

# Brexit What Next?

#BrexitDiagram Series 3, V25  
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at:

<https://jonworth.eu/brexit-what-next/>  
Diagram is organised chronologically

The thickness of the lines is proportional to  
the accumulated probability

Probability at each node is indicated with  
numbers - 0.1 to 1

Grey boxes indicate options with  
probability too low to calculate

Probability of each outcome is indicated as  
a percentage in the orange boxes at the  
end

## Important interim probabilities in this version

Chances Johnson is PM at 17 October  
European Council: **39%**

Chances Johnson is PM at European  
Council but has lost power to demand  
extension: **17%**

Chances another PM is there: **41%**

Chances he is in court: **2%**

This route has been eliminated  
due to the nature of the Supreme  
Court judgment - prorogation can  
now only be used for the purpose  
of a new Queen's Speech. Long  
prorogation to waste time not  
possible.

A regular, short prorogation has  
no impact on the outcomes-

Supreme Court rules  
prorogation  
is justiciable, and  
this prorogation is  
unlawful and is  
annulled

Commons sits  
again 24 September  
onwards

Government decides  
to prorogue again for  
> 5 day period

Johnson refuses  
to resign

Opposition changes  
default in Benn Act to  
Revoke Article 50 in  
the absence of a  
Deal

Opposition take  
control of Commons  
Agenda, amend  
Benn Act to mandate  
someone other than  
PM to submit  
extension request

Opposition take  
control of Commons  
Agenda, amend  
Benn Act to bring  
forward date of Art  
50 extension request

Amendment  
succeeds

Amendment  
fails

Amendment  
fails

Amendment  
succeeds

Johnson  
resigns

Johnson complies  
and sends letter

Johnson doesn't  
comply

Vote of No  
Confidence (VONC)  
or Mountfield  
alternative Prime  
Minister route  
before 17 Oct

"Mountfield alternative Prime  
Minister Route" is explained  
here: <http://fj.mp/MountfieldRoute>

No majority for any  
alternative Prime  
Minister found

A VONC will only pass with the  
backing of some of the Tories  
that lost the whip. These MPs will  
probably not back Jeremy  
Corbyn as interim PM, and nor  
will they back a VONC if it leads  
to chaos / danger of No Deal

Corbyn will back an interim PM if  
it leads to the General Election  
that he wants

Note: there is no legal form for a  
"Caretaker Prime Minister" - this  
means a majority of MPs would  
back a neutral figure (not a party  
leader) for an interim period, with  
criteria to deliver a General  
Election or People's Vote

Vote fails

Vote succeeds

Johnson refuses  
to resign

Johnson  
resigns

Queen effectively  
sacks Johnson, asks  
someone else to form  
Government

Court case against  
Johnson for non  
compliance with  
Benn Act or for  
refusal to resign

Johnson goes to the  
European Council  
17 Oct, but power to  
send letter removed  
from him

Johnson goes to the  
European Council  
17 Oct

Opposition parties  
and ex-Tories  
unify behind a  
caretaker  
Prime Minister

Johnson does not  
get a Deal and No  
Deal has not passed  
Commons, revised  
Benn Act triggered -  
ext request sent

No idea what the  
hell happens here -  
especially if the 14  
days under FTPA are  
still ticking

Johnson refuses  
everything, and  
does not ask for  
extension as  
Commons requested

Johnson gets a Deal  
that he brings back  
to the Commons (Deal  
must be different  
enough to allow  
Bercow to sanction a  
vote on it)

EU offers UK a 3  
month extension  
anyway (Art 50 only  
requires agreement  
of exiting Member  
State), complies with  
Benn Act

Johnson asks for an  
Article 50  
extension to allow  
the UK to hold a  
General Election, or  
Vince-Maugham  
case *nobile*  
*officium* forces the  
letter to be sent

Caretaker takes UK  
towards a General  
Election

Caretaker takes UK  
towards a 2nd  
Referendum

EU does not agree  
to extend

EU agrees to extend

Johnson resigns

Johnson does not resign

Johnson once more  
uses FTPA to call  
an election

Not enough time  
for VONC + 14 days  
before Brexit

Vote of No  
Confidence (VONC)  
or Mountfield  
Route around 21 Oct

Deal fails

Deal passes

Caretaker PM goes  
to European  
Council 17 Oct, asks  
for Article 50  
extension, UK  
nominates a  
European  
Commissioner

Caretaker PM goes  
to European  
Council 17 Oct, asks  
for 9 month Article 50  
extension, UK  
nominates a  
European  
Commissioner

Johnson resigns

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VONC fails

VONC succeeds

Government  
prorogues for a  
Queen's Speech to  
waste 5 days end Oct

Last minute No Deal  
versus Revoke  
showdown

Formation of a  
government with a  
caretaker Prime  
Minister in late  
October

No Deal 31 Oct  
**4%**

Article 50 Revoked  
UK stays in the EU  
**9%**

Brexit with a Deal  
(will require a  
technical Article 50  
Extension to  
implement)  
**1%**

General Election  
before end of 2019  
(requires at least 3  
month Article 50  
Extension)  
**51%**

General Election  
early 2020  
(requires at least 6  
month Article 50  
Extension)  
**21%**

2nd Referendum  
sometime 2020  
(requires 9 month  
Article 50 Extension)  
**14%**

Please note: a General Election could lead to No Deal. This is the chance of No Deal on 31 October only!

Combined chance of a  
General Election: **72%**

EU will not refuse an Article 50 Extension if it is for a General Election or a People's Vote