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The UK parliament has two chambers: the House of Commons and the House of Lords. Both of them debate the issues of the day and scrutinise the government and its policies. The House of Commons is elected, while most members of the House of Lords are appointed for life.

The following questions ask for your views on matters concerning the House of Lords. Most questions offer two options (while one of them offers four). It may be that you don't particularly like either option, but please try to choose the one you think would be better.

Which of the following comes closer to your view:

There should be no limit on the number of members in the House of Lords	5	6	3	5	4	3	6	3	6	4	11	4	5	3	5	5	5	4	5	2	4	8	6
The size of the House of Lords should be capped at no bigger than the House of Commons	71	80	79	80	76	74	75	80	76	67	57	63	77	86	74	67	71	63	78	71	68	66	74
Don't know or can't decide	24	14	18	16	20	23	19	17	19	29	32	33	19	11	21	28	24	33	17	27	28	26	20

Which of the following comes closer to your view:

The Prime Minister of the day should appoint new members to the House of Lords	6	9	6	4	4	1	5	3	7	4	12	7	4	3	6	5	5	6	7	4	3	8	7
An independent body should appoint new members to the House of Lords	74	79	77	84	84	86	79	82	75	74	60	68	81	86	78	69	75	70	74	75	76	68	76
Don't know or can't decide	20	12	17	12	12	12	16	14	18	22	28	26	15	11	15	26	20	24	19	21	21	24	17

It is currently the Prime Minister that appoints new members to the House of Lords. While this remains the case, which of the following comes closer to your view:

An independent body should be able to block the Prime Minister's candidates for appointment if it judges that some of them do not meet basic standards	72	77	76	82	77	85	78	79	71	72	50	68	76	83	74	69	72	69	73	74	69	67	73
An independent body should advise the Prime Minister on whether candidates for appointment meet basic standards, but the Prime Minister should be able to overrule its recommendations	13	17	13	11	14	11	12	11	15	11	23	12	13	12	14	12	13	12	13	12	13	17	13
Don't know or can't decide	15	6	11	7	9	4	10	10	14	16	27	20	11	5	12	19	15	20	15	14	18	17	14

For so long as the Prime Minister appoints new members to the House of Lords, which of the following comes closer to your view:

The Prime Minister should be able to decide how many new members are appointed each year, with no limit on the size of the chamber	4	5	3	4	2	4	5	2	5	4	7	6	3	1	5	3	4	4	2	4	4	8	4
The Prime Minister should be limited to appointing no more new members each year than the number who leave the chamber, so that its size doesn't grow	79	87	84	90	87	88	82	88	80	79	68	71	85	94	82	77	79	77	85	80	77	75	81
Don't know or can't decide	16	8	13	6	11	8	13	11	15	18	25	23	11	5	13	20	16	18	13	17	19	18	14

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Around 90 members in the House of Lords (which now has around 850 members) are 'hereditary peers', meaning they hold their seats because they inherited a title (such as 'Lord' or 'Earl') from another family member. There are currently plans to remove these members. Which of the following comes closer to your view:

It would be better if all of these hereditary peers were removed from the House of Lords	60	42	74	67	62	83	67	58	62	58	54	62	61	58	63	56	59	60	67	66	54	57	57
It would be better if all or some of these hereditary peers were allowed to remain in the House of Lords	22	43	13	20	23	11	19	26	24	19	21	14	24	32	22	22	23	15	16	16	27	23	25
Don't know or can't decide	19	15	14	13	15	6	14	16	14	23	25	24	15	10	16	22	18	25	17	18	19	20	18

And which of the following four overall outcomes would you prefer for the House of Lords:

That the hereditary peers are removed and a limit is put on the number of new members that the Prime Minister can appoint	56	42	69	67	58	77	64	57	59	53	49	55	59	57	59	52	55	59	63	58	53	55	54
That the hereditary peers are removed but no limit is put on the number of new members that the Prime Minister can appoint	3	3	3	3	2	2	3	2	3	3	2	3	3	2	3	3	3	2	1	3	2	3	3
That the hereditary peers are allowed to remain, but a limit is put on the number of new members that the Prime Minister can appoint	22	45	13	21	23	14	19	28	21	22	18	14	24	34	22	21	22	15	17	17	24	20	26
That the hereditary peers are allowed to remain, and no limit is put on the number of new members that the Prime Minister can appoint	1	0	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	1	1	0	2	0	1	0	1	1	1	1	1
Don't know or can't decide	19	9	14	8	16	5	13	13	15	21	29	26	13	7	14	24	18	24	18	20	19	21	15

For so long as the Prime Minister appoints new members to the House of Lords, which of the following comes closer to your view:

The Prime Minister should be able to decide what share of new members are appointed from each political party each year	9	13	9	8	9	7	11	7	12	7	12	10	9	7	11	6	9	9	9	6	10	13	9
The Prime Minister should have to follow a formula linked to election results when sharing out new appointments	64	66	67	73	75	72	65	72	66	63	58	59	67	73	67	62	64	61	67	68	63	58	65
Don't know or can't decide	27	21	24	19	16	22	24	22	23	30	29	31	25	20	23	32	27	30	24	26	27	29	26

For so long as the Prime Minister appoints new members to the House of Lords, which of the following comes closer to your view:

A minimum proportion of seats in the chamber should be reserved for independent members who represent no political party	70	79	73	79	73	83	76	76	71	69	51	62	77	84	73	66	70	60	69	69	70	64	74
The Prime Minister should decide what share of new members are independent versus how many represent political parties	7	9	7	8	7	5	6	6	9	6	13	9	5	5	9	6	7	7	8	6	7	11	7
Don't know or can't decide	23	12	20	13	20	12	17	18	21	25	36	29	18	11	19	29	22	33	23	25	23	25	20

*Any percentages calculated on bases fewer than 100 respondents do not represent a wide enough cross-section of the target population to be considered statistically reliable. These figures should not be used.