

**Public Opinion Poll**

27/10/15

Prepared on behalf of

- Electoral
- Reform
- Society

## **Fieldwork Dates**

22<sup>nd</sup> - 27<sup>th</sup> October 2015

## **Data Collection Method**

The fieldwork was conducted online. Invitations to participate were sent to members of online panels. Non-response from different demographic groups was taken into account during the fieldwork phase and post-fieldwork adjustments.

## **Sample**

All residents aged 18+ in United Kingdom. The sample size is 1,504 respondents.

## **Weighting**

Results were weighted to reflect the profile of all UK adults aged 18 and above. Targets were Age/Sex, Government Office Region (GOR), Output Area Classification (OAC) and past vote. All targets are based on Official Statistics from the ONS that are awarded National Statistics status, and the results of the 2015 General Election.

## **Margin of Error**

As a sample of the population was interviewed, the results are subject to a margin of error around various estimates. This means that, given the random nature of the sampling process, we can be confident that the actual result lies somewhere within the margin of error. For example, where 50% of a given population (the worst case scenario) responded in a particular way, with a sample of 1,500 we can be 95% certain that the actual value will fall 2.5% either side of the result. However, where 90% of a given population responded in a particular way, with a sample of 1,500 we can be 95% certain that the actual value will fall 1.5% of the estimate. Users should note that subsamples within cross-breaks will be subject to a higher margin of error, so any conclusions drawn should be treated with caution.

## **Questions & Presentation**

All results are shown in full below, in order, and using the wording that was put to respondents. For questions where the list of responses is names of parties, names or statements, these will typically have been displayed to respondents in a random order, but be ordered in the attached tables. Questions typically not shown in a random order are those where there is a natural or accepted order to maintain i.e. a scale from “strongly agree” to “strongly disagree”, a list of numbers from 0 to 10, or questions that have a factual, rather than opinion-related answer, such as key demographic information. Responses such as “Other”, “Don't know” and “Refused” are not usually randomised.



Data were collected, analysed and weighted by BMG Research.

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Table 2  
Currently members of the House of Lords are not elected but appointed to the chamber by the Queen on the advice of the Prime Minister. Which of the following statements is closest to your view?

	Gender		Age							SEG		Vote 2015						Country					GOR							
	Total	Male	Female	18 to 24	25 to 34	35 to 44	45 to 54	55 to 64	65 to 74	75+	ABC1	C2DE	Con	Lab	Lib Dem	UKIP	Other	DNV	England	Scotland	Wales	NI	East Mids	East	London	North E	North W	South E	South W	West M
Unweighted Bases	1504	707	797	117	212	264	292	238	325	56	850	559	421	363	130	200	112	196	1267	106	96	35	101	140	210	108	162	35	106	188
Effective Weighted Sample	1012	465	551	82	147	165	209	163	240	42	591	364	381	302	110	188	95	180	849	76	59	31	71	103	134	73	104	31	76	132
Weighted Bases	1504	732	772	174	258	248	270	217	288	48	820	586	353	291	75	120	94	482	1262	127	73	42	108	140	196	62	166	42	127	206
The House of Lords should be an entirely elected chamber	440	254	186	52	67	75	79	58	86	23	247	166	91	114	24	33	32	128	387	24	18	11	26	40	72	18	58	11	24	64
	29%	35%	24%	30%	26%	30%	29%	27%	30%	47%	30%	28%	26%	39%	32%	27%	34%	27%	31%	19%	25%	26%	24%	29%	37%	29%	35%	26%	19%	31%
The House of Lords should be a partly elected chamber	279	154	125	40	58	38	37	40	55	11	186	74	95	56	20	20	14	65	248	18	8	5	31	23	50	6	22	5	18	36
	19%	21%	16%	23%	23%	15%	14%	18%	19%	22%	23%	13%	27%	19%	27%	17%	15%	14%	20%	14%	11%	11%	29%	16%	26%	10%	13%	11%	14%	18%
The House of Lords should remain a fully appointed chamber	153	79	74	12	18	22	28	24	43	5	87	52	45	24	14	10	6	42	129	11	6	7	10	14	14	5	11	7	11	27
	10%	11%	10%	7%	7%	9%	10%	11%	15%	10%	11%	9%	13%	8%	19%	8%	6%	9%	10%	9%	9%	16%	9%	10%	7%	8%	6%	16%	9%	13%
The House of Lords should be abolished	331	156	175	15	53	52	90	44	70	7	173	140	66	56	13	42	35	97	241	53	24	14	26	37	27	16	39	14	53	32
	22%	21%	23%	9%	20%	21%	33%	20%	24%	15%	21%	24%	19%	19%	18%	35%	37%	20%	19%	41%	32%	34%	24%	27%	14%	26%	23%	34%	41%	15%
Dont know	301	89	212	54	62	61	36	51	34	2	127	154	55	42	4	15	7	150	258	21	16	5	16	26	34	17	37	5	21	47
	20%	12%	27%	31%	24%	25%	13%	24%	12%	5%	15%	26%	16%	14%	5%	13%	8%	31%	20%	17%	23%	12%	14%	19%	17%	27%	22%	12%	17%	23%



