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

I am undecided (my party is looking positively at the case for 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 (alternative vote)

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

I am undecided (my party is looking at the case for 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 remain at 18

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 support the right for local residents to petition for recall of their MPs and force a by-election

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

I support a House of Lords/second chamber with the majority of members being elected, but with some additional expert appointees

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

Introduce Swiss-style local and national citizen-initiated binding referenda. Remote, unaccountable EU-inspired regional government should be abolished