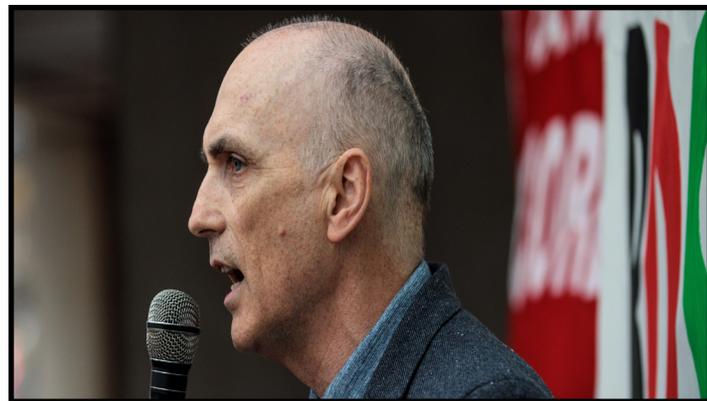


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For most of Boris Johnson's political career, it was a well-sourced article of faith at Westminster that the reason he would never become prime minister was the contempt in which he was held by many of his colleagues. Doubts ranged from his ability to perform well in the House of Commons, to his laziness in his role as mayor of London – where he preferred to outsource much of the difficult work to talented deputies – to his error-strewn tenure at the Foreign Office, to his lack of ideological commitment.

Conservative MPs would privately say that they had no greater wish than to make sure that Johnson never darkened the door of Downing Street, and that they would do everything in their power to make sure that any Johnson bid for the leadership failed.

The Tories' poor showing in the European Parliament elections and their dire poll ratings broke the back of the parliamentary party's Stop Johnson tendency: the success of Nigel Farage's insurgent Brexit Party turned the minds of many MPs away from the question of who was best suited to hold office and to who was best equipped to win it. As one Johnsonite convert said, the choice is between "someone who I fear wouldn't do anything as prime minister, or Corbyn, who I fear would" The former mayor of London won every ballot of Conservative MPs by a clear margin and went into the final stage of the contest – in which an estimated 160,000 paid-up members of the Conservative Party would pick one of either Johnson or Jeremy Hunt to be its next leader and thus the prime minister – having amassed the support of 160 MPs, a majority of the parliamentary party.

But while the fear of electoral defeat broke Tory resistance to Johnson's candidacy, it did not kill it. Lost in the excitement of Johnson's consistent lead among MPs was that it took him five ballots to achieve what Theresa May had in just one: the support of an absolute majority of her parliamentary colleagues.

While there was, undoubtedly, a measure of tactical voting by Johnson's allies to ensure that Hunt, not Michael Gove, reached the final two, the inconvenient truth of Johnson's march on Downing Street was that more than a hundred of his colleagues, knowing full well that the former foreign secretary was a near-inevitable winner in the race, opted for defiance rather than surrender. The usual dynamic is for MPs to fall in line behind the runaway winner in the first ballot – May's rivals collectively gained just 18 votes between the first ballot and the last. Johnson's last two rivals picked up more than 30 apiece.

The anti-Johnson resistance was alive and well in the parliamentary party, and it is more ideologically diverse than supposed. So what will they do next?

Nominally, the immediate threat to Johnson was Hunt. Much to the surprise of his former leadership rivals, who expected that Hunt would spend the summer not so much running against Johnson as positioning himself to remain in post under a Johnson premiership, the Foreign Secretary was approaching the task of defeating the front-runner with considerable zeal. He has licensed briefings from his allies that Johnson was bottling the contest by swerving televised debates with Hunt. (Johnson did agree to do one, but only after postal ballots have arrived at the homes of Tory activists, rendering it near-pointless.)

Hunt criticised Johnson's failure to front up and branded him cowardly.

Yet while Hunt had shown more vigour than his critics expected, Johnson started the contest with a 48-point lead over his rival among Conservative members, and even after an energetic campaign it was unlikely to erode it sufficiently to stop Johnson becoming prime minister.

More worrying for Johnson were the doubts of those who were superficially on his side: Brexiteers who fear that his pro-Leave position is a convenient posture from which he might, at any point, resile in search of political advantage.

These MPs largely backed Dominic Raab in the first round of voting and while some reconciled to Johnson, they were carefully watching his media appearances for signs of backsliding. If there was a threat to Johnson's leadership hopes, it is that Brexiteer doubts about his conduct become mainstream.

The former mayor done a good job of reassuring this faction: making Iain Duncan Smith his campaign chief was designed to shore up his credentials as a committed Leaver.

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If we allow this new suspension to stand – or even turn into an expulsion – this will not only be a great injustice to Chris, but to all of us!

The Chris Williamson Judgement

In the eyes of the Labour party a multi-millionaire who does not even live in her own constituency has more value than a working class ex bricklayer who does. The decision by Labour to saddle Chris Williamson with new charges shortly before his case was to be heard at the high court show that, no matter what the rights and wrongs in legal or moral terms, no left wing Socialist would be able to escape the Blairite spider's web.

Chris was given a sheet with 24 questions to answer regarding his conduct. These stemmed from video interviews he had been kind enough to give to us at THE WORD. At the time our interviewers thought that Chris was giving rather bland answers to their questions. He obviously was not bland enough for the McCarthyite tribute band that lurk in Labour.

The videos in question can be viewed via our website,
www.thewordmedia.co.uk

The MSM blackout on the true high court verdict is indicative of the real reason behind it. The Labour party is in a civil war between the right wing careerists who have taken it over and the majority of the members who want to fight for a better society. No amount of pretty make up will disguise that fact. Which side are you on?

The High Court has today judged that the Labour Party acted unlawfully in re-suspending me on 28 June, and "that there was no proper reason" for doing so. I'm glad the 're-suspension' has been quashed. However, I'm currently suspended. It's clear that my 're-suspension' was motivated by media hysteria. The judge said: "it is not ... difficult to infer that the true reason for the decision in this case was that [NEC] members ... were influenced by the ferocity of the outcry following the June decision."

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my 're-suspension' has been quashed, and all of the allegations presented in that suspension can no longer be pursued against me.

Yet a week prior to my court hearing – using every loophole in the book – the party bureaucracy issued me with a new suspension, based on a series of preposterous allegations that I answered fully and swiftly.

Due to this, despite winning today, the latest suspension stands. I know this will be a bitter disappointment to everyone who has supported me in this case. I'm outraged that membership subscriptions given by our loyal activists have been used to pay legal fees. I'm outraged that I've had to resort to legal means to achieve justice.

This is a damning indictment of our party's internal disciplinary procedures, which require a total overhaul – towards a fairer, more independent and more democratic system. My suspension must now be lifted. I will be focussing my energies, as we all should, on winning the next election. Because a Jeremy Corbyn-led Labour government could transform the lives of millions, by bringing about an irreversible shift in the balance of wealth power and income in our country.

I would like to express my thanks and appreciation to my family, my supporters and everyone who generously donated to my crowdfunder. Without you, this victory today wouldn't have been possible. You are the living proof that 'unity is strength'.

HONOURABLE MR JUSTICE PEPPERALL
Judgment

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THE SECOND SUSPENSION

THE FACTS

By a letter dated 3 September 2019, the Party's Governance and Legal Unit notified Mr Williamson of fresh allegations against him. The allegations were said to include:

- Sending an email to a member of the public who had complained to you about your criticisms of Margaret Hodge MP that referred her to a video on YouTube. The video described Ms Hodge as 'cheapening and exploiting the memory of Jewish suffering'; 'trivialising the memory of the Holocaust'; and requesting that she 'get the hell out of the Labour Party'; among other offensive personal statements about her.
- Publicly legitimising or endorsing the misconduct of members or former members of the Party that the NEC has found, in its opinion, to be grossly detrimental or prejudicial to the Labour Party.
- Undermining the Party's ability to campaign effectively against antisemitism by publicly characterising the disciplinary processes of the Party in relation to cases of alleged racism as politically motivated and/or not genuine."

The letter noted that Mr Williamson was currently suspended pending determination of the earlier allegations by the NCC. He was further suspended in relation to the new allegations. The letter posed 31 written questions, which Mr Williamson answered on 5 September.

ANALYSIS

While the Labour Party is no longer able lawfully to pursue the original disciplinary case against Mr Williamson, that does not afford him immunity from

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This is how Chris Williamson has aptly summed up the High Court judgment, which was delivered at Birmingham's Civil Justice Centre today, October 10 2019. The judge ruled that the Labour Party acted unlawfully in re-suspending Chris on 28 June, and "that there was no proper reason" for doing so.

The judge also confirmed that Chris' 're-suspension' must have been motivated by media hysteria. The judge said: "it is not ... difficult to infer that the true reason for the decision in this case was that [NEC] members ... were influenced by the ferocity of the outcry following the June decision."

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However, in what must be one of the most bizarre twists in Labour's witch-hunt crisis, Chris remains suspended from the party! A double suspension! How much more Kafkaesque can this witch-hunt get?

The ruling listed some of the absurd new charges that Chris has been suspended for. Why? Because the party issued him on September 3 – one week before the court hearing – with another suspension. In Chris' words, this third suspension was "based on a series of preposterous allegations that I answered fully and swiftly."

The judge ruled that there was "nothing in the new allegations, the timing of the letter of 3 September or the decision to suspend that entitles me to take the view upon the papers that the Labour party is acting either unfairly or other than in good faith". He added: "I therefore refuse relief in respect of Mr Williamson's recent re-suspension. The new disciplinary case must run its course" (the full judgement is available here).

This new suspension is not just absurd, it shows to what length the Labour bureaucracy will go in its futile campaign to try and appease the right in the party. Presumably, Chris' case will now be referred to the party's National Constitutional Committee.

Despite various reforms, this is still dominated by the right, a section of the union bureaucracy and a weak left that gives in to the witch-hunt.

No doubt, the idea is to keep Chris suspended for as long as possible: Should a general election be called soon, he will not be able stand as a Labour Party candidate.

How many more Corbyn supporters and socialists will have to be thrown to the wolves before Labour Party HQ understands that the right will never stop, they will never be appeased!

Jackie Walker, Marc Wadsworth, Ken Livingstone, Pete Willsman and the many hundreds of Corbyn supporters who have been smeared, investigated and expelled – they are nothing but collateral damage. The real target of the campaign is, of course, Jeremy Corbyn himself.

The right will not accept him as leader of the Labour Party, let alone prime minister.

They will continue their campaign of sabotage, because he remains unreliable from the ruling class's point of view, especially given his strong support for the rights of Palestinians.

It is high time that Jeremy Corbyn and the rest of the Labour leadership stand up and say: Enough is enough!

Background:

Chris Williamson was first suspended by the Labour Party on 27 February 2019, following a vicious campaign led by the right in and outside the Labour Party. His crime? A so-called "pattern of behaviour", with the following three main charges:

He booked a room in the House of Commons for the documentary 'Witchhunt' to be shown;

He briefly shared on Twitter a petition in support of Gilad Atzmon (that he deleted and for which he apologised publicly as soon he was told "that in various blogs and in speeches Atzmon has adopted antisemitic language"); He questioned at a meeting of Sheffield Momentum whether the party had responded correctly to the charge of being institutionally anti-Semitic (to read what he actually said, click here)

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#IStandWithChrisWilliamson

Chris is subject to this abuse because he has always put the interest of the people first. To smear him and lie about him is because the establishment fear Britain is on the verge of a socialist government under Jeremy Corbyn.

