

### **Table 3.1 The expansion of the British electorate, 1831–1969**

The British electorate expanded slowly, contributing to political stability

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<b>Year</b>	<b>Electorate (as a percentage of population aged 20+)</b>
1831	4.4
1832	First Reform Act
1832	7.1
1864	9.0
1867	Second Reform Act
1868	16.4
1883	18.0
1884	Third Reform Act
1886	28.5
1914	30.0
1918	Vote extended to women over 30
1921	74.0
1928	Equal Franchise Act
1931	97.0
1969	Voting age reduced from 21 to 18

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Source: Adapted from Dahl (1998), figure 2.

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