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Attitudes to Constitution for England

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Since 1999 Scotland and Wales have had their own National Parliament/Assembly with politicians elected by and responsible to the electorates in Scotland and Wales. Various powers have been devolved from the UK Parliament in Westminster to allow these bodies to develop and implement policies which reflect the particular needs of the peoples of Scotland and Wales.

As England does not have its own separate National Parliament/Assembly, the UK Parliament in Westminster is responsible for passing legislation which relates just to England. Since the UK Parliament includes Members of Parliament from all parts of the UK, this means that Scottish and Welsh MPs are able to, and do, vote on those pieces of legislation which relate to England alone.

This situation, where Scottish and Welsh MPs can, and do, vote on England-only issues (whereas similar issues in Scotland and Wales are determined only by the members of the Scottish and Welsh National Parliament/Assembly), is sometimes referred to as the 'West Lothian Question'.

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Which of the following options do you prefer?	
The division of England into nine Regions, each having their own elected assemblies, which will have power to take some decisions but not to create new laws	11
A Parliament for England with the power to allow it to develop and implement policies which reflect the particular needs of the people of England	24
Scottish and Welsh members of the UK Parliament having their voting rights restricted to prevent them from voting on England-only issues	47
Continue with the status quo	12
Don't know	7