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Introduction

More than 3 million people signing a petition for a General Election appears, at first glance, to be overwhelming public demand.

Yet such petitions are routinely acknowledged and rejected.

This is not because public opinion is irrelevant.

It is because petitions, by design, do not create the structural leverage required to produce political or institutional change.

This report explains:

- why mass petitions rarely lead to outcomes
- the structural realities of power and decision making
- what must actually happen for large-scale change to occur
- how coordinated action infrastructure can convert agreement into measurable results

While this report uses a General Election as its example, the principles apply universally across personal, organisational, and societal ambitions.

The Illusion of Impact

Why Petitions Feel Powerful But Change Little

When millions of people sign a petition, it creates the appearance of collective action.

In reality, most petitions represent **expressions of sentiment**, not structured movements.

Signing a petition typically requires:

- no sustained commitment
- no coordination with others
- no defined next step
- no resource contribution
- no accountability

Decision makers understand this distinction clearly.

They differentiate between:

public mood and **organised leverage**

Only the latter consistently produces change.

The Structural Reality of Power

Why 3 Million Signatures Can Be Rejected

Political and institutional systems respond primarily to structured pressure, not volume of opinion alone.

A petition with millions of signatures usually has:

- no central leadership structure
- no unified strategy
- no legal pathway
- no coordinated national campaign
- no sustained constituency-level pressure
- no electoral consequences
- no operational plan

Without these elements, rejection carries little practical risk.

From a decision-making perspective, the calculation is simple:

If the signatories are not organised into a coordinated force, the petition represents frustration rather than leverage.

Frustration alone rarely changes systems.

The Missing Middle Layer

Agreement Does Not Equal Action

Across society, a repeating pattern exists:

People agree something should change.

They express concern publicly.

They sign, post, and discuss.

Then momentum fades.

This happens because there is no structured environment that converts shared intention into coordinated action.

Between “we agree” and “we achieved it” sits a missing middle layer:

organisation

planning

coordination

execution

Without this layer, even millions of aligned people remain fragmented.

Fragmented agreement rarely produces measurable outcomes.

What Would Actually Be Required

To Force a General Election

If citizens genuinely wanted to create the conditions for a General Election, several coordinated realities would need to emerge.

A. A Visible National Coalition

Millions would need to become an organised, connected bloc rather than isolated signatories.

This requires:

- central coordination
- defined leadership or governance structure
- clear objectives and messaging
- shared strategy

B. Legal and Constitutional Strategy

A structured effort must engage constitutional and legal mechanisms such as:

- parliamentary processes
- votes of no confidence
- coordinated legal challenges
- electoral strategy

Legal expertise must be integrated into the movement from the outset.

C. Constituency-Level Coordination

Political systems respond to localised electoral pressure.

This requires organised action across constituencies:

- coordinated MP engagement
- unified communication
- local group organisation
- visible voting implications

D. Sustained Media and Public Narrative

Media pressure must be continuous and structured, not sporadic.

Requires:

- consistent messaging
- credible spokespeople
- coordinated campaigns
- ongoing visibility

E. Demonstrable Consequences

Systems respond when inaction carries measurable risk.

This could include:

- electoral consequences
- reputational impact
- sustained national attention
- organised civic pressure

Without these elements, even very large petitions remain advisory signals rather than catalysts for change.

The Universal Lesson

This Is Not Just About Politics

The same dynamic appears everywhere.

In organisations:

Employees agree change is needed but remain uncoordinated.

In communities:

Residents share concerns but lack structure to act together.

In industries:

Professionals recognise problems but work in isolation.

In personal lives:

Individuals know what must change but lack support and structure.

Agreement exists everywhere.

Coordinated execution is rare.

That is why progress is often slow.

What To Do About It

From Agreement to Measurable Outcomes

For any large-scale ambition to succeed, people must move beyond expression into coordinated action.

This requires:

A shared coordination environment

Where people gather around a single objective.

Structured planning

Clear actions, responsibilities, and timelines.

Micro actions at scale

Breaking large ambitions into achievable steps.

Visible progress tracking

Maintaining momentum and accountability.

Sustained collaboration

Keeping people aligned until outcomes are delivered.

When these elements exist, agreement becomes leverage.

Without them, even overwhelming support dissipates.

A New Model for Collective Action

Modern society has platforms for:

communication

discussion

broadcast

petition

But very little infrastructure exists for:

structured collaboration

mass coordination

shared execution

measurable delivery

This gap explains why so many widely supported ambitions fail to materialise.

When practical coordination becomes possible at scale, entirely new levels of progress become achievable.

Why This Matters Now

Across the UK and many other countries, public frustration is rising while trust in traditional mechanisms is declining.

Without practical ways for people to coordinate and act together constructively, this gap between concern and progress will continue to widen.

This gives the report urgency and timeliness.

Closing Reflection

If 3 million people agreeing is not enough to create change, then agreement was never the real barrier.

Fragmentation was.

The future will belong to those who can move beyond shared frustration and build structured, coordinated action toward measurable outcomes.

The question is no longer whether people care.

It is whether they are prepared to organise and act together.

Final Post Script

This report uses a call for a General Election as its example.

But the lesson applies everywhere.

Across every area of life, people see things that could work better.

Most are willing to agree.

Few have the structure to act together.

When that structure exists, almost anything becomes possible.

When it does not, even millions of voices can be heard and ignored.

Introducing Ideas-Shared.

A practical coordination infrastructure for people who are ready to move beyond agreement and deliver real outcomes together.

Discover <https://ideas-shared.com>.

Meet the Author



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With over 30 years across the Private Sector, Public Sector, and Military, he has seen what happens when good people and organisations fail to progress - leading to lost opportunity, reduced quality of life, and prolonged, unnecessary hardship.

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A better world. Greater prosperity. Well-being for all. Tangible progress.

- A practical way forward, for anyone ready to act.
