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Q. FIXED-TERM PARLIAMENTS... Do you agree with fixed-term parliaments or do you oppose them?

I support fixed-terms

Q. FREE VOTES... Do you think that there should be fewer, more or roughly the same number of free votes (votes not subject to party whip) in Parliament?

I would like considerably more free votes

Q. VOTING SYSTEM... Do you think that the present voting system for Westminster elections should be maintained or should the voting system be reformed?

I support reform of the voting system (single transferable vote)

Q. OPEN PRIMARIES... Do you agree with open primaries for candidate selection or do you oppose them?

I support open primaries

Q. VOTING AGE... Do you think that the voting age should remain at 18 or should it be lowered to 16?

I believe the voting age should be lowered to 16

Q. RECALLING MPS... Are you open to the idea of having a mechanism whereby constituents can vote on the recall of their MP in instances of "serious wrongdoing" or do you oppose having such a mechanism to recall MPs?

I am open to the idea of having a mechanism to recall MPs

Q. HOUSE OF LORDS... What is your view on the composition of the House of Lords/second chamber?

I support a unicameral triaxial parliament-in-the-round with sequential biennial elections

Q. OTHER REFORMS... Please list other reforms/changes/measures that you believe would improve democracy/politics.

Performance related pay for MPs; committee membership decided by secret ballot; deliberative democratic process; maximum delegation to most local level