

# The MOVEMENT for ACTIVE DEMOCRACY

**Swiss Democratic model is the fairest in the world today and the starting point for the model proposed by the Movement for Active Democracy.**

“It is astonishing how little the rest of the world knows about the way Switzerland runs its politics. Even its next door neighbours in Europe, though vaguely aware that it is a deeply decentralized country, do not really understand the other, MORE important part of the Swiss system - the part that could turn out to be a model for everybody’s 21st century democracy”.  
Brian Beedham, United Press International, in a book review on Gregory Fossedal’s ‘The road to full democracy’

It’s true, not many of us in the U.K. know about Switzerland’s unique political system, (I didn’t until recently) which is understandable, but it is the world’s fairest democratic system offering a maximum of participation to citizens. It allows for a Direct Democracy driven by the people providing the opportunity for frequent referendums and popular initiative. Is this ringing any bells?

Yes, in Switzerland they actively encourage ordinary citizens like you and I to get involved. This means that the people of Switzerland, who, after all, are the ones who the government should be serving, are treated as thinking adults who are allowed into the decision process, not as ignorant onlookers as in Britain but as participants.

So while we are at it lets have a quick look at the track record of the Swiss. They have one of the most stable economies in the world and they are one of the richest nations per capita on the planet. The place is clean, orderly and peaceful. In fact they haven’t had a war since 1815. Yep - by anybody’s standards those Swiss are a pretty disorganised chaotic lot!

OK - they might not have our sense of humour but that is hardly a political issue is it!? How about this....in the land of cuckoo clocks, if anyone can get together 100,000 like minded people they can call for a referendum on anything! A change in the constitution, a change in the law or a new policy to be introduced. How cool is that!?

No longer any need to get upset about (for example) I.D. cards - just get a whole bunch of like minded people together and let the people of Britain decide for themselves! If we don’t want ‘em we don’t have ‘em - if we do - well, without being too obvious about this here - we do!

And if the William Tellers don’t like the sound of something that their government is introducing? Not a problem. No need for them to do a whole lot of (what in Britain is clearly becoming less and less effective) banner waving, marching or wasting time writing to an MP who follows their party line. Just get that 100,000 together, call for a referendum and let the people vote on it!

Now this of course means that the government has to be a whole lot more sympathetic in what they propose as, if the people don't like it, it ain't gonna happen.

Other nice (sensible and fair) things they do is that they have proportional representation - i.e. if a group wins 10% of the vote they get 10% of the power ('you mean we DON'T do that in our green and pleasant land?' No, in our 'mother of the free' land the winner in each constituency takes all the power and the rest of the votes are thrown in the bin - oh right - that's fair then!!)

Swiss people can vote for specific members of their preferred party (even more than once in some cases) and can choose someone they like from a different party to help that person become elected should the party they don't choose get in. They can even vote against someone they don't like the sound of to block them being elected even if their party wins! Luckily for John Prescott we don't yet have that in place.....yet! (Just joking John - well kinda anyway).

Of course if they aren't bothered about any of that they can just put down a straight forward cross.

Our government will never be persuaded to entertain any of these fair and just principles because it would lead to a degeneration of their power. As a result our political system is archaic and unfair and this has to change. Now! Lend your power to the Movement for Active Democracy and we shall put you in charge of your own destiny. What could be simpler?

**If we really had the freedom to choose our country's direction and the freedom to guide our own destiny, would anyone really want to change back to the system that allows no public input that we have today?**

So how are you getting on with this idea so far? Let me assume for a moment that you have done me the courtesy of reading what I have proposed here. But let us also assume that you are struggling with all of this. Maybe you can kinda see the concept but it all just sounds too good to be true? Well let us then think for a moment of how the situation would be if it were the other way around.

Imagine, therefore, that being able to have your say on everything is the level of democracy you have always enjoyed.

You have always lived in a society in which every time the government wanted to introduce anything they had to inform the people openly and honestly about what they were proposing and that that proposal had to be presented and debated openly, equally and simply and everyone involved were obliged to answer honestly (and were accountable for the information they provided) to all questions and examinations put by the public.