Ken Livingstone

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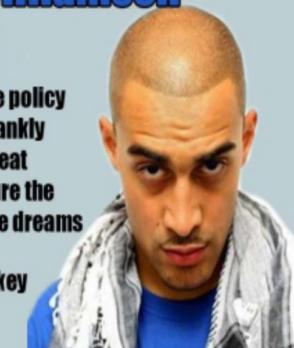


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The Labour party has been targeted by a sophisticated campaign which seeks to misrepresent anti-racists as racists. The policy of appeasement when under attack is frankly suicidal. Williamson has been done a great injustice with this suspension and he sure the real target here is Jeremy Corbyn and the dreams of millions he has come to represent.

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Chris Williamson is a rare, principled and brave MP who has devoted his political life to standing up for the voiceless and justice. A Labour Party claiming to represent the mass of ordinary Britons ought to be proud to say that 'Chris Williamson is one of us'. His suspension on a bogus charge, based on an equally bogus issue, is outrageous, as is the cowardice of those who have failed to defend him.

John Pilger

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POOR IN THE USA

If you're poor or low-income in the U.S. and use government safety net programs, you could be affected by a number of new rules and actions proposed by the Trump administration. Most of the changes are still pending, and anti-poverty groups are trying to stop them from going into effect. Some of the proposals already face legal challenges.

President Trump has said repeatedly that he wants to get more people off government aid and into the workforce so they can become self-sufficient. To help do that, he issued an executive order last year to reduce poverty "by promoting opportunity and economic mobility."

In it, Trump called on federal agencies to streamline existing welfare programs, strengthen work requirements and make sure that taxpayer money is spent on "those who are truly in need."

But anti-poverty advocates say the administration's proposals would hurt, rather than help, poor Americans. They say it will make it more difficult for those trying to become self-sufficient by denying them food, housing and medical assistance when they need it most.

"They really are trying to use every agency to make life harder for people who are low-income," says Elizabeth Lower-Basch, director of income and work supports at the Center for Law and Social Policy.

Deborah Weinstein, executive director of the Coalition on Human Needs, which represents about 100 anti-poverty groups nationwide, calls the volume of proposals targeting the safety net "head spinning."

PUTIN ON THE WORLD

Putin said he asked the previous US administration what would happen if Syrian President Bashar Assad decided to leave power, just as they had been demanding.

"You cannot even imagine how funny it was. They said, 'We don't know.' But when you do not know what happens tomorrow, why shoot from the hip today?" Putin said.

Russia, he said, prefers to "look at problems thoroughly from all possible angles and not to be in any hurry." Venezuela: 'We do not meddle in things'

There are Russian specialists and instructors in Venezuela, under the terms of a defense contract signed years ago, but there are no Russian troops there and Moscow is not "propping up" President Nicolas Maduro despite US accusations, Putin said.

We do not meddle in things; it is none of our business... This problem should be sorted out by the Venezuelan people themselves. That is all.

When a person enters a square, raises his eyes to the sky and proclaims himself president? Let us do the same in Japan, the US or Germany. What will happen? Do you understand that this will cause chaos all over the world?" Putin asked back, referring to the US-backed opposition leader Juan Guaido's attempt to seize power in Caracas.

North Korea as failure of international security Nuclear weapons pose a threat to international peace and security, Putin said, but the crisis over North Korea is rooted in the "tragedies of Libya and Iraq,"

that have "inspired many countries to ensure their security at all costs."

The real question is not how to disarm Pyongyang, but "how to make any country, including North Korea, feel safe and protected by international law that is strictly honored by all members of the international community," the Russian president told FT. If the international community shows respect for North Korea and ensures its security, "the situation may take a turn nobody can imagine today," he added. Globalism has failed US middle class Donald Trump is president of the US because he realized that the American middle class did not benefit from globalization, Putin argued, adding that this helps explain Trump's economic policies and relations with partners and allies. The obvious problem is the gap between the interests of the elites and the overwhelming majority of the people. 'Liberal idea has failed' Whether one agrees with Trump's idea to build a wall on the US-Mexico border or not, "he is at least looking for a solution," Putin said, while the proponents of the so-called liberal values are "not doing anything," insisting that everything is just fine even as unprecedented numbers of migrants come across their borders. So, the liberal idea has become obsolete. It has come into conflict with the interests of the overwhelming majority of the population. The same thing is happening in Europe, the Russian president said, noting that other leaders he spoke with saying nothing can be done because there are laws.

"Well, change the laws!" he said.

More revelations over Swinsons husband EU cash links



Does the leader of the Liberal Democrats Jo Swinson's passion to stop Brexit at any cost come with terms and conditions applied. And is there more to Swinson's point blank refusal to join the cross-party coalition to prevent a no-deal Brexit.

It turns out The European Union gave a 3.5m euro donation to an anti corruption watchdog organisation called Transparency International.

The Acting Executive director of policy at Transparency International UK is Duncan Hames who just happens to be the Husband of the leader of the Liberal Democrats Jo Swinson's.

Hames' LinkedIn profile describes him as: "Fighting corruption by day, studying internal audit reports by night..."

Mr Hames was the MP for the Chippenham constituency in Wiltshire from 2010 to 2015 and served as Parliamentary Private Secretary to Nick Clegg when he was Deputy Prime Minister.

Transparency International (TI) is a global movement sharing one vision: a world in which government politics, business, civil society and the daily lives of people are free of corruption.

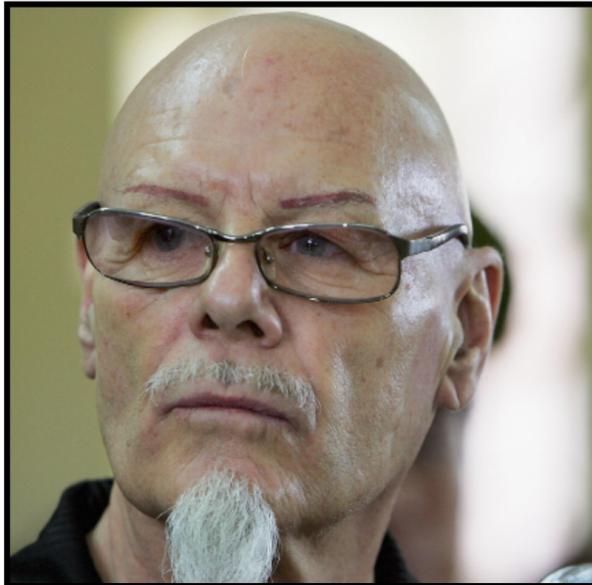
It has recently come to light through their financial statements that not only has Mr Hames organisation taken money from the EU they have also received significant donations from 'Open Society' which is an organisation owned by the international financier George Soros's. Looking through the accounts you can see they have receive Grants from numerous NGO's.

Last year Transparency International UK recieved £167,000 from the Open Society Policy Centre for the 'UK Anti-Corruption Programme'. Over the last two years their Defence & Security Programme has also received donations from other Open Society organisations.

It is not just NGO's who have funded this organisation many Counties have support such as the Netherlands, Sweden & The United Nations.

Transparency International are completely open about their funding sources, however it is the relation to Ms Swinson that many have expressed anger. The Swinson household has a husband who works for an organisation that openly admits to receiving donations of 3.5m euro from the EU

Gary Glitter set to make a fortune from the Joker



Makers of the blockbuster-movie *The Joker* are facing criticism after the inclusion of Paedophile singer Gary Glitters 1972 hit “Rock and Roll Part 2”. The song plays as Phoenix dances down the stairs while his character transforms into the sinister killer. Gary Glitter, real name Paul Gadd, jailed in 2015 for abusing three young girls, is thought to be due for release in 2021.

The thriller, starring Joaquin Phoenix as the twisted villain, is already breaking box office records after taking \$93.5 million at US cinemas over the weekend.



2,134 trees cut since Friday night

IN 24 hours the Mumbai Metro Rail Corporation Limited (MMRCL) cut as many as 2,134 trees in Aarey Milk Colony, senior officials said. The MMRCL had sprung into action hours after the Bombay High Court dismissed a clutch of petitions challenging the felling of trees in Aarey to make way for a Metro 3 car shed. The agency deployed a team of 70 men for clearing the area demarcated for the car shed of 2,646 trees. The MMRCL will fell 2,185 trees and transplant 461 others for the project.

A senior officer from MMRCL said, “We were prepared since the Tree Authority had given a go-ahead to cutting of trees last. On Friday evening, when we got the judgment in our favor, we started work execution on the site as we are already 12 months behind schedule.” MMRCL team axed 450 trees with the help electric machines, a senior officer said. “However, due to protests by local tribals and other people, the work was a halted from 11 pm After which, with the help of local police, we managed to cut 2,134 trees.

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The Liberal Democrats could be copying practices used by Cambridge Analytica as they are profiling every voter in the country by rating their political preferences.

These preferences include which party they will vote for in the next election and whether they are a Remainer or Leaver. Other scored characteristics include “Likelihood of being a Labour voter”, “Likelihood of being a core Liberal Democrat” and “Net difference in likelihood of voting for the Conservative or Brexit Party in 2019”.

The system uses a sophisticated computer model to generate the scores, also assesses personal outlooks, giving a percentage to “Likelihood of being a pragmatic liberal”.

The Liberal Democrats also use software which estimates the age and first language of voters by analysing their names. This kind of scoring system is commonly used by political parties, but new data transparency laws which allow anyone to ask for their data give an unprecedented glimpse into how a major party operates.

The data used to create the scores comes from a range of sources, including the UK electoral register, phone and door-step canvassing, anonymous online surveys, and publicly available data such as census area classifications, which categorise different regions according to their populations. The Liberal Democrats also employed “consumer/market research data”, which it bought from a third party. This information on lifestyle and financial behaviour is frequently used by political parties to target voters in specific areas.

Trump told May he doubted Russia was behind Skripal poisoning



Donald Trump disputed that Russia was behind the poisoning of a former Russian spy in a tense call with the former Prime Minister Theresa May, it has emerged. Despite the conclusion that the Vladimir Putin's regime was behind the of attempted murder of Sergei Skripal and his daughter Yulia last year, the US president is said to have spent 10 minutes expressing his doubts about Russian involvement.

"Trump totally bought into the idea there was credible doubt about the poisoning," said a figure briefed on the call. "A solid 10 minutes of the conversation is spent with May saying it's highly likely and him saying he's not sure."

On 4 March 2018 Sergei Skripal, a former Russian military officer and double agent for the UK's intelligence services, and his daughter Yulia Skripal were poisoned in Salisbury, England.

The Skripals were left fighting for their lives after the novichok attack in Salisbury, while a policeman was also left seriously ill. A second policeman was recently discovered to have been injured in the attack.

Two Russian agents, Alexander Petrov and Ruslan Boshirov, were identified as the likely culprits. However, they later appeared on RT, claiming they visited the "wonderful" English city as tourists to see its cathedral.



DWP Universal Credit 700: suspected errors by one council in 18 months

More than 700 "suspected errors" in Universal Credit have been flagged in 18 months by a single town hall.

Tower Hamlets began compiling the figures in April 2018 over fears the Department for Work and Pensions (DWP) was not dealing robustly enough with problems.

