

## Campaign Watch

I'm proud of the positive campaign the Conservatives have fought for this general election. Unfortunately, some of our opponents have not been so positive, and have made several claims about us that aren't true. I want to put the record straight.

We will **PROTECT** pensions and the Pension Credit.

We will **SUPPORT** Sure Start, and boost it by paying for an extra 4,200 trained Sure Start health visitors.

We will **PROTECT** free TV licences for over 75s and **KEEP** free eye tests and prescriptions for pensioners.

We will **BACK** the police by cutting red tape to get more police onto the streets.

We will **KEEP** the winter fuel allowance.

We will **INCREASE** spending on the NHS, and **ENSURE** that cancer patients get the drugs and treatment they need.

We will **KEEP** free bus passes for pensioners and disabled people.

# A contract between the Conservative Party and you



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We go into the general election on 6 May with trust in politics and politicians at an all-time low. And I can understand why: the years of broken promises, the expenses scandal, the feeling that politicians have become too remote from the people – they've all taken their toll.

That's why I'm writing to you now.

For too long, you've been lied to by politicians saying they can sort out all your problems. But it doesn't work like that. Real change is not just about what the government does. Real change only comes when we understand that we are all in this together; that we all have a responsibility to help make our country better. That's why I'm sending you this document. It sets out my side of the bargain: the things I want to do to change Britain. But it also makes clear that I cannot do it on my own. We will only get our economy moving, mend our broken society and reform our rotten political system if we all get involved, take responsibility, and work together.

**So this is our contract with you. I want you to read it and – if we win the election – use it to hold us to account. If we don't deliver our side of the bargain, vote us out in five years' time.**

**Signature:** 

David Cameron  
Leader of the Conservative Party

## We will change politics

*Our political system needs to change.*

*Politicians must be made more accountable, and we must take power away from Westminster and put it in the hands of people – individuals, families and neighbourhoods.*

**If you elect a Conservative government on 6 May, we will:**

1. **Give you the right to sack your MP**, so you don't have to wait for an election to get rid of politicians who are guilty of misconduct.
2. **Cut the number of MPs by ten per cent**, and cut the subsidies and perks for politicians.
3. **Cut ministers' pay by five per cent** and freeze it for five years.
4. **Give local communities the power to take charge of the local planning system** and vote on excessive council tax rises.
5. **Make government transparent**, publishing every item of government spending over £25,000, all government contracts, and all local council spending over £500.

## We will change the economy

*Gordon Brown's economic incompetence has doubled the national debt, given us record youth unemployment, and widened the gap between rich and poor.*

*Unemployment is still rising, and this year we will spend more on debt interest than on schools. We need to get our economy moving.*

**If you elect a Conservative government on 6 May, we will:**

1. **Cut wasteful government spending** so we can stop Labour's jobs tax, which would kill the recovery.
2. **Act now on the national debt**, so we can keep mortgage rates lower for longer.
3. **Reduce emissions and build a greener economy**, with thousands of new jobs in green industries and advanced manufacturing.

4. **Get Britain working by giving unemployed people support to get work**, creating 400,000 new apprenticeships and training places over two years, and cutting benefits for those who refuse work.
5. **Control immigration**, reducing it to the levels of the 1990s – meaning tens of thousands a year, instead of the hundreds of thousands a year under Labour.

## We will change society

*We face big social problems in this country: family breakdown, educational failure, crime and deep poverty.*

*Labour's big government has failed; we will help build a Big Society where everyone plays their part in mending our broken society.*

**If you elect a Conservative government on 6 May, we will:**

1. **Increase spending on health every year, while cutting waste in the NHS**, so that more goes to nurses and doctors on the frontline, and make sure you get access to the cancer drugs you need.
2. **Support families**, by giving married couples and civil partners a tax break, giving more people the right to request flexible working and helping young families with extra Sure Start health visitors.
3. **Raise standards in schools**, by giving teachers the power to restore discipline and by giving parents, charities and voluntary groups the power to start new smaller schools.
4. **Increase the basic state pension**, by re-linking it to earnings, and protect the winter fuel allowance, free TV licences, free bus travel and other key benefits for older people.
5. **Fight back against crime**, cut paperwork to get police officers on the street, and make sure criminals serve the sentence given to them in court.
6. **Create National Citizen Service for every 16 year old**, to help bring the country together.

