

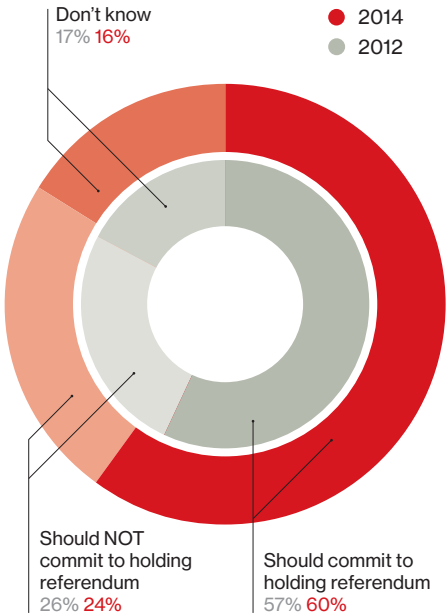
EU comeback

British attitudes to the European Union have become generally more favourable over the past two years, according to a YouGov poll for Chatham House. Those who say they would vote to stay in the EU now have the narrowest of leads – 40 per cent to 39 per cent. Two years ago, 49 per cent said they would vote to leave, against 30 per cent to stay.

The only measure which has gone the other way is estimations of the UK's net contribution to the EU. The median estimate, which in 2012 was more than double the actual figure, has doubled again: on average, the public thought the UK contributed £40 billion to the EU. The actual figure is about £9 billion. Perhaps the government's strategy to renegotiate the UK's relationship with the EU has also highlighted the cost of membership.

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Do you think that the government should or should not commit to holding a referendum on whether the UK should remain a member of the EU?



If there was a referendum on the UK's membership of the European Union, how would you vote?