That every newspaper article carrying a story about what the government were proposing carried a vote reference number for you to look deeper into both sides of the discussion if you so chose.

That if a matter genuinely concerned you, you had time to canvass and appeal for votes from like minded groups or associates.

That if a group of 200,000 people decided they wanted to stop a certain government proposal the issue would go to a referendum of every adult in Britain and, if the result of that did not approve the government proposal that would be the end of the matter for a period of 5 years.

That, further, you could also propose change policy, law and constitution yourself by gathering 200,000 people to support a proposal that would then also go to referendum for the people of Britain to decide upon it, and, if approved, the change would then have to be adopted by government. That all the referendums were carried out via communications methods from the comfort of your own home.

So while imagining that this fair and open system IS in place, imagine that someone is now proposing to scrap all that for the system we REALLY have today.

That they are proposing to do away with all that freedom and have your power curtailed and limited to just one vote every four years. That your vote would never be about a policy but only about which complete stranger to choose to represent your views. That that stranger would not have freedom of speech about what they could say because they are instructed how to vote by their party. That this stranger will try to have you believe they are doing everything in your best interest, even when they are not.

That they were proposing a system run by a few individuals that were seeking to serve their own agendas and not your own. A system that would create frustration, disappointment and, at times, despair among the people but rarely progressive solutions.

A system where you no longer had any direct way to influence decisions but could only make your views heard (if you had the time) through lengthy protests and letters which would normally be dismissed.

A world where you are unlikely ever to see any real change for the better. So if you could choose, would that really be the direction you would choose to go?

And if you would not choose a system of giving away your power to a stranger then, why on Earth would you choose to do that today?

Vote for the Movement for Active Democracy, and make the choice to keep your power for yourself!!

## Do M.P.'s represent the will of the constituents who voted them in?

If you think your M.P. is worth voting for because, perhaps, you believe they have your best interests at heart, take a peek at [www.theyworkforyou.com](http://www.theyworkforyou.com) dial in your own constituency or post code and see what you find. You might get a bit of a shock.

Let me choose..... er...well....what better example can I think of than my own M.P. for Dorset South - Jim Knight and a quick peruse of Jims voting record in parliament tells us right away that he is an out and out 'Yes!' man. In fact in the last two terms in office he voted 1710 times and only on 9 occasions did he vote against the Government.

Now at this stage we need to talk a little bit about the whip. All major parties have a one - and don't get too excited here - it isn't quite what you are thinking! Essentially, when the Cabinet boys and girls want to be sure of obtaining a particular result they ensure they get their way by introducing the whip which does not allow their M.P.'s to vote in any other way.

This means that when this happens (and it happens most of the time) all M.P.'s have to suppress their concerns and have lost their freedom of speech, just like the rest of us!

If an M.P. does vote against their party (a back bench rebellion) then you can be pretty sure they will not be promoted to hold a post any time soon and, if they do it a few times they run the considerable risk of being dropped at the next election in favour for a 'Yes!' man like Jim.

Now we, the public, are not allowed to find out whether any particular vote was whipped or not, which is kinda worrying when you think about it, however you can be pretty sure that if there is any spread of opinion at all it will only be seen on 'free votes' because most M.P.'s are scared of not progressing and so do exactly what they are told.

In short, your representation is compromised by their desire to progress. What a good system to have your opinions considered then eh?

So, looking a little deeper at Jims recent voting record we can see that, in the last 4 years, he has voted with the government 728 times and only 4 times against and (without being too tedious here) three of those appear to be free votes on the proportion of elected members there should be in the House of Lords, where the result was so close it was a toss up whether he was going to end up on the Governments majority side or not, (and by the way Jim how come you voted in favour of 50%, 60%, 80% AND 100% of the House of Lords to be elected? - there is nothing like consistency eh?) Which means that, other than those random chance results, the one and only time Jim Knight has voted against his government was in a free vote on the burning issue of - wait for it - drum roll please - the docking of working dogs tails. Wow! Good job he is there to represent my views! Now I can relax!

