

## Alternative Vote Referendum

YouGov is asking two questions on separate surveys to track voting intention for the AV referendum.

1. The referendum question reads as follows:

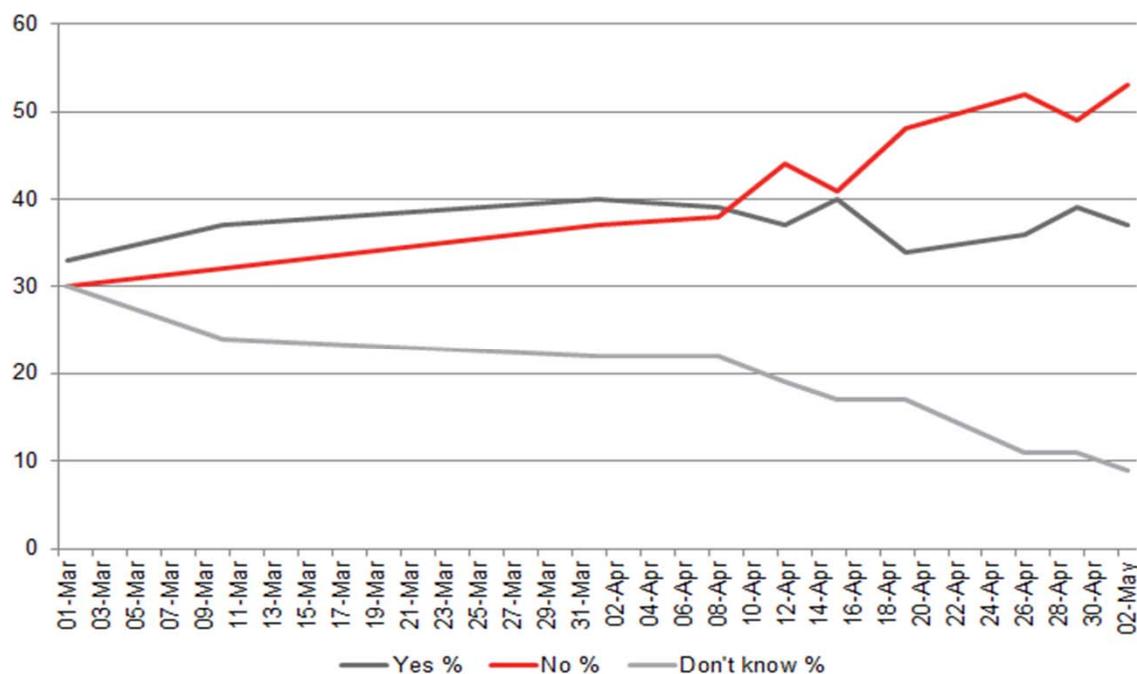
*At present, the UK uses the "first past the post" system to elect MPs to the House of Commons.*

*Should the "alternative vote" system be used instead?*

*If this referendum were held tomorrow, how would you vote?*

	Yes	No	Don't know	Would not vote
2011	%	%	%	%
May 2-3*	37	53	9	
April 28-29*	39	49	11	
April 25-26*	36	52	11	
April 18-19*	34	48	17	
April 14-15*	40	41	17	
April 11-12*	37	44	19	
April 7-8*	39	38	22	
March 31 - April 1*	40	37	22	
March 9-10	37	32	24	7
February 28 - March 1	33	30	30	6

\*Taking into account likelihood to vote



**2. The Conservative-Liberal Democrat government are committed to holding a referendum on changing the electoral system from first-past-the-post (FPTP) to the alternative (AV). At the moment, under first-past-the-post (FPTP), voters select ONE candidate, and the candidate with the most votes wins.**

**It has been suggested that this system should be replaced by the Alternative Vote (AV). Voters would RANK a number of candidates from a list. If a candidates wins more than half of the '1st' votes, a winner is declared. If not, the least popular candidates are eliminated from the contest, and their supporters' subsequent preferences counted and shared accordingly between the remaining candidates. This process continues until an outright winner is declared.**

**If a referendum were held tomorrow on whether to stick with first-past-the-post or switch to the Alternative Vote for electing MPs, how would you vote?**

	For AV	For FPTP	Wouldn't Vote	Don't Know
2011	%	%	%	%
April 27-28	31	53	8	8
April 17-18	30	51	6	14
April 10-11	33	45	6	15
April 3-4	34	42	7	17
March 29-30	31	44	7	18
March 27-28	32	44	6	18
March 20-21	32	44	7	17
March 6-7	30	47	8	15
February 20-21	34	41	7	18
February 7-8	37	38	6	18
February 6-7	38	39	7	16
January 23-24	32	41	7	20
January 8-10	32	41	8	18
2010				
December 12-13	33	39	7	21
November 28-29	35	41	7	17
November 14-15	33	40	7	20
October 31 - November 1	32	43	8	17
October 17-18	33	41	6	19
October 03-04	35	40	7	18
September 19-20	36	39	8	17
September 05-06	35	39	8	18
August 30-31	37	39	5	18
August 15-16	37	38	7	18
August 1-2	41	36	5	18
July 18-19	39	38	7	17
July 4-5	45	32	6	17
June 27-28	42	34	5	18
June 13-14	44	34	5	17