Since then the London borough's officers have reported 728 cases to the DWP - identifying £335,000 in alleged overpayments and £215,000 in underpayments. Universal Credit was rolled out in 2013 by the Conservative Government and was designed to simplify the benefits system. The initial forecast to implement the system was around £2 billion, later grew to over £12 billion.

The Borough's mayor John Biggs said: "The roll out of Universal Credit should be halted. It's failing our most vulnerable residents and pushing them into hardship. "It's simply not good enough that these blunders continue."

Deputy Mayor Rachel Blake added: "The continuing errors we are seeing due to Universal Credit show it's not fit for purpose. "It's impossible for our residents to budget when they are being regularly underpaid or suddenly hit with bill for overpayments."

Cases reported by Tower Hamlets included a single parent in temporary accommodation, who waited eight months for payment because of a spat between the council and the DWP over who was responsible for paying them.

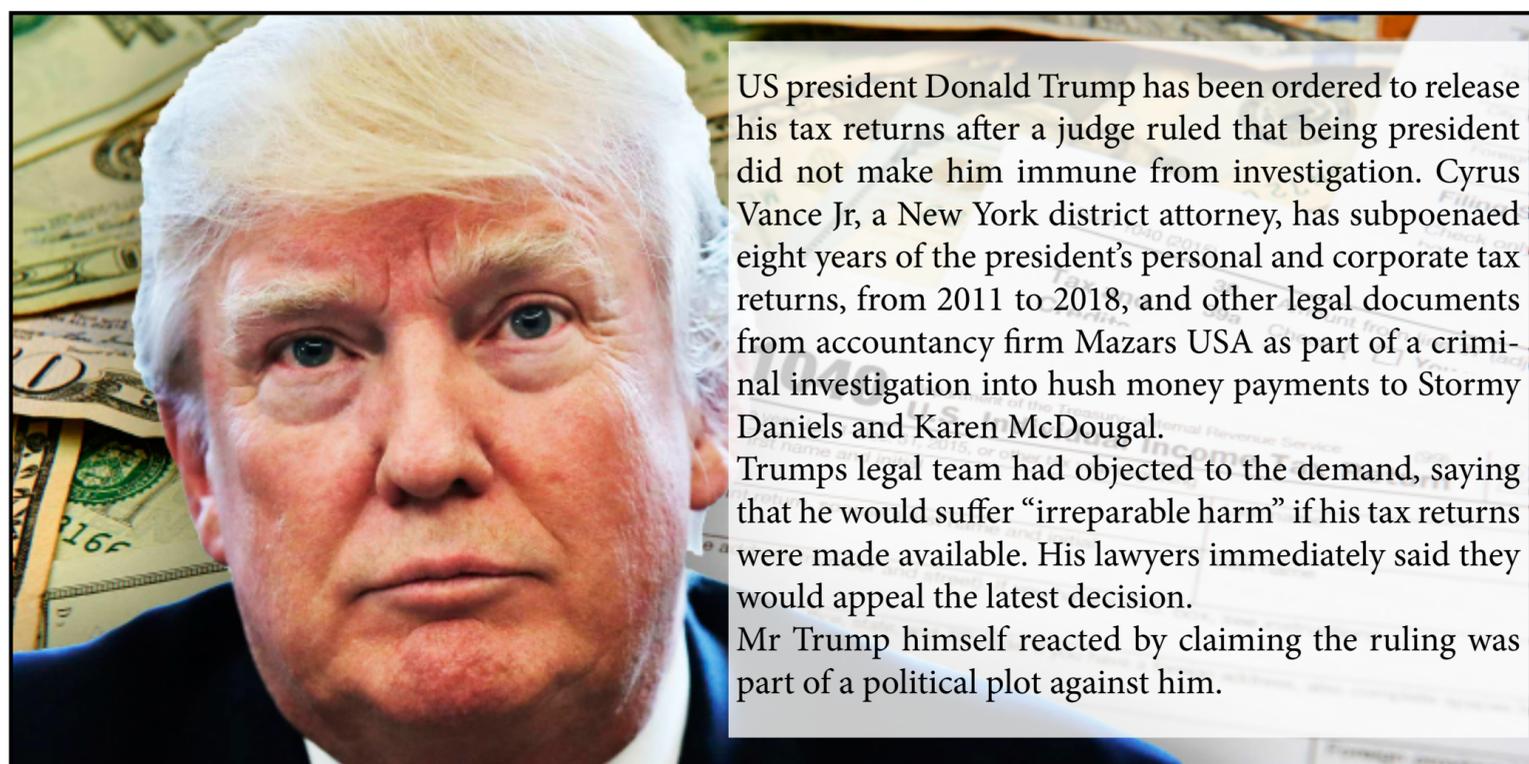
Swedish scientist: eating human flesh as solution to global climate change

A Swedish scientist speaking at Stockholm summit offered an unusual possible tactic in combating global climate change: eating human flesh.

Stockholm School of Economics professor and researcher Magnus Soderlund reportedly said he believes eating human meat, derived from dead bodies, might be able to help save the human race if only a world society were to "awaken the idea."

Soderlund's argument for human cannibalism during a panel talk called "Can you Imagine Eating Human Flesh?" at the Gastro Summit, reports The Epoch Times. "Conservative" taboos against cannibalism, he said, can change over time if peoples simply tried eating human flesh.

Some of the talking points at the seminar included whether humans were too selfish to "live sustainably" and if cannibalism is the solution to food sustainability in the future.



US president Donald Trump has been ordered to release his tax returns after a judge ruled that being president did not make him immune from investigation. Cyrus Vance Jr, a New York district attorney, has subpoenaed eight years of the president's personal and corporate tax returns, from 2011 to 2018, and other legal documents from accountancy firm Mazars USA as part of a criminal investigation into hush money payments to Stormy Daniels and Karen McDougal.

Trump's legal team had objected to the demand, saying that he would suffer "irreparable harm" if his tax returns were made available. His lawyers immediately said they would appeal the latest decision.

Mr Trump himself reacted by claiming the ruling was part of a political plot against him.

KICK IT Out has commissioned a new play based on the extraordinary and inspiring life of Laurie Cunningham.

Getting the Third Degree, written by award-winning playwright Dougie Blaxland and directed by Roughhouse Theatre, was commissioned as part of the 25th anniversary of Kick It Out's campaign to tackle racism and discrimination in football.



The compelling new drama will tour the UK in October to coincide with Black History Month (full schedule of dates and venues below).

The play tells the powerful story of Cunningham, who came to prominence with West Bromwich Albion in the late 1970s. The first of the black footballing trio famously dubbed "The Three Degrees", Cunningham with his swaggering style and dazzling skills forced favourable comparisons with Pele. The first ever millionaire black footballer, the first black player to sign for the mighty Real Madrid, and only the second to win a full cap for England, he inspired a generation of young black players to follow in his pioneering footsteps. In dramatising Cunningham's rise to stardom Getting The Third Degree also explores how he and his teammates, Brendon Batson and Cyrille Regis, triumphed over racial abuse and physical threats, often orchestrated by The National Front, through a combination of footballing brilliance, charismatic style and compelling dignity. Incorporating 1970s funk, soul, blues, jazz/jive dance, football songs/chants, contemporary commentary and social and political speeches, Getting The Third Degree is a powerful piece of total theatre that vividly recreates a tense and troubled period in the history of football and society.

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As part of the project, Kick It Out and playwright Dougie Blaxland have produced an education pack for use in secondary schools at Key Stages 3 and 4 that allows students to explore the issues and themes of Getting the Third Degree. The pack comes complete with a copy of the script and references to further research and reading. Speaking on behalf of the family, Cunningham's niece, Rhodene, said: "We are delighted Kick It Out has commissioned this new stage play about Laurie's life. He was a very special man loved by us all and we hope his pioneering story will be an inspiration to everyone who comes to see the production." With racial abuse in football and wider society dominating the headlines once more, playwright Dougie Blaxland says the issues the play raises are "every bit as relevant today" as they were more than 40 years ago when the Three Degrees were playing.

Roisin Wood, Kick It Out's Chief executive officer, is excited to embark on such a unique project that will raise awareness of one of the pioneers of English football and a key figure in tackling racism in the game. "In an organisation committed to changing deeply-embedded attitudes you cannot simply repeat the same message in the same way year after year," she said.

STILL RELEVANT: Racial abuse in football and wider society continues to dominate the headlines "The commissioning of this play - and the development of the education pack - is an attempt to engage new audiences in our ongoing mission to combat racism in football." "The more fans, followers of football and members of the public we can encourage to see this exciting production, the greater its impact will be." The play will be co-directed by Roughhouse Theatre's joint artistic directors Shane Morgan and Moira Hunt, who have worked with Blaxland on three other productions with sporting themes: Hands Up for Jonny Wilkinson's Right Boot commissioned by the Rugby Football Union for the 2015 World Cup, When The Eye Has Gone written for the Professional Cricketers' Association as part of its Mind Matters campaign and The Long Walk Back (the Chris Lewis story) which toured the UK to critical acclaim earlier this year.

The part of Cunningham will be played by Emile Clarke with Sabrina Laurison and Zara Gabbidon the other members of the cast of three.

For further information, please contact Kick It Out via email on info@kickitout.org.

There is so much we can't say, and so much that can just inflame a tinder dry situation, says Öen Jacks, straight from my phone while sitting, waiting, in A&E.

I'm trying hard not to get drawn in to niche issues plaguing the Labour Party at the moment. I'm not saying that Anti-Semitism isn't a foul phenomenon, like any form of racism, and misogyny, but in a way somehow it's all the more frustrating, because it's being trivialised in a way that racism and misogyny aren't.

Anti-Semitism Deniers and people who see it everywhere, in clumsy speech or twisted quotations, both groups serve to diminish it in the eyes of people who aren't affected by it and wouldn't normally care too much about it. That's dangerous. Brexit is another of those issues. Should we stay or should we go? As far as the Labour Party is concerned, we have not the MPs to drive the debate or the decision. We have a clear position (honest!) but people who want us to change that position are disproportionately vocal, as though expecting everyone to be as committed to one side or the other as they are. Another single issue which seeks to sit at the top of the agenda is a kind of identity politics. I agree completely that a male sex offender should not be allowed access to for example women's jails by self identifying as a female, but Internet groups and chat rooms abound where mainly women can become very angry with each other about what it means to be a woman. Terms like TERF, LGBT, InCel, Trans, Cis become labels to throw around and again weaponise.

Labour

It was that lovely MP Jo Cox, murdered in cold blood, while campaigning in 2016, needlessly killed by a fascist thug, who said it best.

There is more that unites us than divides us, she told us, and we needed to be reminded of that, then and now.

The alarming drift into private ownership of *our* NHS, set up and paid for by and on behalf of ordinary citizens, is a single issue that rises above identity politics and even Brexit. It is associated with the Austerity politics which have serially underfunded it and sold off aspects of provision which devour money day after day, as it falls into private pockets.



An unfair taxation system allows the rich to salt wealth away rather than letting it function in the economy as money. Where irresponsible landlords collude with mean and miserable employers to create a class of people, many of them young, on zero hours contracts, housing benefit is just a way of helping employers underpay and landlords over charge. The education system, over inspected and regulated, struggles to match the comparatively sweet and simple private schools, with their already fortunate children and young people, taught in small classes, coached by private tutors, rubbing shoulders with a class of people, their own kind, and following each other to top universities, and dominating not only the upper levels of the Law, the Civil Service, Banking, and Medicine, but things you wouldn't have expected such as Sport, Entertainment, Pop Music, TV, and News Media. This is an outrage.

