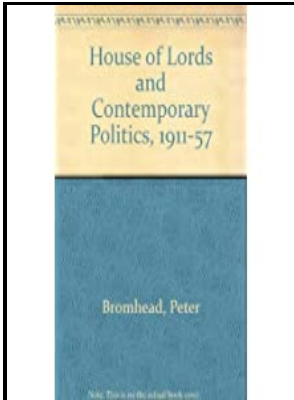


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Furthermore, only United Kingdom, and citizens may sit in the House of Lords. A 2015 study found that of 303 people nominated for peerages in the period 2005—14, a total of 211 were former senior figures within politics including former MPs, or were non-political appointments. Next comes an argument which is often deployed, but rarely explained — the supposed importance of ensuring the primacy of the House of Commons: An elected second chamber is a principle that seems appealing.

House of Commons

But the main argument against the House of Lords is not that it is unrepresentative.

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The jurisdiction of the Privy Council in the United Kingdom, however, is relatively restricted; it encompasses appeals from courts, disputes under the, and a few other minor matters.

The House of Lords

The membership of the House of Commons stood at 658 from 1801—when Great Britain and Ireland were united by the to form the United Kingdom—until 1885, when it was increased to 670. They are paid for life by the taxpayer for just turning up.

House of Lords

On the opposite side of the House of Commons sit MPs from parties who do not support the government.

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The role of the Lords, whatever its membership, should be to share the increasing burden of scrutinising and improving the torrent of British and European legislation that comes forward; to bring to bear experience, expertise and independence of spirit in advising and counselling the Commons; and ultimately and always to bow to its primacy. The electoral system of the House of Commons was far from democratic: property qualifications greatly restricted the size of the electorate, and the boundaries of many constituencies had not been changed for centuries.

British Parliament

The is delivered in the House of Lords during the.

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And again, this worry about the primacy of the Commons.

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