On EVERY other of the 724 votes Jim took part in he voted WITH the Government. This means that unless I happened to have had a real bee in my bonnet about dogs tails there was no need, at national level, for me or anyone else in South Dorset to have had an M.P. at all. Yep - just hand over your power to Jim and he will, on your behalf, let the government do what it likes. And do you know the really worrying thing here? Most M.P's act like this, have a look for yourself. Sorry, but this is not Democracy, it is a sham.

So, while we are at it lets have a look at some of those yummy things that Jim, along with his government have in store for you....

Among the things that he strongly supported...which I do not are ...the smoking ban - which to my mind took away a freedom of choice.

The introduction I.D. cards - wasting an estimated £30 billion of our money. Oppressive anti-terrorism laws - including that whacky 42 day term that the police could lock up ANYONE (yes your mother included) without levelling any charge against them at all.

The Iraq war .- and, by the way, Jim voted strongly AGAINST an investigation into the war.

Replacing Trident - well hey! A golden opportunity to waste another estimated £65 billion pounds on weapons of mass destruction that will feed the escalation of nuclear arms and, if ever used, would permanently and irreversibly damage our delicate planet so that it's ability to sustain life would be questionable.

Of course if you can vote any way you want, that is your right, and so you can just carry on giving away your power. But, if you happen to live in Dorset South and didn't agree with all of the above (or indeed your M.P. wherever you are didn't reflect 100% of YOUR views - which I suspect includes pretty well everyone, everywhere) then it is time for you to take a hand in the decision process and vote for the Movement for Active Democracy! Don't give your power away!

### **Demonstration - still a valid part of the political process?**

If you want to influence government policy what are the options currently open to you and what are the chances today of your voice being heard? Well the 'democratic process' that we currently use allows for three courses of action open to us.

Firstly we can write to our M.P. OK - so say you do, what are they going to do about it? If your M.P. happens to be representing a seat on the minority side of the House they have no say in the matter, so that is pretty much where your protest ends. If they happen to be part of the majority (the government) your M.P. could voice your concerns but, in reality, if they want to get on in life - and most of them do - they will be reluctant to go against the party whip who is telling them how to vote, and in this instance the best you can normally

hope for as an abstention which normally will make no difference at all. In short, this approach is ineffective and is likely to be a complete waste of time. Secondly you could write to the media. Now, you might get your letter printed, and you might even create some influence on public opinion, but this is highly unlikely to gather the level of support that is needed to generate enough fear in the government to have any effect on the process.

And so to your last option, protest. This is your 'democratic right' and reckoned to be the most effective way to get the government to listen to the people, however if you look at the outcry over the invasion of Iraq (750,000 to 2 million people protesting on the streets of London alone) and the effect this had on the governments decision (none whatsoever) you quickly see that almost certainly, and very sadly, you are wasting your time.

Further a quick look at the do's and don'ts of protesting shows us that it has now become an exceedingly risky process with the police regularly misusing anti-terror laws to unreasonably control, curtail and prohibit lawful and peaceful protest, with arrests and criminal charges being laid a distinct possibility.

The Movement for Active Democracy however would provide us, the people, with the absolute and definite opportunity to circumvent all of these processes and replace them with a single utterly fair and open system whereby you, and I can, if we choose, have our say on absolutely everything! What better way can a true democracy be run?

The Movement for active Democracy, your country, your power, your freedom, your choice. Don't give your power away to a stranger ever again!

### **Is it reasonable to throw perfectly valid votes away? Well - they do!**

In case you are wondering about the benefits of proportional representation, here is a typical example of first past the post politics. Perhaps you can relate to a similar situation in your own constituency.

15 years ago, and for 10 years I lived in East Devon. It was and is a safe Tory seat and so the M.P. at that time and the M.P. today is a Conservative. In my living memory therefore, that constituency has never seen anything other than a Conservative M.P.. In fact the voting majority for the conservatives in that area was so high that it is unlikely that there would be any chance of any other party gaining any influence there. And East Devon is not the most one sided constituency by any means.

