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Give us a strong leader and reform Brexit fatigued system, say voters

London.—British voters want a strong leader who is willing to break the rules and force through wide scale reform after three years of Brexit crisis pushed confidence in the political system to a 15-year low.

The 2016 referendum revealed a United Kingdom divided over much more than EU membership, and has sparked impassioned debate about everything from secession and immigration to capitalism, empire and what it means to be British. Yet more than a week since the United Kingdom was originally supposed to leave the EU on March 29, nothing is resolved: it remains uncertain how, when or if it ever will. Research by the Hansard Society found that 54 percent of voters want a strong leader who is willing to break the rules while 72 percent said the system needs “quite a lot” or “a great deal” of improvement. Confidence in the sys-



Brexit blues.

tem at the lowest level in the 15-year history of the survey, lower even than after the 2009 expense scandal when lawmakers were shown to have charged taxpayers for everything from an ornamental duck house to

political changes.”

Just a quarter of people had confidence in lawmakers’ handling of Brexit. The survey was conducted between Nov. 30 and Dec. 12 by Ipsos MORI.

cleaning out a moat. “Opinions of the system of governing are at their lowest point in the 15-year Audit series – worse now than in the aftermath of the MPs’ expenses scandal,” according to the Hansard Society.

“People are pessimistic about the country’s problems and their possible solution, with sizeable numbers willing to entertain radical po-

Spanish socialists on course to win election, no majority

Madrid.—Spain’s Socialists would win a general election scheduled for April 28 with 31.1 percent of the votes, a poll published yesterday in newspaper ABC said, equivalent to between 137 and 139 seats in the 350-seat parliament, but short of a majority.

A coalition of three right-wing parties - People’s Party (PP), Ciudadanos and far-right Vox - would get 45.6 percent of votes, equivalent to between 149 and 158 seats, but this would also be short of the 176 seats needed for a majority, according to the poll conducted by GAD3.

Socialist Pedro Sanchez could be reelected as prime minister if he manages to form another parliamentary majority with the support of far-left Podemos and nationalist parties from Valencia and the Basque Country.

Sanchez could also seek a coalition with Ciudadanos but the centre-right party has ruled out any deal with the Socialists.