

# A new referendum is possible: now what is the question?

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As [The Week](#) says in an email this morning:

*Even a few months ago, the idea of a new Brexit referendum would have seemed implausible, but as party conference season gets into full swing, the notion is beginning to look less far-fetched.*

I agree.

But that poses the obvious follow-on: so what is the question? Last time the referendum question was itself disastrous.

Can we make the mistake of a binary question again? If so, what would it be?

And if multiple options are permitted, what might they be?

My preference is a three-part question, something like this:

*Should we:*

*a) Stay in the European Union?*

*b) Leave the European Union but maintain a close working and economic relationship with it?*

*c) Break our formal ties with the European Union?*

*Please pick one option.*

Thoughts?