**Britons favour second EU referendum by 16-point margin - with even a quarter of Leave supporters backing a new Brexit vote, poll suggests**

* A comprehensive poll carried out by The Guardian says voters support the idea of a second EU referendum by a 16-point margin
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More Britons favour a second referendum on European Union membership than oppose another vote, a poll suggests.

A total of 47% of respondents favour having a final say on Brexit once the terms of withdrawal are known, while 34% are against reopening the question, according to the ICM poll for the Guardian.

Excluding the 19% who do not have a view, it gives a 16-point lead in favour of a second referendum.

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The poll makes clear that Brexit remains a hot potato in Britain, with the country still divided and opinions becoming increasingly bitter and more polarised.

Other findings in the poll reveal mounting concern over the economic damage caused by Brexit with a small majority believing it will also have a negative impact on the 'British way of life'.

Another finding is signs of a rethink among Labour voters, with 9 percent of Labour leave voters now switching to remain and bigger backing for a second vote in Labour marginal constituencies than  in other parts of the country.

The poll also reveals more evidence of a Brexit generational and geographical divide, with younger voters in particular much more supportive of Britain's continuing to be a member of the EU and older voters more sure than ever that it is best to leave.  Likewise, voters in Scotland are more likely to be pro-EU, whereas support for leave remains strong in Wales and the Midlands.

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It comes after former Ukip leader Nigel Farage suggested he was 'maybe' coming around to the idea of having a second referendum on EU membership to settle the issue.

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Overall, the survey found that 51 percent were now in favour of staying in the EU while 49 percent would vote to confirm June 2016's Leave vote.

ICM polled 5,075 people in a representative sample in mid-January.