Housing is a national scandal too. I know people who own 300 houses; I know 300 people who will never own a house. I see the state of the Nation's housing stock; houses built for armed service personnel to come home to after World War 2 are on sale, ex-council properties made of the same slices of concrete as my garage, are patched up, painted white, and a new bathroom fitted. These are then offered for sale to first time buyers who find that it's difficult to get a mortgage on them. Should they even obtain a mortgage they find they've bought something of 'non-standard construction' which they will find difficult to sell. These houses are often hiding damp problems. At least in private rentals you see the damp, the bugs, the vermin, and the rotten woodwork. Once a developer has had a hand in it, the problems are masked. Good housing is offered for 'best and final offers' which means offer 15% over the asking price and you might win the house. I kid you not.

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Good housing is offered for 'best and final offers' which means offer 15% over the asking price and you might win the house. I kid you not. House building is pitifully slow. Transport is poor. The rail stock and the rail network are old and need repair. Public utilities such as energy companies and water are in the hands of shareholders. The priority for these companies is profitability not service. We specialise as a country in hiding wealth overseas, and making and selling weapons of destruction to countries with appalling human rights records. These are two of our biggest industries. Children starve. People sleep in doorways. The sick and disabled, and terminally ill have their benefits sanctioned and are told to go to work at jobs they don't have, sometimes after they've actually died.

Meanwhile on Facebook we agonise over a doctor who allegedly wouldn't want to call a hypothetical bearded 6 feet tall man "madam," we squabble over a second referendum on Europe because some of us (how many we aren't actually allowed to know accurately) didn't like the result of the first referendum, and arguably one of our best MPs, a man deeply committed to ending social inequality and injustice, is suspended from the only Party that has a strategy to deal with massive social inequality and injustice, because he suggested we need to be prouder of the attempts we have made to beat anti-Semitism and do less apologising for what we've not yet been able to do.

And the leader of our party, a political figure who has spent his entire career fighting racism, standing with Jews and Muslims, protesting about needless and unjustifiable wars, is called a "Fucking Anti-Semite" by a fellow MP who invests her fortune abroad.

When asked if she has any evidence for that claim she replies "No. But I'm watching him carefully." For this she is merely warned. At least she recognises what evidence actually consists of. I've been told, again on the Internet, that I cannot ignore the "evidence" of how 80% of a certain group of people "feel." Conjecture is thus Truth.

Our brilliant manifesto for transformation is ignored by the press and broadcast media, in favour of a sleazy story that two Labour MPs have fallen out, or that this one or that one has said or done this thing or that thing. To say that there is a conspiracy between the Press and Broadcast Media and the establishment is to risk your Labour, your *Labour* Party membership, because *conspiracy* is an anti-Semitic slur.

Conspiracy is an anti-Semitic word! Let that sink in. Burn your OED. Throw your Webster's in the trash can.

Suggest that there is a "Conspiracy," even ask if someone is part of it, and you are out, comrade.

Sezzoo? Says who? Who says? You? Me? (Cont)

Labour

I have no idea who gave us that little nugget but Marc Wadsworth is now outside the party for using the word - so I won't. Our motto "For the many, not the few," has been suggested as anti-Semitism. There are only a few Jewish people in our Party so to some people this week, it's clearly about Jews. Because they are "few." And that edict has come to us, not from Conference or the NEC, but from someone very important indeed who clearly doesn't like us or our plan to make Britain a fine and fair country. (Am I allowed to say "fair" in case somebody suggests I'm talking about Anglo-Saxon hair colour?)

And look, a guy will die in A&E somewhere tonight because the wait is too long and the staff stretched too thinly. But hey, we've managed to have a little chat online about whether Labour's inspiring battle cry is really a hidden rallying call against Jews.

This is a disgrace. I hate anti-Semitism, but I hate children dying of hunger even more. I'm allowed to rank my dislikes in order of dislike. Aren't I? Am I?

If I'm not, then who decided it? Was it the NEC or the Conference?

We need to be told who owns us. It seems to be out of control. Blame Corbyn eh? With Mr Watson in charge things will be, like him, much, much slimmer. He could be the first man to shed seven stones and 350,000 members in the same year and be delighted with both achievements.

I'm off to listen to Fat Boy Slim now. Actually no, I don't think I could stomach it.

Öen Jacks

Second nurse in a week dies on their way home from work



GARDAI are looking into the possibility the nurse killed in a horror road crash fell asleep at the wheel after a night shift in a hospital Emergency Department. The medic's death is the third case in over a year.

Kerrie Browne a 26-year-old nurse working at University Hospital Kerry in Tralee died in a road traffic collision yesterday morning.

It is understood she was on her way home after finishing her night shift when the accident occurred.

The news comes only hours after the death of another young nurse Laurie Jones from Wales.

Laurie Jones a 23-year-old paediatric nurse from Pontllanfraith, Caerphilly tragically died during her drive home in the early hours of yesterday morning.

In January last year, another Kerry woman, Keady Clifford originally from Dingle, was killed when her car crashed on the N25.

The 29-year-old, who was living in Midleton, was driving home after completing a night shift at Cork University Hospital.

Gardai said her car left the road and collided with a wall and a tree just after the Water Rock Junction on the Cork side of Midleton.

Earlier this year in July, another nurse was killed when her car collided with a vehicle near Portarlino, Co Offaly.

The 25-year-old from Poland, was returning home from work at Our Lady's Children's Hospital in Crumlin, Dublin.

Millions struggling to pay bills

Poverty is rising for all groups - even those in work - according to a new financial inclusion monitor report. 1.6 million people are struggling to pay essential bills such as rent and council tax, while more than a million are behind on utility bills, research from the University of Birmingham and the University of Lincoln shows.

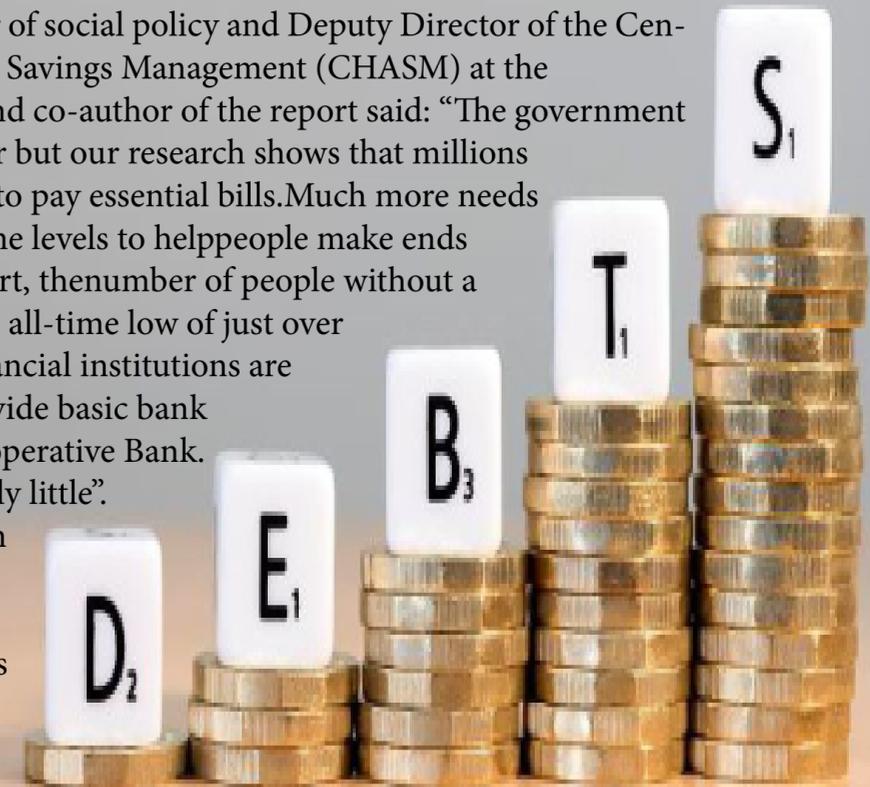
The study found that nearly 2.2 million people were contacted by bailiffs last year and nearly one million experiencing bailiffs breaking the rules. It also highlighted a growing number of personal insolvencies with more than 70,000 Individual Voluntary Arrangements (a formal alternative to bankruptcy) made in 2018, up from 40,000 in 2015.

Karen Rowlingson, professor of social policy and Deputy Director of the Centre on Household Assets and Savings Management (CHASM) at the University of Birmingham and co-author of the report said: "The government is saying that austerity is over but our research shows that millions of people are still struggling to pay essential bills. Much more needs to be done to increase income levels to help people make ends meet."

According to the report, the number of people without a bank account has reached an all-time low of just over one million. It said some financial institutions are making strong efforts to provide basic bank accounts, including the Co-operative Bank.

But others are doing "relatively little".

Overall, banks are making an estimated £2.4bn in revenue from unarranged overdrafts, with people in deprived areas more likely than others to pay fees, the study said.



Other key findings:

The rapid growth in zero hour contracts.

Average weekly real earnings have still not quite recovered to their pre-financial crash levels.

Workers in four types of industry have particularly high rates of poverty: accommodation and food services; agriculture, forestry and fishing; administrative and support services; and wholesale and retail. The UK's household savings rate is lower than the EU average and far lower than many of our largest and closest Western European neighbours.

The last four years have seen a dramatic rise in the number of people with an active private sector pension, from 2.8 million in 2013 to 8.8 million in 2017.

From April 2019, the minimum contributions to workplace pensions increased from 5% to 8% (2% to 3% for employers and 3% to 5% for employees).

Only 6 in 10 working-age adults had home contents insurance in 2017/18.

The Conservatives have been accused of “economic murder” for austerity policies which a new study suggests have caused 120,000 deaths. The paper found that there were 45,000 more deaths in the first four years of Tory-led efficiencies than would have been expected if funding had stayed at pre-election levels. On this trajectory that could rise to nearly 200,000 excess deaths by the end of 2020, even with the extra funding that has been earmarked for public sector services this year. More than 200,000 nurses have quit the NHS since the Conservatives entered government, with three-quarters of these prior to retirement age, new analysis shows.

Across the NHS voluntary resignations have risen 55 per cent since 2011 and 163,094 nurses left the NHS early, figures compiled by the Labour party show. Labour said the analysis, which has been verified by the impartial House of Commons Library, shows “staggering” numbers quitting because of Tory austerity policies and their failure to address soaring retirements. Over 60s and care home residents most at risk; changes in nurse numbers may be key. The squeeze on public finances since 2010 is linked to nearly 120,000 excess deaths in England, with the over 60s and care home residents bearing the brunt, reveals the first study of its kind, published in the online journal BMJ Open. The critical factor in these figures may be changes in nurse numbers, say the researchers, who warn that there could be an additional toll of up to 100 deaths every day from now on in.

