

## EJECTION TIME

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Boris Johnson's ejection from the position of Leader of the Conservative Party has brought to the world's attention the processes political parties need to have to efficiently and effectively hand over the power and control a leader has from the outgoing individual to the incoming one. The eyes of many will be judging not just the candidates, but the party's process as well.

When the incumbent leader announced their resignation from the position, the Conservative Party had its contest process triggered. It is a process where a deadline is set for sitting MPs to put their names forward initially. They then have to have the supporting signatures of so many other Conservative MPs in order to make the first shortlist, and then their committee overseeing the election will set out the timetable for the election and the process begins from there with Westminster Conservative MPs voting at different stages following a series of events where the candidates get to campaign. This leads to the final vote where the decision is opened up to the entire membership of the Conservative Party.

There are many criticisms of the system they use. Outsiders complain that only the Party's members get to vote on what is essentially deciding who will become the next Prime Minister of the United Kingdom, although their argument is weak at best. Their opportunity to vote for a PM is during elections yet they often vote for the party regardless of who is standing for the party, so when the party remains in power and the leader's position changes hands, there is nothing that non-members can do about it.

Another criticism that has been aired recently is that the sitting Prime Minister will remain so until the new leader is elected. Those who criticise this suggest that the Deputy should automatically become Prime Minister until the election formally concludes. I understand the position and do not entirely disagree. However, due to the way that Westminster operates administratively, the parliament would possibly have to close, and the temporary leader would have to go about the whole process of asking the ruling monarch for permission to form a new government, then move house etc. It's really not worth the paper that the taxpayer's money is printed on. Far simpler to allow a cooling down period and time for an election to happen.

The biggest criticism held against the Conservatives is how their selection process works. Some key members have raised the issue that they do not get to be involved in the process until the very last vote where the decision has already effectively been made for them by the MPs. Many members would be happy to vote in a system where they were more involved. Suggested systems include the use of a proportional representation voting system, such as the Single Transferable Vote. This could happen where all of the initial nominees get the chance to campaign fully for the full election campaign period, then the members of the party would be able to list their preferences in order. Ultimately, as votes are counted and candidates eliminated, the last one standing was the most popular within the party membership. It's arguably one of the fairer democratic systems to use when seeking a single decision as it tends to eliminate the problems with the first past the post system.

I must admit that I do take great interest whenever a political party has an internal election process and I find it immensely satisfying to watch on as the process unfolds. The end result tends to bring joy to many as the victor celebrates whilst the party membership move on knowing that there is a brighter future ahead.

Regardless of how people feel about the internal election processes each party uses, at least the Conservatives have one. There are some parties that don't have a process and simply make things up as they go along then wonder why things don't go the way they want them to as they suffer badly in the political arena. I noticed this with the political party I was with and initiated a leadership challenge to try to deal with the administrative failings of those in positions of internal power and influence. What should have been a fair a transparent election campaign turned into a mudslinging contest where the incumbent leader pressured the committee to ban his opposition contended from the party permanently in order not to lose the election. This type of behaviour needs called out as it's often associated to dictatorships rather than open and transparent organisations with a public influence.

The message everyone should take away is that even if the system used to elect a leader is not the type you prefer, it's absolutely necessary as without it your choice of political party will never succeed in future elections.



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# NO CHANCE OF CHANGE

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If there is one certainty from the forthcoming Conservative Party leadership election contest, it's that the winner will not represent the people of this country and ultimately not even the Tory membership who elect them. They will represent the globalist ambitions of a small clique of self-interested billionaires and their dependent corporations. The deck is stacked, and the ultimate party leader from the frontrunners is already fully bought and paid for.

This should come as no surprise to anyone, nor should the concerted pressure developed and maintained by the media (in the open) and state forces (behind the scenes) that have successfully disposed of Alexander Johnson as incumbent of Number Ten Downing Street. Being a casual observer of events over the past year the pressure exerted on the Johnson regime seems to have been gradually built up to this end, at this time. Nothing much happens spontaneously in the political theatre world, and this event is no different.

The leadership contest is, under these circumstances, more of a depressing spectacle than an eagerly anticipated outcome. I can't bring myself to watch the debates on catch-up online but watch snippets here and there. The bad acting is intolerable. From a little information gleaned from clips and feedback from trusted commentators, Kemi Badenoch seems the most conservative. She won't win, but on the face of it seems the less corrupted by the globalists than the others. One can hope that her spirited efforts will meet a reward once the puppet is installed, and that a cabinet seat awaits her. What will be the ultimate outcome of all this? Nothing.

