WEEK COMMENCING 14 OCT

Brexit What Next?

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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 which will happen anyway, are for info purposes

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

UK SIDE

EU SIDE

START

Queen's Speech 14 Oct

Debate on Queen's Speech 15, 16, 17 Oct

Programme motion voted 15 or 16 Oct - to allow Commons to sit Saturday 19 Oct

Programme motion agreed

Negotiations continue in Brussels

Johnson goes to 17 Oct European Council gets a Deal **could** still be approved in principle by Commons 19 Oct

Johnson in Commons 19 Oct with a Deal agreed with EU

0.2

0.7

0.1

Commons makes approval of Deal contingent on a People's Vote

0.7

0.3

Vote fails

1

Benn Act Deadline 19 Oct, with no Brexit Deal that can be agreed

Deal to be approved by People's Vote passes

0.7

0.3

Commons agrees Johnson's Deal in principle 19 Oct

1

Assumption that if Commons agreed a framework of a Deal, Johnson would extend and EU would as well

0.1

0.8

0.1

Violence breaks out at 19 Oct marches, Govt considers using Civil Contingencies Act

Johnson refuses to send extension letter (contrary what was said to Court in Vince/Maugham/ Cherry case)

Johnson sends extension letter

Johnson resigns

Johnson resigns rather than implementing the will of the Commons to hold a Referendum

PM Johnson stomachs what the Commons has voted, stays on as PM to take UK towards referendum

Barrier to passing a Deal is timing issue initially - Deal cannot be ratified by 31 Oct, so extension needed to ratify

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0.98

0.02

First Secretary of State Raab sends extension letter

0.98

0.02

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UK SIDE

EU SIDE

There would still be a vote on the Queen's Speech here, but nothing *but* the case will then matter - Johnson will pursue the hardest line possible if he has got to here

Queen's Speech Vote 21/22 Oct

There should be a vote on the Queen's Speech, but there is no PM - so priority is to find an interim Prime Minister

Concern here is that a vote for a Deal in *principle* in the Commons is only the start - Withdrawal Agreement would still have to be ratified

Assumption here this would proceed without problems!

0.4

0.6

Government wins Queen's Speech vote

Government loses Queen's Speech vote

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Outcome of case does not result in extension letter sent to EU

Outcome of case results in extension letter sent to EU

Johnson refuses to resign

Johnson Resigns

1

0.02

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0.1

0.9

Corbyn tables Vote of No Confidence

One EU Member State rejects extension request

0.1

0.9

VONC Fails

VONC Succeeds

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Johnson refuses to resign

Johnson Resigns after VONC

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Johnson cannot be removed

Queen effectively sacks Johnson

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Johnson survives, but in a sort of no-mans land - cannot get the Brexit he wants, but not ousted either

Rules of Fixed-term Parliaments Act apply - leads to General Election

Scramble to form alternative caretaker Government in 14 days under FTPA

Need to form alternative caretaker Government but no 14 day time limit

0.3

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Johnson calls election under FTPA, requires 2/3 majority

No Caretaker administration formed - so acting PM can decide when election happens - as this person would be a Conservative will be sooner rather than later

Caretaker administration formed

Caretaker administration formed to take UK to referendum

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Johnson does not get a majority

Johnson gets the 2/3 majority

Caretaker PM goes for General Election first

Caretaker PM goes for People's Vote first

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Last Minute Revoke vs. No Deal showdown

0.2

0.8

No Deal on 31 Oct

1%

Article 50 Revoked by 31 Oct

3%

Stalemate - extension but no clear plan, talks to find Deal continue

13%

General Election in late 2019

(needs 3 month Art 50 extension)

44%

General Election in early 2020

(needs 6-9 month Art 50 extension)

11%

2nd Referendum in mid-2020

(needs 9 month Art 50 extension)

18%

Brexit with a Deal

(will need a technical Art 50 extension to implement)

10%

NOTE: this is only the chance of No Deal on 31 October! No Deal after a General Election is still possible but probability not calculable!

Combined chances of GE: 55%
And yes, a GE is not an end point - but I cannot predict a GE just now!

Assumption that if Delay is agreed it will be AT LEAST 3 months in length - might need further extension in early 2020 for one of these options