They estimate that an annual cash injection of £6.3 billion would be needed to close this ‘mortality gap.’ Between 2010 and 2014, the NHS in England has only had a real term annual increase in government funding of 1.3 per cent, despite rising patient demand and healthcare costs. And real term spend on social care has fallen by 1.19 per cent every year during the same period, despite a significant projected increase in the numbers of over 85s—those most likely to need social care—from 1.6 million in 2015 to 1.8 million in 2020, say the researchers. On 8 March 2019 Lu Hiam and Martin McKee, referring to the most recent report from the Institute of Actuaries, said that we should not be surprised to discover that life expectancy in the UK has fallen by just over a year for both men and women since projections were made in 2015.

They explain that the Department of Health and Social Care described the early warning of the start of the deterioration in life expectancy as “a triumph of personal bias over research.” The UK government and its agencies were not just failing to publish their internal monitoring of the situation; they were actively rubbishing the work of others. In such a political climate it is hardly surprising that the warning signs were ignored. The question this raises is why were competent, able, intelligent people at the heart of government choosing to ignore the statistics?

On 11 March 2019, Harriet Pike explained that the actuaries now saw the change as a “new trend rather than a blip.” She explained that three months earlier, Public Health England, had considered the reasons and decided to give less prominence to cuts in health and social care spending. Instead they “concluded that slowing improvements in heart disease and stroke, high winter mortality from flu in several recent years, the growth of dementia as a recorded cause of death, and more deaths from drug misuse among younger people have all played a part.” The Office for National Statistics (ONS) reports it has found “a large fall in life expectancy at birth among women living in the most deprived areas in England when comparing the periods 2012 to 2014 and 2015 to 2017.”



Just to underscore the significance of this: these figures don’t show that life expectancy for the most deprived women is growing at a slower rate than previously. These figures show an actual decrease in life expectancy at birth for the poorest women in England — a drop of 100 days between 2012-14 and 2015-17. At the same time, women in the richest areas of the country have continued to see their life expectancy rise, which “has led to a significant widening in the inequality in life expectancy at birth in England”.

A man took his own life after struggling to get enough money while receiving Universal Credit following his father’s death, his grieving family claim. Sean Doherty, 37, suffered with depression after the death of his dad – also called Sean, 69 – last July, who he had been a carer for. His family claim he was repeatedly underpaid his Universal Credit payments following confusion over a carer’s allowance he received when his dad was still alive. It meant that some months, Sean was paid as little as £30. Sean’s sister, Julie, 40, said: ‘He wasn’t being paid the correct amount of benefits because they said he was receiving carer’s allowance. ‘He would phone Universal Credit and they would say he had the carer’s allowance, so he kept having to tell them “my dad’s dead”. ‘Sean was with my dad when he passed away but he fell asleep and he was depressed about that. ‘They just don’t care about people.’ Julie believes the combined turmoil of grieving and dealing with staff at the Department for Work and Pensions (DWP) made her brother suicidal.

His mother, Margaret, 60, also claims DWP staff were ‘always phoning him and threatening to cut his money’. More than 17,000 people have died while waiting to hear whether their claim for disability benefit had been successful, it has emerged. Ministers have been accused of “failing people at the most vulnerable point in their lives” after figures revealed 17,070 disability claimants have died while waiting for decisions on their personal independence payment (PIP) claims since 2013. One in four (4,330) of those who died were suffering from a form of cancer, while 270 had anxiety or depressive disorders. In more than half of cases (9,020), the main disability was not recorded. Waiting times for PIP claims have risen over the last year, with the latest figures published by the Department for Work and Pensions (DWP) showing that the average waiting time for new claims is 14 weeks – a rise of a month since March 2018.

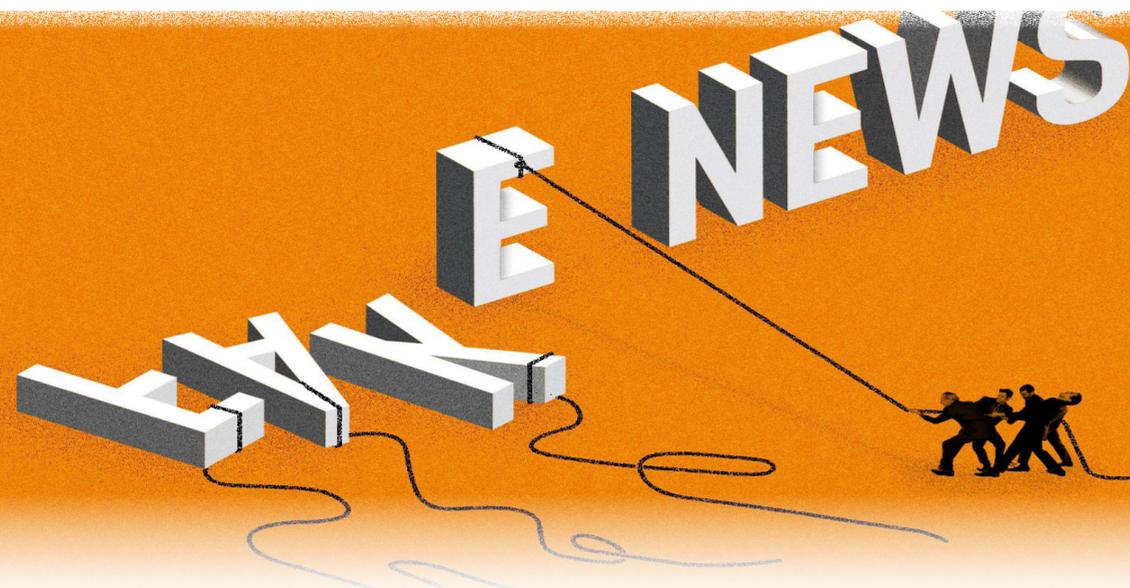


Chris Davies, the MP for Brecon and Radnorshire, was convicted of submitting fake expenses documents. He was ousted from the House of Commons after 19% of registered voters in his constituency signed a petition to remove him. Conservative MPs Andrew Rosindell, Martin Vickers, Bob Stewart and Henry Smith criticised the UK government’s plans to introduce more transparency to the islands while on a five-day trip paid for by the Cayman Islands government. The wives of Stewart and Vickers (who are also their employees) were also funded to join the trip and the total cost was over £18,000. Jacob Rees-Mogg received over half a million pounds while working for an offshore investment firm, the Paradise Papers have revealed. The leaked documents reportedly show that the Tory MP pocketed \$680,000 (£520,000) when the British Virgin Islands-based company was bought by a Canadian bank.

(Q1) Karl Marx, Richard Maynard Keyes, Christine Berry. Principal Director, Policy & Government for the New Economics Foundation.	1. Ramsey McDonald	1. 1976
(Q2) UK 5th Largest.	2. Robert Walpole	2. 1981
(Q3) GDP at £514.019.	3. James Callaghan	3. 1959
(Q4) Income below 60% of minimum Household Income.	4. David Lloyd George	4. 1965
(Q5) 10%.		5. 1979
(Q6) Elinor Ostrom.		6. 1976
(Q7) The Bank Of England.		7. 1929

Prime Ministers Picture Quiz
In What Year Did...





GORDON BENNETT

YOU'RE TAKING THE PISS

The euphemism 'Gordon Bennett' is used as an alternate to 'Gor Blimey', which originally was 'May God Blind Me'. What is more surprising is Gordon Bennett was a real life, hellraising, Newspaper Tycoon who left his mark on the world of sport and American society. James Gordon Bennett Jr, born in 1841, was the heir apparent to his fathers publishing empire which included the New York Herald newspaper. As a young man Gordon Bennett lived the 'High Life' and he organised the first ever Polo match; for a bet he entered and won the first ever trans-Atlantic yacht race; funded the Henry Morgan Stanley expedition to find David Livingstone; Established the international colour system to identify racing cars, British Racing Green, Mercedes Silver and Ferrari Red etc.

In 1877 Gordon Bennett became engaged to the socialite Caroline May. At the lavish society Engagement party Gordon Bennett arrived late and clearly drunk, he continued to drink and mistaking the ornate fireplace for a urinal, he took a wizz in full view of everyone present. The Engagement was ended on the spot. In fact Gordon Bennett didn't marry until he was 73 which was to the daughter of the Reuters owner.

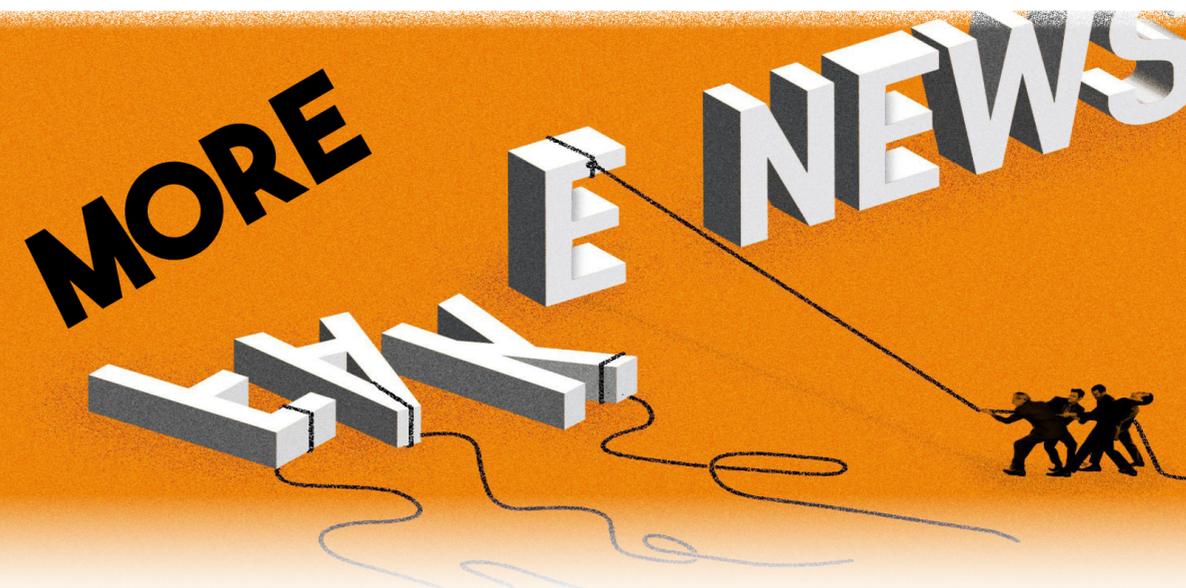
BEAM ME UP SPOCKY

It's common knowledge that defacing the Queen's image is Petty Treason in the UK, punishable by hanging, or burning at the stake if you are female, but not so across the Atlantic. Canadian "Star Trek" fans have been paying tribute to the late Leonard Nimoy through "Spocking," or drawing in the character's sharp eyebrows, bowl-shaped hair and pointy ears on look-a-like former Prime Minister Sir Wilfred Laurier, who's featured on the \$5 bill. There's now good news and bad news for these "Spockers." The good news? "Spocking" isn't illegal according to the Bank of Canada. The bad news? The bills won't live long and prosper. Those drawn-in Spock features could prevent your money from being accepted in a transaction, interfere with security features and reduce a bill's lifespan, the Bank of Canada said.

BOTANICALS' IS MARKETING BULLSHIT FOR PLANTS!

IT'S A DOGS LIFE

The phrases 'Top Dog' and 'Underdog' have their origins in the timber yard. Beams required two handled saws, one man above, the Topdog, and one in a pit below, the Underdog, who became covered in all the sawdust. Hotdogs are so called because they contained all the sawdust from the pit.



