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Snabbkommentar

Brexit – De facto ny folkomröstning om Brexit

- Stora reaktioner på marknaden
- May menar att nyvalet syftar till att stärka mandatet
- Conservatives har starkt stöd medan Labour är försvagat

Marknaden tas med förvåning på nyval i Storbritannien

Premiärminister Theresa May har just meddelat att Storbritannien går till nyval den 8 juni. Beskedet tog marknaden med förvåning eftersom May vid flera tillfällen tidigare (ex. precis innan hon tillträdde som PM, i hennes första stora intervju och i hennes jultal) dementerat att ett nyval innan 2020 ska hållas. Pundet försvagades kraftigt inför beskedet men har sedan återtagit tappad mark, vilket beror på förnyat hopp om ett fortsatt EU-medlemskap eller en mjukare Brexit. Den tioåriga brittiska statsobligationen har också åkt berg- och dalbana (först ett räntenedställ som sedan rekylat upp, för att sedan återigen vända ned). Den brittiska börsen (FTSE 100) har fallit och noteras till den lägsta nivån sedan februari i år.

Storbritanniens vara eller icke-vara i EU

Att den brittiska politiken har varit splittrad sedan folkomröstningen i juni är ingen nyhet. Det har varit rejält stökigt inom Labour, som slutligen beslutade att ha kvar Jeremy Corbyn som partiledare. Därtill har Skottland röstat för en ny folkomröstning om självständighet, i hopp om att "återfå" ett EU-medlemskap efter att Storbritannien lämnat EU.

May har poängterat att nyvalet handlar om att få en mer enad brittisk front och minska den politiska instabiliteten. Men egentligen är nyvalet de facto en ny folkomröstning om Storbritanniens medlemskap i EU. Liberal Democrats har redan meddelat att de kommer att förespråka en "icke-hård Brexit" och pekar på att detta är en möjlighet att styra om. Även Labour har tidigare förespråkat ett mjukare budskap och de argumenterade för ett fortsatt EU-medlemskap inför folkomröstningen i juni. Vidare har Labour meddelat att de kommer att stödja ett nyval (därmed kommer de 2/3 av rösterna i Underhuset, som behövs för att hålla ett nyval, gå igenom och ett nyval blir realitet).

De senaste opinionsmätningarna visar att Conservatives har ett stort övertag över de övriga partierna. I de senaste tre mätningarna som publicerades den 13 april var Conservatives övertag 21 procentenheter (9 p.e. i en utav de tre undersökningarna). Stödet för Theresa May är fortsatt starkt men antalet missnöjda väljare har ökat jämfört med när hon tillträdde i juli 2016. För Labours Jeremy Corbyn har gapet mellan nöjda och missnöjda samtidigt ökat där fler väljare nu är missnöjda med honom.

Men om det är något vi ska lära oss från fjolåret så är det att man ska ta brittiska opinionsmätningar med en stor nypa salt. Fortsättning följer.

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