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Unweighted base	984	433	551	93	185	244	180	159	123	278	424	282	284	237	178	285	264	251	243	138	88
Weighted base	984	472	512	108	167	197	167	148	197	275	364	345	246	285	207	246	262	256	242	137	86
<u>There is nothing wrong with awarding a place in the House of Lords to someone who has given or loaned over a million pounds to a political party</u>																					
Agree	102	49	53	19	21	23	15	13	11	40	38	24	25	19	27	31	24	23	32	16	7
	10%	10%	10%	18%	13%	12%	9%	9%	6%	15%	10%	7%	10%	7%	13%	13%	9%	9%	13%	11%	8%
Disagree	850	410	440	83	145	168	149	128	177	228	317	305	212	264	168	207	227	228	203	118	75
	86%	87%	86%	77%	87%	86%	89%	87%	90%	83%	87%	88%	86%	92%	81%	84%	87%	89%	84%	86%	87%
Refused	6	3	3	-	*	*	1	2	3	*	1	5	3	-	2	1	1	3	1	-	1
	1%	1%	1%	-	*	*	1%	1%	1%	*	*	1%	1%	-	1%	*	*	1%	1%	-	1%
Don't know	26	10	15	6	1	5	3	5	6	7	7	11	6	2	10	7	10	3	6	4	3
	3%	2%	3%	5%	1%	2%	2%	3%	3%	2%	2%	3%	2%	1%	5%	3%	4%	1%	3%	3%	4%
<u>Parties have to finance their campaigning activities somehow and I would rather that the money came from wealthy individuals in return for a place in the House of Lords, than from taxpayers through the state funding of political parties</u>																					
Agree	342	147	196	54	74	60	62	40	52	128	122	93	69	108	78	87	91	92	84	56	20
	35%	31%	38%	50%	44%	30%	37%	27%	27%	46%	33%	27%	28%	38%	38%	35%	35%	36%	35%	41%	23%
Disagree	596	305	291	54	87	124	100	100	130	142	224	230	168	169	111	147	160	155	147	76	57
	61%	65%	57%	50%	52%	63%	60%	67%	66%	51%	62%	67%	68%	59%	54%	60%	61%	61%	61%	56%	66%
Refused	8	4	4	-	1	1	2	1	3	1	3	4	3	2	1	2	2	3	*	-	2
	1%	1%	1%	-	*	*	1%	*	2%	*	1%	1%	1%	1%	*	1%	1%	1%	*	-	2%
Don't know	39	17	21	-	5	12	3	7	11	5	15	18	6	6	17	10	9	6	11	5	7
	4%	4%	4%	-	3%	6%	2%	5%	6%	2%	4%	5%	2%	2%	8%	4%	4%	2%	4%	4%	8%

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<u>All parties are equally likely to have considered offering honours to people in return for financial contributions</u>																					
Agree	527 54%	249 53%	278 54%	68 63%	107 64%	125 64%	93 56%	67 45%	66 33%	175 64%	219 60%	133 39%	141 57%	154 54%	113 55%	118 48%	153 58%	136 53%	128 53%	72 52%	38 44%
Disagree	424 43%	210 44%	214 42%	39 36%	57 34%	65 33%	70 42%	71 48%	121 62%	97 35%	135 37%	192 56%	96 39%	125 44%	85 41%	118 48%	101 39%	112 44%	105 44%	62 45%	44 51%
Refused	4 *	1 *	3 1%	- -	* *	* *	1 1%	2 1%	1 *	* *	1 *	3 1%	3 1%	- -	- -	1 *	1 *	1 *	1 1%	- -	1 1%
Don't know	29 3%	12 3%	17 3%	1 1%	3 2%	6 3%	3 2%	8 5%	9 4%	4 1%	9 2%	17 5%	6 2%	6 2%	8 4%	8 3%	7 3%	7 3%	8 3%	3 3%	4 4%
<u>Despite this investigation, the British political system is one of the cleanest and least corrupt in the world</u>																					
Agree	524 53%	244 52%	280 55%	40 37%	85 51%	109 55%	92 55%	81 55%	117 59%	125 45%	201 55%	198 57%	148 60%	156 55%	99 48%	121 49%	131 50%	162 63%	118 49%	77 56%	36 41%
Disagree	401 41%	202 43%	199 39%	60 56%	78 46%	76 39%	63 37%	59 40%	64 33%	138 50%	139 38%	124 36%	83 34%	120 42%	91 44%	107 44%	112 43%	76 30%	111 46%	55 40%	45 52%
Refused	6 1%	3 1%	3 1%	- -	* *	* *	1 1%	2 1%	3 1%	* *	1 *	5 1%	3 1%	- -	2 1%	1 *	1 *	3 1%	1 1%	- -	1 1%
Don't know	53 5%	23 5%	30 6%	8 7%	4 2%	11 6%	12 7%	6 4%	13 6%	12 4%	23 6%	18 5%	12 5%	10 3%	15 7%	17 7%	17 7%	15 6%	11 5%	5 3%	5 5%