

...but will the political parties act?

1 in 7
think that our political system is working for them

9 in 10
think citizens have little or no influence over the government



Our politics needs **A FRESH START**

Compass and Unlock Democracy have come together to deliver the Powering Up project - which seeks to strengthen and modernise our creaking democracy.

Our goal is to persuade political parties of all colours to adopt a comprehensive package of democratic reforms in their next manifesto and deliver it in Government.

It's plain that our political system isn't delivering for the people and hasn't been for some time. It's vital that citizens across the UK can have faith in our politics to deliver a better future for the country.

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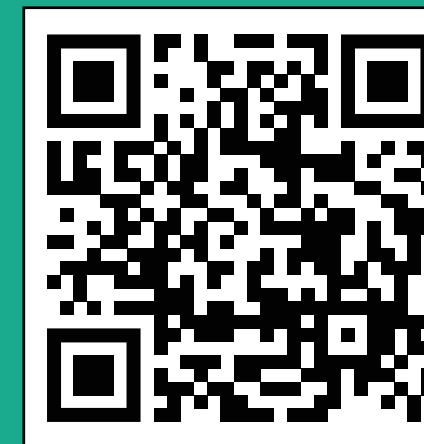
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What now for our political system?

6 in 10

prefer a political system where parties work together to make decisions

1 in 4

believe that party donors have the most influence on government decisions

3 in 4

think there are too few checks and balances to stop rule breaking in Westminster

The people know this isn't working...

A functioning political system and a healthy, vibrant democracy should be something that every political party can get behind.

That's not what we have in the UK today.

The problems in our system haven't arisen overnight, they've been there for decades and they will keep getting worse until our political system is modernised.

Because we can't go on with a

system that allows sleaze, cronyism and rule-breaking to flourish.

We can't keep a system that has demonstrably failed to deliver solutions to the big problems facing society.

We can't preserve a system that citizens don't trust any more.

That's the challenge facing politicians in all political parties - who will give us the fresh start our politics needs?



"For democracy to work well, there needs to be respect between parties and transparency in government." - Savanna, Cardiff

"Instead of arguing and trying to prove who is better, parties should work together and come up with the best solutions." - Leon, Bromley



WE NEED A FRESH START

Tackle sleaze and cronyism

We need a new system to tackle sleaze, cronyism, and dark money in our politics.

The system must be independent from the Government and have the power to investigate wrongdoing wherever it takes place.



Proportional Representation

Our electoral system gives too much power to governments who won a minority of votes.

Our elections should use a proportional representation system that keeps the link between MPs and their constituents.



Reform the House of Lords

The House of Lords is not fit for purpose in a modern democracy.

We want to see an elected second chamber that is truly representative and can hold the House of Commons to account.



More decisions taken locally

The UK is one of the most centralised countries in the world. Too much power has ended up in the hands of the Prime Minister.

We want to see more decisions taken by local communities, not in Westminster.

