

Table 8.1 Political participation in Great Britain, 2011

In Britain, as in many other liberal democracies, voting in national elections is the only political activity attracting a majority of citizens. Direct involvement in political meetings, demonstrations, parties, and campaigns is the preserve of a small minority.

<i>Which, if any, of the things on this list have you done in the last two to three years?</i>	%
Voted in the last general election	65
Discussed politics with someone else	35
Signed a petition/e-petition	27
Presented my views to a representative	13
Boycotted certain products	10
Expressed my political views online	6
Been to any political meeting	4
Taken part in a demonstration	4
Joined or donated money to a political party	3
Taken an active part in a political campaign	2

Sources: Hansard Society (2012); turnout from Kavanagh and Cowley (2010), table A1.2.
