

# How UK prime minister could be ousted

British Prime Minister Boris Johnson, under renewed pressure over “Partygate”, could be removed from office by fellow Conservatives

## SCANDAL THAT WON'T GO AWAY



**May 25:** Civil servant **Sue Gray** publishes damning report into illegal parties held in **Downing Street** during Covid-19 lockdowns. **Johnson** apologises but refuses to resign



**May 31:** **Lord Geidt**, PM's ethics adviser, concludes there are “legitimate questions” over whether Johnson breached ministerial code

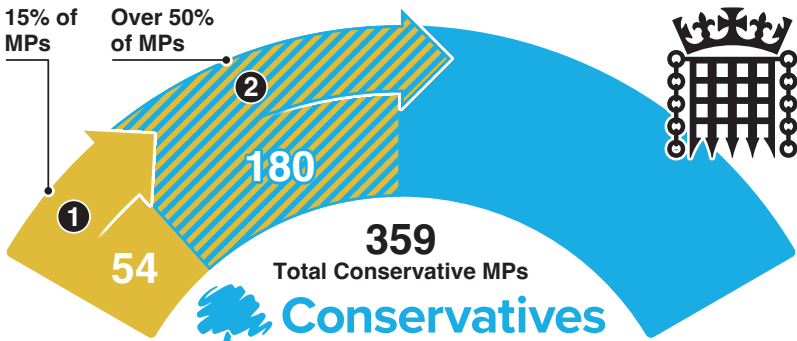


## VOTE OF NO CONFIDENCE

Under **Conservative Party** rules, following process must be followed:

15% of  
MPs

Over 50%  
of MPs



**1** At least **15%** of Conservative MPs need to write to **1922 Committee** to trigger leadership challenge. Chairman keeps tally of letters secret but vote proceeds if threshold of **54** is reached

**2** Johnson would be ousted from power if majority of Conservative MPs vote for his removal – at least **180** votes. He would not be allowed to stand in subsequent leadership contest

**3** MPs reduce field of contenders to two before postal ballot of party members decides winner, who becomes prime minister