

# Major to Cameron – how not to run a democratic country

This summary of the failings of our most recent Prime Ministers was sent to us by a colleague.

Amongst the confusion, argument, and downright deceit going on around Brexit at the moment it is, perhaps, time to reflect on the actual human cost of the policies of some of the principal remainers. None of our recent Prime Ministers come out well, sadly.

**John Major** as Chancellor and Prime Minister led some of the most destructive policies ever yet seen in post war UK, His decision to try to keep us in the Exchange Rate Mechanism (ERM) led to a human toll which he has yet to answer for, let alone apologise to the British people for. The toll on his fellow citizens was as follows;

- more than 30,000 families lost their homes through repossession when interest rates climbed from 7.5% to 15% as a result of ERM
- More than 100,000 small companies went bankrupt as a result of ERM
- Suicide rates soared by 53%
- Mental illness caused by severe stress leading to clinical depression soared by 71%

John Major allowed the public and Parliament to be totally misled over the real costs to the UK of the ERM fiasco, yet neither he nor his senior civil servants have been held to account.

Besides the ERM disaster, which was mercifully ended by so-called "Black Wednesday", Major also was responsible for a number of other problems, the legacies of which have outlasted his premiership:-

**Private Pensions,** John Major led the deregulation of financial services and encouraged the private pension industry. His treasury actuaries provided the industry with forecast that indicated that interest rates were unlikely to fall below 10% in the next 50 years, this allowed the pension industry to provide yield forecasts that were wildly out of touch with reality and duped tens of thousands to invest in those pension schemes. The net result today is that people are retiring to find their pensions are a fraction of the predictions made when they began investing into them.

**The Health Service.** John Major triggered what he called NHS reform. He made many public speeches on this topic, but barely touched on the real evil of his policies. DNR – do not resuscitate. This policy sold to the public as a humane gesture to stop people with incurable diseases from dying a painful death was in fact a callous and calculated way of saving the government money by ‘disposing’ of people over 50 judged to have no value to the community. Government-published figures estimate that an average of 32,000 people a year died in hospital as a direct result of DNR. Only the public scandals and questions raised by grieving relatives brought the full scale of this mass slaughter into the public realm. The method of killing was to sedate the patient and then withhold food and water until the patient died. Actually, this was a very painful and distressing way to die as witnessed by patients begging their visitors to give them a drink of water – and those visitors being threatened with arrest if they complied. This culling of people is claimed to have saved the Government £90 billion in benefit and pension payments between the late 1980s and today.

**The EU,** John Major was a committed federalist, he took the UK in to further commitments to the UK that lost us more of our sovereignty and tied us deeper to the EU federal agenda. He did not state any of his intentions in his election manifesto and in fact he and his senior civil servants again misled

parliament and the British People.

John Major has demonstrated utter contempt for his fellow citizens and now continues to do so as he opposes the democratic vote of the British people to leave the EU.

### **Tony Blair**

Without stating the obvious facts we all know about Mr Blair, let us look at the actual effect of his policies on everyday life for the average citizen.

He presided over the massive reduction of front-facing services that served the British public. Tax offices, Social service offices, benefit and pension offices closed by the thousands as part of his policies. He began the chain of events that led to reductions in Police Stations, Ambulance stations, Fire Brigade stations, and all of this was to fund his international policies. Blair actively tried to limit UK trade outside of the EU, In one of his most infamous moves he told the Chinese government that the UK was a small country and unlikely to wish to do substantial trade with China. By default he continued Majors NHS policies including DNR and he perfected the art of misleading parliament, the British people and his own colleagues, again with the help of senior civil servants. Under Tony Blair living standards fell, unemployment increased, and services, housing and public health declined. His final act was to reduce the budget of consular services by 90%, UK citizens abroad face the worst consular support offered by any G20 nation.

### **Gordon Brown**

Apart from his reneging on seeking a public vote on signing yet another EU treaty Mr Brown could be seen as the hapless individual who inherited all the problems created by Blair and was politically destroyed by them.

### **David Cameron.**

Mr Cameron had the golden opportunity to begin to bring the UK back to some kind of sanity. Instead he actually worsened what was already a near critical economic situation by decided to give away a large part of the UK's GDP to foreign aid while cutting yet more services within the UK. Higher education standards fell lower and lower, basic education standards fell to third-world levels and living standards continued to fall, The gap between rich and poor widened significantly. Crime rates grew, immigration grew, and housing shortages, health service cuts, and a surge in petty regulation defined by a vocal minority made life in the UK sink to a very depressing level. Cameron was totally out of touch with reality, totally out of touch with the people he governed yet he believed that somehow his charisma would carry him through any opposition from the electorate. He made a profession out of the phrase "who are you going to believe, Me or your own eyes?". His fear of UKIP led him to declaring the public referendum on the EU. His overwhelming ego led him to believe that he could persuade the UK electorate to stay in the EU.

## **Conclusion**

In all of these individuals we see a pattern, their wish to govern without consent of their electorate, in contradiction with their publicly stated aims, keeping their colleagues, party and parliament in the dark as to their real intentions and the ease with which they deceive and lie to the electorate about their actions and intentions. All of this suggests that we may well have to look again at strengthening our constitution.