Many constituencies have held such huge majorities for such a long time that you can be sure the outcome is not based on policy, nor is it be based on personality (and I am not trying to have a dig at any of the M.P.'s in question here), it is based on colour.

In those strongholds I suspect that could have put the right coloured rosette on my collie Matilda and she would have won the seat. She, sadly, has now died but do you know what? I think she could still win any of those seats with the right coloured rosette!

And because 'first past the post' elections dictates that all votes other than those for the winning candidate are valueless and thrown away, anyone who happens to live in any area where there is a large longstanding majority but disagrees with that parties policies can forget about having any voice or representation at all. Ever.

Democracy - a system of government where the supreme power is held by the people. Do you think the huge number of people who have never had any say because they, as we all are, living with an outdated and unfair system feel they are holding the supreme power right now? How about any power at all? I doubt that!

The aim of the Movement for Active Democracy is to change all of this by putting the power into the hands of the people so they can choose and be counted every time.

**Q. Are election promises binding? A. No.**

**Q. Should they be? A. Yes!**

Have you noticed how few election promises actually come to fruition? To pick an example dear to my heart, before Blair's Labour government came to power the pledges were all about a move toward a greener sustainable future. John Prescott wrote (and why he thought he would have the credentials to have done this is any body's guess) a white paper on transport. It is full of rhetoric about moving right away from cars, cutting road budgets and placing all of the emphasis and expenditure on public transport. Did they do that? No!

What sort of behaviour is that? Deceitful is probably the most generous description I can muster. Who are we dealing with here - Gollum?! And it happens all the time! I am sure you can tell me a story or two which are dear to your heart. So wouldn't it be great if a little piece of legislation were introduced which said that if a party promises the public something and then don't deliver they are personally and financially responsible to compensate anyone who feels they have been misled?

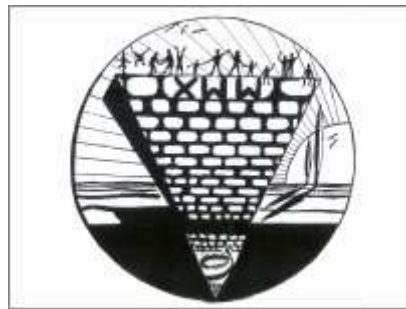
That would trim some of the 'mis-representation'! To my mind election pledges should be binding. After all you are striking a deal. You give me your vote and I promise to do this for you. Simple.

Have you also noticed that most election promises are based on the premise of - take a deep breath here - less tax.... better health....less crime and.... better education. Well of course! We all want those things! Everyone wants those things! That's why they bang on about them all the time! You are never



going to lose a vote by saying those things are you? BUT at the same time you are never going to change anything.

So here is the wonderful thing. Vote for the Movement for Active Democracy and it doesn't matter what the policies I or anyone else puts forward - other than the one key criteria that you get to choose about everything - because - well - you get to choose about everything!!



### **The Movement for Active Democracy emblem explained - the pyramid of power on it's head with YOU at the top!**

The Movement for Active Democracy emblem was created by taking the 'pyramid of power' that appears on the back of every U.S. dollar bill and turning it on it's head.

The original design is Masonic and symbolises a pyramid where the masses form the base and as one rises up in power fewer and fewer people are involved until we get to the flat break near the top where the highest of the people that we are aware of are found. These include Prime Ministers and Presidents.

Then there is a space and the very top of the pyramid is disconnected from and above all the rest, radiating power in the form of light with an all seeing eye in it's heart. This represents the real power controlling our world, the 'illuminati' is a term that could be used but let us just say it is the people of huge wealth and power that pull all the strings, the banks, the global corporations and multinationals. The anonymous billionaires, and there are plenty out there!

This arrangement means that, as it stands you and I hold no power at all and all decisions are fed down to government from the controlling pyramid and that is why so many of the decisions that government makes don't appear to make any sense. This is not because they are stupid, it is because their agenda is not aligned with one that would best serve the people.