MANCY CORDUROY

Popular with Geography Teachers, Sociologists, 'Sock and Croc' merchants and sex offenders Corduroy is still worn despite its ability to smell of Arse. Other names are used for corduroy. Some of those names are corded velveteen, elephant cord, pin cord, Manchester cloth and cords. In continental Europe, corduroy is often called simply "Manchester"

"BBC'S 'GENTLEMAN JACK' IS JUST POLDARK WITH NORTHERN LESBIANS" ACCORDING TO BORIS JOHNSON

CATSTIFFS IN SPACE

Pikachu won't be the first live cat to be launched into space, but he could become the first deceased one to be "buried" among the stars. An Oregon man is hosting a crowdfunding campaign to give his beloved pet a celestial send-off. Steve Munt plans to send the cat's cremated remains into Earth's orbit via a rocket operated by a space-memorial company called Celestis Pets. The GoFundMe page, has raised more than \$2100 of its \$5000 goal. "A portion of his remains, from his heart, will be launched into orbit, where he will watch over the Earth, and we can track his location as he showers the world with love (Seriously WTF!). Pikachu died in January 2019 after a yearlong battle with diabetes.

LOST IN TRANSLATION

In no particular order...

Madness of King George was the revised title of the film of Alan Bennett's play, "The Madness of George III", so that Americans wouldn't worry they'd missed the first two films. Many disagree about whether the story is true. Nicholas Hytner, the director, who has said: "That's not totally untrue; but there was also the factor that it was felt necessary to get the word king into the title."

Tom Elvis Jedusor is the French version of Tom Marvolo Riddle in the French Harry Potter (to allow the anagram "Je suis Voldemort").

Men Who Hate Women, by Stieg Larsson (Män som hatar kvinnor in Swedish) became The Girl With the Dragon Tattoo.

Schindler's Ark, the novel by Thomas Keneally, became Schindler's List in the US, and the film followed.

TJ Maxx became TK Maxx in the UK to avoid confusion with the Liverpool-based national chain TJ Hughes.

Little Fred and Big Ed was one of the early titles of Asterix and Obelix

A BRIEF RESPONSE TO CAMERON'S BOOK

David Cameron's book *FOR THE RECORD* has an air of desperation about it, particularly toward the end when he attempts to both justify the referendum and the work of the governments led by him. He claims to have rescued a broken country, transformed the English school system, narrowed the gap between rich and poor and fought a referendum that was entirely inevitable. He argues mostly by means of assertion.

Educational standards were, he says, going down. Michael Gove, that great intellectual (Cameron's label for him), raised them. The whole and entire point about standards is that they never go up, nor do they go down. They are supposed to stay in one place so that reliable measurements and descriptions of performance can be made. The problem is that defining standards requires good research. Our politicians do not like research. Gove in particular disdains it. For example, when the assessment of performance in Key Stage One was being planned the required research was carried out by the University of Leeds.

I was one of many research associates involved. We worked with seven year olds in schools across the country. There were ten levels available, all with descriptors (criteria) helping us to make a decision on the performance of young people. The T in SAT stood, in those days, for TASK not TEST. It was Thatcher who wanted it changed. We used a range of experimental SATs. I remember scratching my head about the performance level of one girl. Her spoken English was off the scale. When the real thing started what level might she and others like her be awarded? Kenneth Clarke ignored all the research and told us that Key Stage One could only use the bottom three levels.

We would, he said, find the average in the middle. And, of course, that might be were you would expect to find it. Twenty eight percent of young people achieved Level One in English. Clarke and the Daily Mail screamed that it was disgraceful that one third of children were below average and illiterate. Twenty eight percent is not one third and one third is not an average. Furthermore, the descriptor for Level One said, 'Can read with some assistance'. That applies to lots of politicians. Clarke introduced Ofsted to ensure that teachers followed policy.

Young people like the girl I mentioned were limited to a Level Three. If 'standards' were low who made them so? Clarke did by imposing a ceiling. The only research done was in his head. But, however, the next year John Patten took over as Secretary of State. He allowed children who had been banging their heads on the Level Three ceiling to have Level Four. Patten then announced that after one year of the wonderful Conservative policy 'standards' had gone up.

Cameron has no idea about any of this and simply writes according to preconceived Conservative assumptions about teachers in state schools and colleges. And how on Earth he believes that anything done by Gove as Secretary of State for Education was positive I do not know. The number of schoolteachers supporting the Tories fell drastically during the time of Gove. It may be a normal human trait to believe what you wish to believe but it is very true of Cameron. His chapter on Libya echoes Blair.

One day, Cameron believes, all the dead and displaced people will thank him for what he did. He tells us how reluctant was Obama to get involved and goes into detail about all that he did to remove Gaddafi. Sarkozy may have been by his side but this was HIS War.

I could not help concluding that he felt that like Blair every prime minister was entitled to a war. What went wrong was, by the way, not his fault. Of course not! He writes as though Gaddafi was the Baddy and he, Cameron, was the heroic Goody.

NOT MY FAULT is a theme of the book. He has a clever way of promoting that theme. He takes the blame for lots of things such as failing to perceive until too late how bad others were, particularly Gove and Boris. As you might expect, the EU referendum looms large but he leaves it till near the end of the book. He is aware of the criticism that the referendum was only about control of the Tory Party so he deals with it by simply saying that it was not. EU membership scarcely registered as an issue in polls until he drew attention to it. He knows that the referendum was merely advisory but justifies treating it as binding by telling us that he had to. The 2011 referendum on our voting system was very unusual in being binding. He has a degree with the word POLITICS in it so he knows the difference. 37% of the electorate voted to leave the EU with the result that we have become less and less democratic. Theresa May wanted to use the Royal Prerogative and Boris thrills to the sound of those words.

Cameron appears to know a lot about economics (the E-Word is also in the title of his degree). He can tell us all about the Exchange Rate Mechanism and he admires fellow Bullingdon Club member Osborne.

In early 2010 our economy was recovering from a global and mostly Wall Street created crisis. In late 2010 Osborne selected reverse gear. Austerity! The poor paid, not the pornographically rich. For Cameron reverse gear was top gear.

MODERNISATION is a favourite word. It was also used a lot by Blair. In Cameron's case it is the Tory Party he is talking about. He modernised it and made it liberal minded. Well, he has convinced himself that he did. In my view the deliberately chosen but un-needed austerity programme had nothing liberal about it; but then, for me, the L-Word prompts thoughts of Gladstone, Lloyd George, Maynard Keynes and William Beveridge.

Same sex marriage I shall allow as evidence of a liberal approach but the increase in the numbers of the homeless or those committing suicide because of the approach to benefits; or the deliberately ratcheted up hatred of immigrants? He does not seem to have noticed any of that.

REFORM is also used as Blair did. At school history lessons we learned that ending slavery, expanding the franchise, the factory acts and free education for all typified reform. Cameron thinks that what he did and, particularly, Gove should be classified as belonging in the same category. He says the same of the NHS.

Writing of his so-called attempt to reform the EU it is clear that his main purpose was to provide the UK with more freedom to be capitalist. He writes scathingly of Corbyn for not taking the stage with him during the referendum campaign. Philosophy is another word in the title of his degree but he seems to be unaware of the philosophical chasm between him and the leader of the Labour Party. He seriously believes that Corbyn ought to have adopted his narrative. The book is over 700 pages. There is a lot of stuff in it. He makes clear that he is a dedicated Conservative.



He wants to be a nice Tory Boy. He has heard of towns such as Sunderland and Liverpool and he is aware that people might regard him as belonging to a particular social class. He would like to connect with others not of his class but cannot quite manage it. He appeals for our sympathy. He did not get mine. Like Blair with Iraq he would like us to believe that his only major failure was the referendum. From 2010 he inflicted much nastiness upon society, with some startling exceptions.

This is not a review but a response and I am aware that reading the book has stirred within me what we might regard as personal prejudices. To make a judgment I recall hearing Keith Joseph giving a talk. My old professor of Government and Politics, Fred Ridley, was sitting next to me. He leant over and loudly whispered, "Not very bright is he?"

QUIZ!

The Word SATIRE PAGE

Check out The Word Satire Page on Facebook.

Q1) Who are these people and what do they have in common ?



Q2) According to Focus Economics Where on the top scale of the world largest economies is the UK ?

Q3) According to the office of national statistics, what is the UK's current GDP rate ?

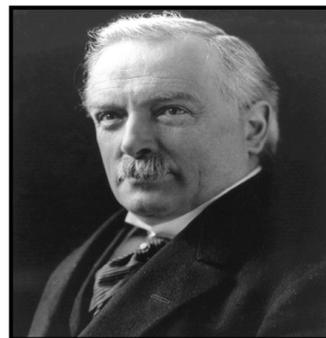
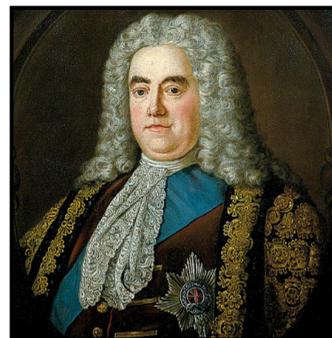
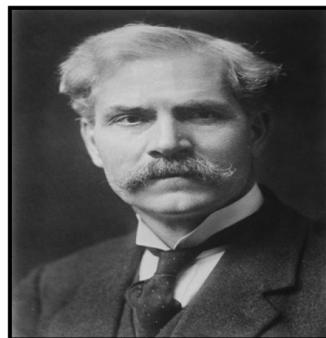
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Q6) In 2009 who was the first Woman to win the Noble Prize for Economics ?

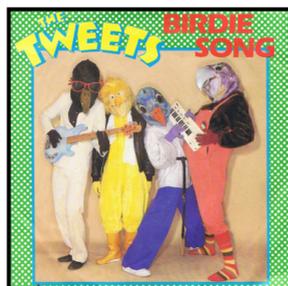
Q5) According to the institute of fysical studies between 2004 and 2018 the percentage of working households living in poverty grew by what percent ?

Q7) What organisation is located on Threadneedle Street ?

Prime Ministers Picture Quiz



In What Year Did..



Q1) In what year did All the President's Men get its release in cinema ?

Q2) In what year did The Birdie Song by The Tweets hit the charts ?

Q3) In what year did hawaii become a state ?

Q4) In what year did the World of Sport first broadcast on UK TV ?

Q5) In what year did the Sony Walkman debut ?

Q6) In what year did the Son of Sam serial killer start his spree in New York City ?

Q7) In what year did the Great Depression Begin ?

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The Cliff Jones Column

REFLECTIONS ON 1948



I was six. We had just moved house. I got a new music teacher. My brother Ivor went to sea for the first time. We both cried. Dick Haymes sold more records than Bing Crosby and Frank Sinatra put together. What else happened that year?

It was not the worst atrocity by any means but Dier Yassin happened that year. One reason why it continues to be a prominent example of Zionist terrorism was the cynical decision to commemorate the Jews that died in the holocaust by building a museum (Yad Veshem) to their memory on the land of the village and overlooking the site of the massacre. Does anyone imagine that any one of those six million, if brought back to life for a few moments, would be pleased about this? The Labour Friends of Israel are, however, often photographed visiting Yad Veshem. By contrast the Israeli guide who pointed out to visitors that it overlooked a Zionist atrocity was sacked for doing so. In our Labour Party Israel seems always to be able to rely upon a coterie of people very willing to close both eyes and ears to inhumanity. As for history they prefer fantasy.