Table 2 (continuation)

Currently members of the House of Lords are not elected but appointed to the chamber by the Queen on the advice of the Prime Minister. Which of the following statements is closest to your view?

	GOR		Public/Private Sector			Political interest		LTV		Left Wing/Right Wing								Trust in government			OAC									
	Total	Yorkshire and The Humber	Public	Private	Third sector	Interested	Not interested	I would definitely vote	I would probably vote	It would be roughly 50/50	I probably would not vote	I definitely would not vote	Very left wing	Fairly left wing	Slightly left	Centrist/In the centre	Slightly right	Fairly right wing	Very right wing	Trust	Neither	Distrust	Rural Residents	Cosmopolitans	Ethnicity Central	Multicultural Metropolitan s	Urbanites	Suburbanites	Constrained City Dwellers	Hard-Pressed Living
Unweighted Bases	1504	125	356	815	50	1082	422	1026	208	116	57	97	50	175	215	682	224	131	27	520	325	659	156	88	109	162	261	303	134	291
Effective Weighted Sample	1012	86	246	549	34	763	283	787	143	84	42	73	31	126	147	446	169	93	17	397	217	425	114	56	64	115	177	220	84	186
Weighted Bases	1504	128	352	800	51	973	531	845	208	181	99	171	56	158	211	728	201	120	28	457	344	703	171	71	87	193	272	334	113	264
The House of Lords should be an entirely elected chamber	440	44	100	238	18	325	115	289	45	37	24	45	31	64	65	190	51	32	8	143	67	230	47	23	35	61	78	96	30	71
	29%	34%	29%	30%	35%	33%	22%	34%	22%	20%	25%	26%	55%	40%	31%	26%	25%	27%	28%	31%	19%	33%	27%	33%	40%	31%	28%	29%	26%	27%
The House of Lords should be a partly elected chamber	279	30	65	166	8	224	55	170	55	23	6	25	5	38	49	96	55	33	2	133	75	71	25	20	22	42	52	71	15	31
	19%	24%	18%	21%	17%	23%	10%	20%	27%	13%	6%	15%	9%	24%	23%	13%	28%	27%	9%	29%	22%	10%	15%	28%	26%	22%	19%	21%	14%	12%
The House of Lords should remain a fully appointed chamber	153	19	36	84	6	115	37	87	14	23	8	20	2	11	22	58	31	24	5	60	43	49	25	1	3	17	32	33	13	28
	10%	15%	10%	11%	12%	12%	7%	10%	7%	13%	8%	12%	3%	7%	11%	8%	15%	20%	17%	13%	13%	7%	15%	1%	4%	9%	12%	10%	11%	11%
The House of Lords should be abolished	331	22	79	182	9	211	120	204	41	28	26	32	13	30	50	165	40	25	8	63	49	220	44	11	14	28	49	89	23	73
	22%	17%	22%	23%	17%	22%	23%	24%	20%	16%	26%	19%	24%	19%	23%	23%	20%	20%	28%	14%	14%	31%	26%	16%	16%	15%	18%	27%	20%	28%
Dont know	301	13	72	130	10	98	203	95	53	70	35	49	5	16	25	220	23	7	5	58	110	133	30	15	13	45	61	46	32	60
	20%	10%	20%	16%	20%	10%	38%	11%	25%	38%	35%	29%	9%	10%	12%	30%	12%	6%	18%	13%	32%	19%	17%	22%	15%	23%	22%	14%	28%	23%