By enabling the people to have their say we can be sure that we would certainly choose those things that served us best and then we would see for the first time the light of change. The people are now represented as being on the top, which is our democratic right, and the government is now below us fulfilling our bidding. The pyramid of power is now nowhere because they no



longer have the feed into the controlling element of our country as there are too many of us to corrupt!

With your help we can put this in place, after all who can you trust to represent your views better than yourself!

Movement for Active Democracy - together we can do this!

**Why would the government ban any party calling themselves 'none of the above' if they weren't fearful that they could lose votes to them?!**

Did you know that, apart from a few simple guidelines (you cannot use King or Queen, you cannot be abusive or offensive and you cannot incite racial hatred or violence) you can call a political party anything you want to? At least that was the case until someone wanted to call their party 'None of the Above'. And their policies? Just the one. If you don't think any of these candidates deserve your vote and support then vote for 'None of the Above'!

So do you know what the Government's response to this was? To urgently rush through legislation (with, to my knowledge, almost no media attention) specifically banning any party from using that name.

Now the burning question is, why would they bother to do that? Could it possibly have been panic because they realised that this simple message might actually undermine their power base!? This is indeed an encouraging thought! It is even more incredible when you find out that 'None of the Above' didn't even plan to field candidates! They just wanted the public to have the chance to say 'no thank you, we don't like what we are being offered here'.

This to my mind demonstrates the magnitude of the government's belief that there is a huge number of disillusioned and disenfranchised people out there that might just have voted for 'None of the Above'!

This gives me hope. Hope that there is an army of non and reluctant voters who, like me, do not believe there are any 'alternatives' - and I use the word loosely. That believe that their vote is a waste of time and that the 'choice' we have is nothing but an illusion. That nothing is intended to change regardless of the outcome of any election. That in fact the whole election process is a sham dressed up and purported as 'democracy'.

But right now you do have choice. Together we can change all that right away, you and I, by being part of the Movement for Active Democracy. For the first time in history, vote for the only party that promises that you will get to keep your power!!

**The tale of the down-fall of Smaug gives us clues as to how to unravel this whole mess!**

In J.R.R. Tolkeins novel, the Hobbit, Bilbo comes across the mighty dragon Smaug basking in his den, hugely powerful, invincible and full of pride and self satisfaction. In their dialogue Smug rolls over to show off to Bilbo his formidable shield of impenetrable scales and that is his undoing for there, amazingly, is the one chink in his armour, one missing scale, that leads to his downfall. Just one scale missing is all it takes for Bard the Bowman to fire an arrow deep into Smaug's belly thus slaying the dragon.

And this is how it is. Smaug is our government and political system which has been created in such a fashion to ensure that you and I hardly have any say any more. We have almost no involvement in the decision making processes of running our country and that is how the government wants it. Even when we totally disagree with what our government is doing our protests and pleas are ignored.

But there is one chink in the armour. They still have to court our support every four years, and without it they are nothing. They have created the illusion of all an powerful, all encompassing government and political system but right here, right now is an opportunity to turn that on it's head.

The Movement for Active Democracy, by giving the power right back to the people, could put an end to all of this. We would give everyone in Britain the right to choose for themselves and to be heard. We are the Bard the Bowmen and we have found the governments only weakness, the only thread that can be pulled to change all of this. If you are disillusioned with the system today, and you should be, then help us slay this dragon.

Movement for Active Democracy - don't give your power away!

**Britain is being steered by an infinitesimally small proportion of it's inhabitants. This is not right as statistically it is not a fair representation.**

Now I don't want to bore you to tears but did any of you study statistics? Well, in case you didn't ,the most important principle at the bottom of all statistical analysis is a very simple rule which says that the greater the sample you take the more accurate will be the outcome of your research. Ask 100 people out of 10,000 what they think about something and you shall get an approximation of opinion. Ask 1000 and that result will be more to be accurate. But ask EVERYONE and you will absolutely have the exact and indisputable result.