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# SAT TOO LONG HERE FOR ANY GOOD YOU'VE BEEN DOING

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During the 2008 London Mayoral election campaign my local paper, The Croydon Advertiser, asked a series of questions of then-Mayor Ken Livingston and Conservative candidate Boris Johnson about issues in the borough. Ken's answers were as I recall perfectly adequate, but Boris' I remember thinking at the time were written as if he had been a lifelong resident and his heart would always be in the town. Eight years later reading Zac Goldsmith's answers to a similar set of questions, I thought he came over as if he had never been to the borough, had no intention of ever visiting, and the

best we could hope for was he might mention the place to his staff in passing. Why am I writing about this? Well, it was clear Boris knew how to get a crowd onboard. Also, with Croydon being one of those outer London boroughs, a Conservative Mayoral candidate needs to pile on the votes to have any hope of winning. In stark contrast to the next Tory candidate, he or his team knew this interview mattered.

By the time Boris left office as Mayor, he had returned to parliament and was the leading light of the Vote Leave campaign. At the time it was often remarked he was one of only two politicians in the country who could stop traffic and would have cheering crowds wherever he went – the other being Nigel Farage. He delivered, at least in part, Brexit. The man who broke the Red Wall to win a stonking majority in the end simply ran out of steam.

What will be Johnson's legacy? My personal view is I believe him to be the worst Prime Minister in British history. Johnson was the man who placed in a form of house arrest sixty-seven million healthy people based on a computer model. The evidence from Sweden, and across the United States where similar states had radically different lockdown policies shows his withdrawal of our freedom didn't save any lives. Indeed, the economic calamity, social impact and changes to our lifestyles may well be responsible for the ongoing increase in excess deaths. A policy started no doubt with the best intentions, stole our freedom, crushed our economy, set a precedent which future governments may reuse, was implemented by this megalomaniac who partied while the locked-down people suffered. However, I am aware, all too many were willing to accept lockdowns. So how do I believe he will be more generally viewed?

Boris campaigned in 2019 to "Get Brexit Done". In that election he not only saw off the threat of Corbyn, but he also cemented a new Conservative coalition that broke the Red Wall and enabled us to retain our nations democratic traditions by delivering Brexit. It's worth thinking through a counterfactual on delivering Brexit. Boris was handed Theresa May's withdrawal agreement. He had two choices, make the best of that, or scrap it and try to get a more complete Brexit deal through a Remain voting parliament. With new parties being formed to stop Brexit, the Supreme Court and the House of Commons Speaker doing all they could to block the will of the people, Boris had little choice but to plough on with the deal he had. Once he had won that eighty-seat majority on a manifesto that included that deal, he had little choice but to deliver it. The Remain crowd arguably lost because they would accept no compromise. Their attempts to stop any form of Brexit meant we had to, at least for Great Britain, fully leave. Boris making the best of the cards he had been dealt, with help from the Brexit Party standing down candidates, took the only practical steps available to get us out of the European Union.



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In winning that majority, Boris oversaw the completion of a journey that had been taking place for some years. Working class voters, who had traditionally voted Labour, moved from voting on predominantly economic grounds to more cultural and specifically patriotic grounds. Many of these voters had moved to the Conservatives, via voting UKIP or Brexit Party. With the Brexit Party stood down and UKIP imploded, Boris' Conservatives rather than Brexit-betraying Labour became their natural home.

At the time of writing, voting for the next leader is about to get underway. Whoever wins needs to retain that coalition of suburban and country middle class, and patriotic working-class voters for the Conservatives to win the next election. The children of the middle classes are increasingly voting Labour following their university educations, the Tories need working class voters to stay focused on cultural rather than economic issues. To secure this the next Prime Minister should act on the following:

- Immediately ease the cost-of-living crisis by suspending or better still removing Net Zero targets and reducing environmental obligations and VAT on energy bills.
- Get the economy going, by cutting taxes, speeding up the opening of free ports and opening fracking sites.
- Stop the cross-channel traffic of illegal immigration. No government can claim competence when it can't even defend our sea border.
- Take a stand for free speech. Most areas of the culture war are a minefield, the Conservatives don't want to be seen as the nasty party, but they can take a stand for free speech. In doing this they can pitch themselves as standing up for the little guy against the social media giants of Silicon Valley, which will resonate with direct speaking working class voters and older voters who grew up proud we were part of the free world.

Failure to act to retain the new coalition will not only see the Conservatives leave office at the next election it will destroy what little is left of Johnson's legacy.

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