Something else happened in 1948. It was the election of a new US President. The Republican Dewey was confidently expected to win. He proposed to recognise a state of Israel. Suddenly Truman looked unable to rely upon the traditional Jewish support for the Democratic Party. Alison Weir does not confine herself to 1948 in her book *Against Our better Judgement* but it is clear that Truman's decision to disregard expert advice and recognise a state of Israel gave him an unexpected win. The Chicago Daily Tribune famously went to press with a banner headline, DEWEY DEFEATS TRUMAN. As so often is the case the short term need to obtain power overrides expert warnings about the long term consequences.

One more thing among so many that happened in 1948 was the establishment of the NHS. I taught in a school in an area of Liverpool that competed with an area in the North East for highest unemployment figures. We often won. Schools have log books in which are recorded events that are regarded as significant

Do schools still do this? I have never thought to ask.

Up to the year 1948 every page was full of the names of young people that had to leave early because of ill health. Turn over the page to 1948 and, guess what, it is empty. Suddenly instead of having a sock soaked in urine wrapped round their throats as a cure for certain illnesses—a story told to me by a long-serving GP of the area—those kids became entitled to the antibiotics available to the children of the rich.

There is, however, a link between Truman and the NHS. He put the UK under enormous pressure to join the USA in what became the Korean War. As a result we had to double our military spending at the expense of the NHS and Nye Bevan and Harold Wilson and John Freeman resigned from the government. Who remembers that?

There are values that transcend, that may not produce a short-term gain in the form of simple power but that embolden us to go for a future in which justice plays a bigger part. Right now what certain members of the Labour Party and certain journalists are writing about Chris Williamson totally disgusts me. Not only have they chosen a false definition of the word Semitic, one used by the Nazis as they tried to portray members of a religion as members of a race, but they have also chosen to twist Williamson's meaning to an extent that is ridiculous. Are his in-party opponents honest? Are they well-informed? Are they in favour of justice for the oppressed?

Answers on a post card.

Uxbridge and Ruislip

Seventeenth Round of the European Local Football Cup saw Uxbridge and Ruislip FC let a two goal lead slip during their home match against Zinfandel at their Uxbridge Moor ground on Hillingdon Road writes Egon Toast. This would be the last game played in this league before October 31st, when all UK teams will be replaced by ones of similar quality from Turkey, Iran, and the People's Republic of Liechtenstein. Tony Blair had been to see Michel Barmier in order to plead for an extension of the next round until bonfire night, but the talks foundered and a very rough game of table tennis broke out. As usual, there was no conclusive result but both parties trousered a fortune in TV rights.

The match last Tuesday was played in a fine spirit.

Despite the loss of their owner and manager Boreen the Johnson, Pfeiffel de Trifle d'Affairs, and the resultant sacking of his assistants Duncan Smith-Duncan for picking his nose in the changing room and eating a bogey, and Pob McMichael who had turned up for work very unsteady and uncharacteristically talking something like sense for the first time in years. He was deemed to be under the influence of fine spirit that had been reserved for the second team binge.

The European Local has rules that do not apply to bigger competitions.

One of these is that British teams must field eleven British players, whereas Foreign Teams must field eleven Foreign players. So it was that the brave British team ran out as Haddock; Lamb, Cakebread, Breadcake, Sausage; Leek, Haggis, Turnip, and O'Nion in midfield; Melvyn Spud and Bejaysus O'Really, in a 4:4:2 formation. Zinfandel named a 1:2:3:5 old fashioned line up. Spritz was in goal; Moscato and Sauvignon Blanc were the dual sweeper-fullbacks, behind an imposing line of half backs, Pecorino, Passerina and Gavi. The five man forward line was Luberon, Chablis, Cheval de Mer as centre forward, Pinot Grigio at deeper lying inside left, and 'Billy' Tempranillo on the wing. Named as subs were Merlot, Grenache, and Tia Maria, back after a lengthy absence following some misbehaviour in a night-club.

Spud kicked off and immediately lost the ball. Some impressive interpassing between Pecorino and Gavi led to a crisp and fruity shot typical of Cheval de Mer. Haddock was left fishing the ball out of his net, but referee Jim Bercow had spotted an infringement and from the free kick the ball was punted upfield where Spud, who had planted himself in the centre circle, nodded it on to O'Nion, making the run and going one on one with the Zinfandel keeper, Spritz, inexplicably in tears after the encounter. An easy goal had put the home side one up. A second goal followed when Sausage received a meaty cross field pass from Lamb and hoofed it up to O'Really, who'd been shouting all manner of curses at him since the first goal.

Referee Bercow asked for order, and as soon as the youngster stopped talking and began playing properly his endeavours were rewarded by a token which he slotted into the appropriate opening. It remained two nil until the break.

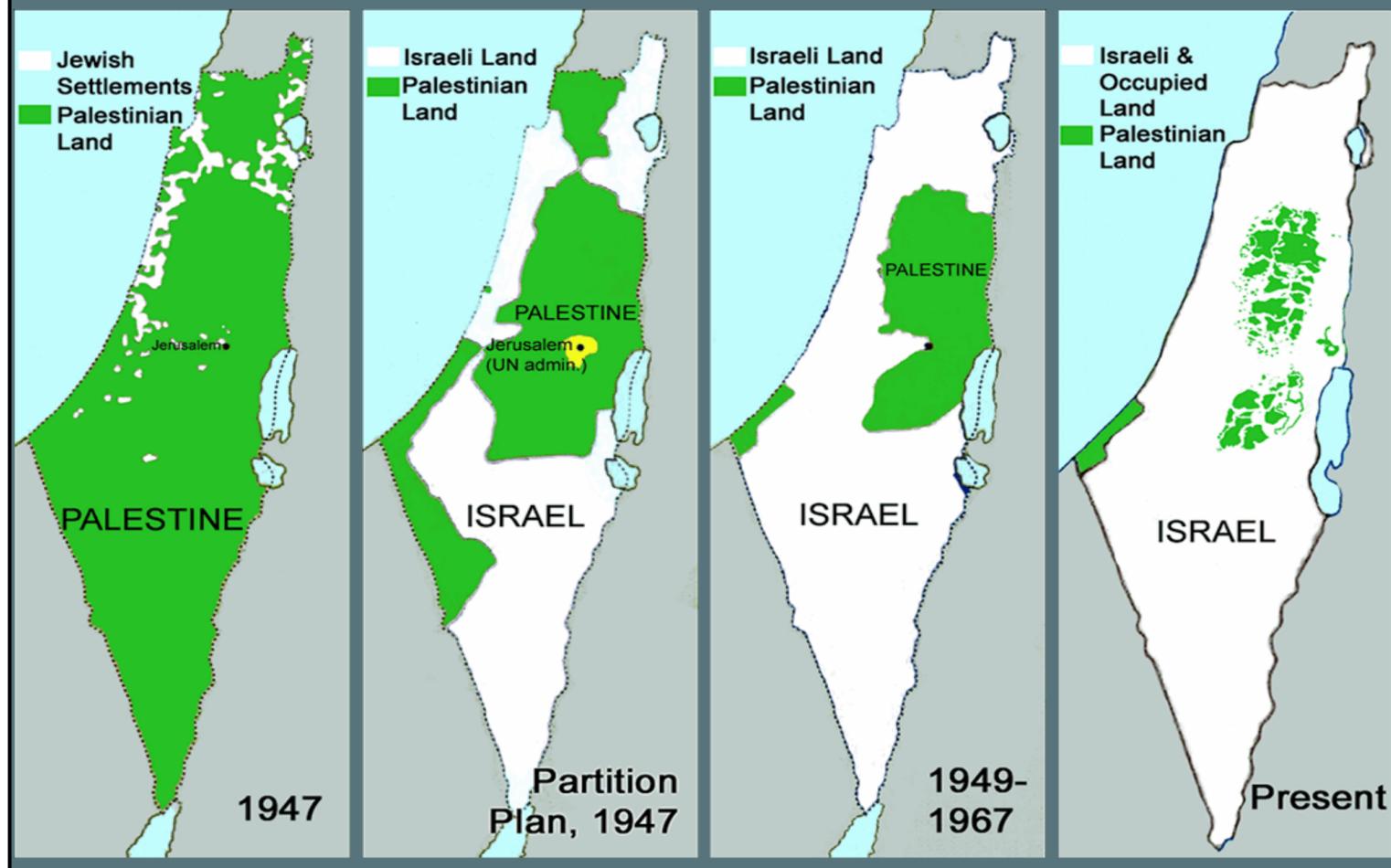
Then it all went wrong in the changing rooms when several of the home side got themselves into a stew, and could only field eight men in the second half. Without a manager, they had not selected any substitutes; there was no plan B. Zinfandel manager Jean-Claude Juncker's lads quickly netted twice, and in the last minute of the game, substitute Merlot provided a winner.

Uxbridge and South Ruislip are now out; it serves them right.



ISRAEL STEALS MORE LAND

Disappearing Palestine



US Ambassador to Israel David Friedman and White House Mideast peace envoy Jason Greenblatt, at an inaugural ceremony on Sunday, hammered through the final wall standing in front of an archaeological tourist site that was dug under Palestinian homes in East Jerusalem.

“Whether there was ever any doubt about the accuracy, the wisdom, the propriety of [US] President [Donald] Trump recognizing Jerusalem as the capital of Israel, I certainly think this lays all doubts to rest,” said Friedman before joining other Israeli and American bigwigs in symbolically breaking down the wall, which led to the “Pilgrimage Road,” a now-subterranean stairway that was said to have served as a main artery for Jews to the Temple Mount thousands of years ago.

Archaeologists have been excavating at the City of David National Park in the Palestinian neighborhood of Silwan for the past eight years. The area has several tiny Jewish enclaves

The ceremonial event angered the Palestinian Authority, as well as several left-wing Israeli NGOs, which claimed the opening of the site would further entrench an Israeli presence in eastern parts of the city that Palestinians hope will one day serve as their capital.

Ban snacking on public transport, says top doctor

Eating and drinking on public transport should be banned and extra taxes placed on unhealthy foods to tackle child obesity, says England’s outgoing chief medical adviser Dame Sally Davies.

In her final report as CMO, the chief medical adviser has called for a VAT hike on the unhealthiest foods to subsidise fruit and veg; and cafes, restaurants and pubs would face limits on calories per serving, under suggested plans. She said children needed more help as they were “drowning in a flood” of unhealthy options. “The unavoidable fact is that over time our environment has become very unhealthy without us realising. “Our children are now suffering from painful, potentially life-limiting disease.

“Our politicians need to be bold and help everyone embrace healthier life choices.”

The changes, set out by Dame Sally Davies in an independent report to government, are among a raft of radical measures drawn up because the UK is “nowhere near achieving government ambitions to halve childhood obesity by 2030”.

It’s believed the ban on food and drink on public transport would apply to all buses, Tubes and trains, although the report exempts “fresh water, breastfeeding and for medical conditions”.

Calling on politicians to act, Dame Sally says twice as many primary-school children as 30 years ago are overweight, and the government’s national childhood obesity plan, even if implemented in full, would not alone meet the 2030 ambition.