In Britain, the number of M.P.'s is 646. If there is a close vote on an issue then only just over half of those members will be agreeing on the proposal meaning the number deciding will be just over half - say 330. As the eligible voting population in Britain about 45 million this represents a staggeringly small proportion of 0.000733 per cent - or if you prefer one one hundred and forty thousandth - (or more graphically, the same proportion as one second is to sixteen days) deciding what is best for you!

Now add to this a system of party whipping where M.P.'s cannot exercise their free will and the number of people making the decisions comes right down to a handful. The P.M., (1) the relevant cabinet members (perhaps 2) and a few undersecretaries (say 2). That is only 5 people in the whole of Britain making a decision that will have a direct bearing on your life! That is the same proportion as one second is to every three years!

By complete contrast The Movement for Active Democracy wants to put the power to votes on all major issues into the hands of everyone! Purely and simply the most statistically accurate survey of opinion you can ever have! Vote for the Movement for Active Democracy, thereby keeping your power for yourself and get the right result every time!

### **How much will the technology costs stack up compared to current government plans for technology spending?**

Here is an argument the government will put forward to try and derail the Movement for Active Democracy. Oh but we can't afford the cost of running a referendum on every major issue. Wrong. Do we have the technology for everyone to vote? Absolutely! It would be simplicity itself to allocate every person with a login number, based perhaps on your National Insurance number, together with a five digit pin chosen by each voter and for each issue to be given a voting reference together with a deadline for votes to be received - perhaps six weeks after proposal. Anyone then would be able to (if they chose because it is not mandatory) via SMS, a telephone key pad, online or with a postal vote. What could be simpler!

There are those who will say that the cost would be prohibitive. Well try telling that to Jacqui Smith our beloved Home Secretary who, amongst other things and in the bogus name of fighting terror would have us:-

Have our complete medical records held in digital form and accessible anywhere and who has invested £12 billion in this failed project.

Is introducing I.D. cards that will cost an estimated £30 billion.

Wants to log every yard of every private and public vehicle in Britain from space so they can keep a detailed log of the location, direction and speed of every vehicle at all times - (well that won't be much of a data base then!) ostensibly for calculating road tax (yeah - right!).

Wants to introduce 'the big data base' to log every phone call, sms, website visited and e-mail for every man woman and child in Britain at the cost of £12 billion.

Hmmmm - looking at all of this I don't think secure electronic voting will be a financial worry at all! Especially if we were to get that lot scrapped first!

Choose the Movement for active Democracy - meaning that you shall get to choose every time!

## We can win this! The timing couldn't be better!

The time has come, the walrus said. . . .

It sounds like the most improbable thing doesn't it? A little party starting from scratch just months ahead of a general election. What are our chances, really? But let us look for a moment at what has been going on recently.

Abuse of power, M.P.'s caught on the fiddle (allegedly!), complete disillusionment throughout the voting British public due to a lack of choice and a growing understanding that we are being hoodwinked into playing our part in an insulting game. That the whole political 'process' is nothing but an illusion keeping you from recognising your real power!

Now you can do more, much more, than sit around complaining (and oh yes I have done plenty of that too!) Be proactive, be positive, perceive the incredible opportunity to make sweeping changes and get involved!!

## Questions you may have. . . .

**Democracy - 'a system of government where the supreme power is held by the people'**. The single aim of the Movement for Active Democracy is to introduce real and genuine democracy into the hands of people of Britain for the first time in our history, by adapting and taking the system currently used by the Swiss a step further with referendums being carried out through modern communications mediums.

Government would still debate and propose new (and changes to existing) legislation but the principle of each change would be open to a challenge by any group of 200,000 people who can lodge a 'significant concern'. When this happened the proposal would be tested against public opinion in the form of a referendum carried out by everyone (who wishes to as it is not mandatory) from the comfort of their own home via sms, telephone, internet or mail. In this way the people directly influence the direction the country takes, ensuring that the people, not the government, would have the final say on whether they believed the proposal best served them and whether this was how they wanted their taxes spent.

