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**SIR JOHN MAJOR CALLS FOR PREFERENTIAL VOTING**

**IN PARLIAMENT**

(From this morning’s *Today* programme:)

John Major: “…a series of motions, so MPs can indicate their preference.”

So we need a multi-option vote: plurality voting, TRS, AV, MBC...\*

Nick Robinson: “Would you stomach your 2nd option?”

John Major: “It is wise to compromise.”

So we need a voting procedure which asks MPs to cast, not just their favourite 1st preference, but their compromise options, their 2nd, and maybe 3rd, if not all their preferences.

So we need an MBC.

**THE DE BORDA INSTITUTE CALLS FOR PREFERENTIAL VOTING**

**IN PARLIAMENT *AND* IN ANY FUTURE REFERENDUM**

\* **Multi-option voting**: voters cast only one preference.

Plurality Voting

**\* Preferential voting**: voters cast one, some or all their preferences.

TRS two-round system; one or two preferences; if no one option gets a majority, have a play-off between the two leading options;

AV alternative vote; one or some preferences; if no one option gets a majority, eliminate the least popular and transfer its votes, until one option does get a majority;

MBC modified Borda count; at best, all preferences; so at best, the option with the highest average preference – ah, the perfect compromise!

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