269	216	171	70	241	264	80	129	70	201	208	235	360	92	49	109	339	167	241
The current system where members are appointed for life by political leaders	112 11.2%	59 12.1%	54 10.4%	54 18.6%	29 8.2%	29 8.2%	48 18.0%	21 9.5%	17 9.7%	4 6.3%	56 23.3%	27 10.2%	8 10.4%	13 9.9%	2 3.0%	40 20.1%	21 10.2%	21 9.0%	29 8.2%	6 7.1%	3 7.1%	16 14.7%	39 11.6%	23 14.0%	22 9.3%
A new system where members are elected for a fixed term by the public	763 75.9%	381 78.0%	382 73.9%	189 65.4%	282 79.4%	292 80.9%	198 73.8%	167 77.3%	136 79.1%	57 81.0%	161 66.7%	207 78.2%	59 74.1%	107 83.6%	61 87.7%	139 69.0%	169 81.1%	189 80.2%	266 73.9%	74 80.1%	42 87.3%	80 73.9%	256 75.6%	128 76.8%	177 73.2%
Don't know	130 12.9%	48 9.9%	81 15.7%	46 16.1%	44 12.4%	40 11.0%	22 8.2%	28 13.2%	19 11.2%	9 12.7%	24 10.0%	31 11.6%	12 15.4%	8 6.5%	7 9.3%	22 10.9%	18 8.7%	25 10.7%	65 17.9%	12 12.8%	3 5.6%	12 11.4%	43 12.8%	15 9.2%	42 17.5%
SIGMA	1005 100.0%	488 100.0%	517 100.0%	289 100.0%	355 100.0%	361 100.0%	269 100.0%	216 100.0%	171 100.0%	70 100.0%	241 100.0%	264 100.0%	80 100.0%	129 100.0%	70 100.0%	201 100.0%	208 100.0%	235 100.0%	360 100.0%	92 100.0%	49 100.0%	109 100.0%	339 100.0%	167 100.0%	241 100.0%

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Q15. Regardless of which system is used to select its members, do you think the House of Lords should continue to exist, or should it be abolished entirely and the House of Commons become the only chamber of Parliament?
Base : All Respondents

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Weighted Total	1005	488	517	289	355	361	269	216	171	70	241	264	80	129	70	201	208	235	360	92	49	109	339	167	241
Should continue to exist	496 49.3%	278 56.9%	218 42.1%	138 47.9%	153 43.2%	204 56.5%	160 59.5%	114 52.6%	110 64.1%	25 35.3%	158 65.6%	128 48.3%	55 69.4%	59 45.8%	24 34.6%	132 65.5%	105 50.5%	109 46.4%	150 41.5%	32 34.5%	25 51.5%	57 52.4%	173 51.2%	98 58.9%	104 43.1%
Should be abolished entirely	322 32.0%	159 32.6%	163 31.5%	80 27.6%	135 38.0%	107 29.7%	81 30.1%	46 21.5%	35 20.3%	39 54.9%	64 26.7%	68 25.9%	16 19.5%	58 45.0%	35 49.7%	44 21.8%	62 29.9%	91 38.9%	124 34.5%	51 56.0%	15 31.3%	26 24.3%	104 30.6%	47 28.0%	78 32.5%
Don't know	188 18.7%	51 10.5%	136 26.4%	71 24.5%	67 18.9%	50 13.8%	28 10.4%	56 25.9%	27 15.6%	7 9.8%	18 7.6%	68 25.8%	9 11.1%	12 9.2%	11 15.6%	26 12.7%	41 19.7%	35 14.8%	86 24.0%	9 9.5%	8 17.1%	25 23.4%	62 18.2%	22 13.1%	59 24.4%
SIGMA	1005 100.0%	488 100.0%	517 100.0%	289 100.0%	355 100.0%	361 100.0%	269 100.0%	216 100.0%	171 100.0%	70 100.0%	241 100.0%	264 100.0%	80 100.0%	129 100.0%	70 100.0%	201 100.0%	208 100.0%	235 100.0%	360 100.0%	92 100.0%	49 100.0%	109 100.0%	339 100.0%	167 100.0%	241 100.0%