If the government proposal were defeated in the referendum the proposal would be deemed to have failed and could not be proposed again for five years. If supported by the people the proposal would then be debated in the house and refined for legal adhesion by the Lords as it is today.

Equally as important, by gathering the support of 200,000 people anyone can put forward a 'group proposal' demanding a referendum on any new idea or any change on any existing legislation or policy. When this was put forward by any individual or group (with the required level of support) the government would be bound to carry out a referendum on the proposal and act in accordance with the outcome.

In this manner the people would steer the government, rather than the government steer the people. And the justification for such a change? We pay the taxes to make any form of government and its ideas reality, we should therefore also have the power to steer those decisions. After all the definition of democracy is - a system of government where the supreme power is held by the people. This is not how things are today and it is way overdue for that statement, and hence a true democracy, to become a reality. Questions you may have.

**Do I have to vote?** No. You have the opportunity of having your say but if the matter in question is of no interest to you, you can choose not to. Alternatively if you feel strongly about a matter you may wish to put effort into influencing groups or friends to support or oppose a suggestion.

**How often would I have to vote if I voted on everything?** While voting in Parliament runs at about 200 votes per year most of these are over readings and amendments to bills. Referendums to the people would only be put forward to the public on key issues at the conception stage and, if successful then, at the end of the process if the legislation has been significantly altered in the meantime. These issues might crop up about six times per year, and, assuming that the right of the people to put forward changes to policy is also taken up six times per year voting on issues would be exercised about once per month.

**How would I get to understand all the facts before I vote?** This is a key advantage of this system because it forces the government to be open and honest in their representation of the facts. Air time for the discussion for and against any proposal would be provided equally and references to sources of background information made available to everyone through explanation from both sides and broadcast of discussion on the proposal.

**Wouldn't the media try to influence the outcome?** Of course, it will be inevitable that the newspaper and T.V. media people will do all they can to influence the outcome of the peoples referendums. They influence the workings of the country now and that is something that will never change, however, if both sides of the discussion are provided with equal air time, and, given the huge number of individuals who might choose to be involved in the process there can be no question of true corruption and so it is unlikely that they shall be certain of altering any particular result.

**Will this slow down the political process?** No. Legislation takes a great deal of time to come to fruition and this process would only add one more month, a small price in terms of delay for the luxury of having a real democracy.

**What right have we to get involved in what the government wants to do?** Every right! You are the people who the government is supposed to be working for! You provide the taxes to make the whole system work and it is you that they should be listening to. Your needs and wants should be the absolute priority on their agenda and providing you and I with workable

solutions should be their aim. As it stands the government more often seeks to fulfil it's own agenda and the peoples wishes are not considered.

**What will the role of the House of Lords be?** As now the lords shall perform the task of shaping each proposal into a true representation presented in a workable legal format that fits in line with the current UK and European laws. Legal wording, ensuring the legislation is watertight, and so on. The Lords however shall lose any rights to veto a proposal (other than through checks and balances as below) which in any case is, as it stands today, is at best tentative.

**What checks and balances would be in place to ensure this freedom is not abused?** Existing British and European law provides for considerable individual and group human rights that cannot be infringed upon so persecution of minorities could not take place. but the law lords and House of Lords shall provide the checks and balances to ensure, for example, that any proposal does not infringe upon basic human rights.

**What is to stop the people putting forward and choosing not to pay taxes?** As part of the discussion process for each proposal an estimated figure, represented both as a lump sum and as a cost per tax payer would be put forward. The tax increase or reduction related to each proposal would be added or taken away from the annual tax bill so that tax reduction can only be achieved by reduced government spending. However the format in which those taxes are generated would be open for the people to decide if they so choose.

**VOTE FOR THE MOVEMENT FOR ACTIVE DEMOCRACY AND KEEP YOUR POWER FOR YOURSELF!**

**YOUR COUNTRY, YOUR FREEDOM, YOUR POWER, YOUR CHOICE!**