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Five reforms from the people

- 1. Introduce a proportional voting system**
Our current 'winner takes all' election system is unfair. It produces results in which the number of seats a party has in Parliament does not reflect the number of votes it receives. A proportional system would ensure everyone's vote counts; it would offer voters more choice and it would produce a government and Parliament that actually represents British society.
- 2. Scrap ID cards and roll back the database state**
The ID card scheme is just one example of the 'database state' - the large databases used by the state to manage and control us. These vast databases fundamentally alter the balance of power between the state and citizens, making us all suspects to be watched and tracked. Previous large-scale government IT projects have been notoriously insecure, risking identity theft, fraud and other abuses.
- 3. Replace the House of Lords with an elected chamber**
It's absurd that in the 21st century half of Parliament still consists of appointed cronies and a small band of aristocrats who have inherited the right to rule. In its current form the House of Lords is an out-dated institution that doesn't represent the diversity of modern Britain. We should be able to vote them in and vote them out.
- 4. Allow only English MPs to vote on English laws**
Controversial laws on top up fees for English universities, foundation hospitals and the third runway at Heathrow were passed thanks to the votes of MPs representing seats outside of England. Only English MPs should vote on matters affecting only England, and only English and Welsh MPs on matters affecting only England and Wales.
- 5. Draw up a written constitution**
Britain's 'unwritten constitution' has allowed those in power to set the rules to suit themselves. A written constitution would allow us to re-think our politics from top to bottom, set clear rules for government and protect our rights and freedoms from interference by the state.

POWER2010 is about putting you in the driving seat – the people changing politics and setting the agenda.

The public decided the POWER Pledge. More than 4,000 ideas were submitted and over 100,000 votes were cast.

This is your manifesto for fixing our broken politics. But to put these words into action we need your help – sign up to show your support.

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