Wealth, Austerity and grist to the Mill

There are plenty of uber wealthy, multi-millionaires in the Conservative Cabinet Room in October, 2019. These uber wealthy conservative MPs are reiterating a trickle-down economics via, tax cuts for the rich and wealthy and welfare cuts for the poor.

This sound bite and economic philosophy actually increases riches for the rich and creates a race to the bottom for poverty for the poor.

Current cabinet members, by positioning their ideology through a position of being rich therefore benevolent, in their trickle down ideology are actually just horizontally in robbing from the poor to feed the rich. That's evil to be honest. Who robs from the poor to feed the wealth of the rich? The current Conservative party cabinet consist of a group of rich bankers, shakers and movers that reiterate only austerity measures that actually secure in process and practice their own wealth horizontally distributive handout of cash and wealth.

In doing so this conservative cabinet simultaneously accomplishes the reiteration of their own wealth through pretending a trickle down economic philosophy but is actually a horizontal implementation cash grab. Uber wealth in Governmental cabinet members in October 2019 does not consist of individuals that really believe in a trickle down effect that old Tory policy claimed.

Contemporary Conservative ministers consist of blatant career politicians that enjoy MP wages and expenses for themselves through the social welfare fund that was once intended for the labouring contributors and precipitants of the labour welfare state. A labouring Welfare state that was based on a horizontal distribution of wealth.

This means that working class money was to be out into a fund to help other working class people as needed in times of need such as, for the young, elderly, in sickness and in need of housing etc. A fund that was set up to make sure the poor never had to beg to the poor law parishes again.

This was a bottom up, ground roots payment, trust fund, insurance policy, share and care systems for a rainy day from cradle to grave as such, However, somewhere in UK politics the Conservative cabinet have not only enjoyed the elite roots, grab for wealth of the past but are now appearing to also siphon of the horizontal wealth from the poor. For example, the trickledown effect that has been so long the anthem of the Tory economic slogan, 'The rich wealth and tax cuts will trickle down to the poor jobs and wealth for the poor' is a lie.



The trickle down effect of a shower of wealth on the poor is actually a trickle across effect of cash from the poor for the rich that drink from the stream that the poor replenish. Career politicians from any party but certainly the rich members of the conservative party take their extra wage that is paid to them from the public purse, and use that money to tell the that workers that pay into the public purse that they are not entitled to what they have paid into. Infect, don't listen to me take a look at the voting record of the conservatives that take from the working public purse.

The Conservative party since 2011 has been the architect of Nationalism, Xenophobia, disparity in wealth, Sanctions, Suicide and a further growth in uber wealth and its reiterative growth of uber wealth and desperate poor as we have shown on the page opposite.

This side of the page offers a brief background and current voting record of the UK Conservative cabinet members that pretend to help the poor.

Boris Johnson

Some analysis argue he has 185 million as his net worth yet others argue that its probably just blag yet, with such an outstanding analysis of net worth, it's public knowledge that Boris Johnson has consistently netted himself jobs worth a mere £500,000 upwards. Indeed Boris's publically funded job as an (MP for Uxbridge and Ruislip South) gains him around £74,000, a year approximately alone. Yet, that is not only job Boris has and not his not only income source. Yet beside his finger in the public purse Boris has moaned publically that Cabinet minister's salary of £141,000 a year is not enough to live on, Not enough? Let's take a look at his other incomes, and his voting record and how it makes you poor.



Here is Boris Johnsons voting record

Boris has never voted on reducing housing benefit for social tenants deemed to have excess bedrooms (which Labour describe as the "bedroom tax").

Boris has however almost always voted against paying higher benefits over longer periods for those unable to work due to illness or disability.

Boris has almost always voted for a reduction in spending in welfare benefits for welfare claimants.

Boris had consistently voted for raising the threshold at which people start to pay income tax.

In summary Boris has voted for less tax for the rich and a reduction in welfare spending on the poor.

We don't have enough information to calculate Boris Johnson's position on higher taxes on plane tickets.

We don't have enough information to calculate Boris Johnson's position on encouraging occupational pensions- such as the state pension age of men or Waspi women.

We also don't have enough information to calculate Boris Johnson's position on anything other than that he voted for lower taxes for the higher income earners.

Jo Swinson

A newcomer to the wealthy wage and expenses claimant scheme of Tory and lib dem career politicians is Jo Swinson. As far back as 2009 Jo, has been submitting expenses receipts. Jo Swinson has included amongst many claims, eye make in her expenses claims. In her favour she argued that the eye makeup was amongst her usual shopping bill and she didn't actually claim for it. So Jo, that was you claiming for on your usual shopping receipt? That you submitted for usual expenses? **Perhaps it was food? Jo**

Jo Swinson has argued that she has claimed less than the maximum food allowance of £400 a month that politicians in parliament can claim in EXTRA expenses — these extra expenses are usually about £10 for each day a politician attends Parliament, for food expenses. There you go then Jo... you were just claiming for a baguette, a pasty or sandwich? Was it a receipt for a baguette because you were hungry because you had to sit in parliament for our benefit? Fair play to you, but couldn't you have made a cheese sandwich before you went to work? What we do understand, whilst we still wait for her response to the expenses claim is that her hunger costs less than 400 a month on top of her annual wage of about 70 thousand pound to sit in parliament to represent the hungry and homeless. Jo Swinsons Salary: ten years ago was £64,766 Her second home claims ten years ago 2004-05: £0 2005-06: £18,383 2006-07: £18,590 2007-08:£23,083 and that doesn't include her husbands (Duncan Hames). Following his defeat at the 2015 general election, Mr Hames chose not to stand for re-selection as the Lib Dem candidate in the Chippenham constituency so put up his wife instead and took the 25k extra as a wage for his services to his wifes office instead. So here is the transparency

Here is Jo Swinsons Voting record

How Jo Swinson voted on Welfare and Benefits. Almost always voted for reducing housing benefit for social welfare tenants, always voted for the bedroom tax whilst she claims expenses and has two homes, consistently voted against raising welfare benefits whilst she claims expenses for herself and hires her husband in the job. Has consistently voted against paying higher benefits over longer periods for those unable to work due to illness or disability whilst she struts about the houses of parliament on four legs voting against those home bound or in a wheelchair. Has almost always voted for a reduction in spending on welfare and has almost always voted against spending public money to create guaranteed jobs for young people.

Sajid Javid

Sajid Javid has been appointed as Chancellor of the Exchequer, a former leading international banker, having previously been the head of the credit trading centre at Deutsche Bank. At the peak of his career he was earning approx £3m a year. As the Chancellor of the Exchequer, Javid is possibly earning between £69,552 - £79,468 a year as the MP for Bromsgrove. He appears to also have at least two homes. Javid is a property millionaire who owns three homes at least – two properties in London and one in his constituency of Bromsgrove. Between 1 April 2018 and 31 March 2019, Javid has declared claims on top this £16,018.99.

Here is Sajid Javid voting record

Sajid has almost always voted for reducing housing benefit for social tenants deemed to have excess bedrooms (which Labour describe as the “bedroom tax”). Consistently voted against raising welfare benefits. Consistently voted against paying higher benefits over longer periods for those unable to work due to illness or disability Consistently voted for a reduction in spending on welfare benefits and almost always voted against spending public money to create guaranteed jobs for young people who have spent a long time unemployed

Andrea leadsom

Andrea Leadsom has been taking advantage of offshore banking arrangements for her buy-to-let property company. The former Barclays banker, who was appointed to the Treasury by the Chancellor at times has been facing questions after it was disclosed that she had placed her shares in the property company into trusts for the benefit of her children – a move that is commonly used to avoid inheritance tax

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Priti Patel

Patel has admitted to meeting Israeli politicians and officials on a private trip to Israel, which was a breach of protocol. She received a rebuke from May and had to tender her resignation on November 8, 2017. However, Patel may have been kicked out but she is back in. Priti Patel is rich and right wing. Her salary from the public purse appears the most expensive MP in Parliament; claiming more in expenses than the PM earns! Essex MPs are not entitled to claim for 2nd Homes; so she siphons as much out the public purse to expenses to make up for this.

Priti Patels voting record

Priti has Almost always voted for reducing housing benefit for social tenants deemed to have excess bedrooms (which Labour describe as the “bedroom tax”). Consistently voted against raising welfare benefits at least in line with prices. Almost always voted against paying higher benefits over longer periods for those unable to work due to illness. Consistently voted for a reduction in spending on welfare. Almost always voted against spending public money to create guaranteed jobs for young people who have spent a long time unemployed.

Dominic Raab

Raab once wrote a piece for a paper on British foreign policy, arguing it should reflect the national interest: Raab argued that Britain should not overextend itself in foreign conflicts, aid should be focused on the poorest countries and Britain should champion free trade abroad, Yet his history has been one of alleged colonialist and imperial self interest that champions the abroad as long as it doesn't involve what he has voted against in the UKs parliament

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Micheal Gove

No one cares about Toady Gove. Read the Daily Mail and that's all you need to know about his and his wife Sarah Vines views.

The Sugarhill Gang's "Rappers Delight" celebrates its 40th Anniversary

The evolution of Hip Hop has come a long way from the streets and block parties of the Bronx back in the 1970s. Now the highest grossing genre in pop culture, Hip Hop has taken over the airwaves, influencing fashion, television, movies, art and dance.

2019, the Sugarhill Gang, one of Hip Hop's original pioneers, will be celebrating the 40th anniversary of their iconic hit "Rapper's Delight." Released on Sugarhill Records, named after the culturally rich Sugar Hill area of Harlem, in Manhattan, New York City. The song was produced by 1970's Soul singer and Sugarhill Records founder and CEO Sylvia Robinson, best known for Her 1973 hit "Pillow Talk" and featured the Bassline from Chic's 1979 Disco hit "Good Times", which resulted in Chic's Nile Rodgers and Bernard Edwards suing Sugar Hill Records for copyright infringement.

Rappers Delight was the first rap single to become a Top 40 hit on the Billboard Hot 100 and is RIAA certified 2x Platinum also number 251 on the Rolling Stone magazine's list of The 500 Greatest Songs of All Time.



The Sugarhill Gang was made up of Wonder Mike (Michael Wright), Master Gee (Guy O'Brien) and Henry Jackson (Big Bank Hank), who sadly passed away in November 2014. Hank grew up in the Bronx, New York City and won several championships in wrestling at Bronx Community College, Hank worked at a pizzeria as well as a doorman at a Bronx nightclub called The Sparkle, where he became a music manager for Grandmaster Caz (Casanova Fly) and his group The Mighty Force MC's which later became The Cold Crush Brothers. One day whilst Hank was working at the pizzeria, Sylvia Robinson made a visit as she heard Hank rap Grandmaster Caz (Casanova Fly) lyrics on one of Her Son's tapes and at the time Robinson was looking for rap artists for Her label as She was having trouble finding anyone willing to record a rap song as most rappers performed in clubs did not want to record, as they believed the style was for live performances only.

According to Master Gee, Hank auditioned for Robinson in front of the pizza parlour whilst Gee himself auditioned in Robinson's car. A portion of the song's lyrics was borrowed by Hank from Grandmaster Caz who had loaned his 'lyric book' to him, these include a namecheck for "Casanova Fly", which was Caz's full stage name. A 2009 book claims that the lyrics for Rapper's Delight were plagiarized from the then-unpublished Caz's lyrics, "Check it out, I'm the C-A-S-A, the N-O-V-A, And the rest is F-L-Y."