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DAVID CAMERON'S CONTRACT WITH YOU

If we don't deliver, kick us out

David Cameron has published a contract between the Conservative Party and the British people, telling voters: "If we don't deliver our side of the bargain, vote us out in five years' time".

The four-page contract, the first ever issued by a political leader in Britain, spells out exactly what voters can expect from a Conservative government. It covers areas including the economy, the NHS, crime, supporting families and changing the political system. And it means the next government will be even more accountable to you.

Hold us to account

Detailed policies listed in the contract include stopping Labour's jobs tax, reducing immigration, cutting benefits for those who refuse work, increasing NHS spending, a new tax break for married couples, giving teachers new powers to restore discipline, creating 400,000 new apprenticeship and training places, and giving people the right to sack their MP.

The contract also confirms the Conservative pledge to raise the basic state pension, restore the link with earnings, and keep the winter fuel allowances, free bus passes, and free TV licences for the over 75s.

Mr Cameron said the contract "sets out my side of the bargain: the things I want to do to change Britain... I want you to read it and – if we win the election – use it to hold us to account".



INSIDE: READ DAVID CAMERON'S CONTRACT WITH YOU IN FULL

the BIG issues

The big issues that voters are raising in this campaign are the economy, our NHS and immigration. Here we set out clearly where we stand on these issues and what you can expect from a Conservative government.

NHS

The NHS is our top priority. We back it and we want to improve it for everyone. We will increase spending on the NHS every year and we will cut waste and bureaucracy to get more money to doctors and nurses on the frontline. We will make sure the best new cancer drugs and treatments that you need are available on the NHS, and that results for patients are amongst the best in the world.



www.conservatives.com/Health

Immigration

Controlled immigration benefits Britain. Uncontrolled, open-door immigration does not. The Conservatives believe that immigration at the moment is too high, so we will get it under control. We will introduce a yearly limit on the numbers of economic migrants allowed to come here from outside the EU. With this and other measures, we will reduce net immigration to tens of thousands a year, instead of the hundreds of thousands a year we've seen under Labour.



www.conservatives.com/Immigration

Economy

Only the Conservatives will get the economy moving again. We will stop Labour's jobs tax, and act now on debt to keep mortgage rates lower for longer. We will help freeze council tax bills for two years and increase the state pension. Labour will carry on with more of the same debt, waste and taxes, and their jobs tax will kill the recovery. A hung parliament could lead to economic paralysis and risk tipping the country back into recession.



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We have bold plans to change our country

“We have bold plans to change our country for the better. Some of these plans won't cost money but will require real energy – like our determination to improve school discipline. And where our plans will cost more money, like stopping Labour's jobs tax, we've found the money from other areas – like cutting government waste.”

OUR PLANS

- ✓ We will stop Labour's jobs tax and cut taxes on new jobs by cutting wasteful spending. We have also explained how we will cut the deficit faster than Labour.
- ✓ **We will cut immigration by imposing an annual limit on the number of non-EU economic migrants, and setting up a proper Border Police Force.**
- ✓ We will increase the basic state pension and restore the link to earnings – and keep the winter fuel allowance, free bus passes and free TV licences for the over 75s.
- ✓ **We will change politics by cutting the number of MPs by 10%, cutting Ministers' pay, letting people kick out their MP, and letting people see clearly how the government spends their money.**
- ✓ We will increase funding for the NHS every year and make sure the best new cancer drugs that are widely available in other countries are available on the NHS.
- ✓ **We will improve discipline in schools by giving teachers more powers.**

HOW WE WILL PAY FOR OUR PLANS

- ✓ We will take immediate action to start cutting government waste – things like reducing the £2.5 billion a year the government spends on marketing and communications, the £4.5 billion a year spend on NHS bureaucracy, and the millions given in aid to China – which spent £20 billion hosting the Beijing Olympics.
- ✓ **We will scrap big, unnecessary government projects like ID cards.**
- ✓ We will tackle benefit fraud, reform the welfare system so that those who can work do work, and we'll cut benefits for those who refuse to work.
- ✓ **We will introduce a new tax on the banks following their taxpayer bailout.**
- ✓ We will cut the deficit faster than Labour – so we don't have to spend as much on interest payments.



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A contract between the Conservative Party and you

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.

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.

WHAT YOU THINK MIGHT HAPPEN IN A HUNG PARLIAMENT.

1. There will be a fresh new dawn in British politics.
2. There will be more open and democratic government with everyone co-operating for the national good.
3. There will be a new consensus of the best policies for Britain to get us through the recession.
4. Because of this new co-operation, there will be decisive change leading to greater confidence and renewed economic growth.
5. We will have found a new form of government which will break the old mould.
6. Hurray!

WHAT'S MORE LIKELY TO HAPPEN IN A HUNG PARLIAMENT.

1. Gordon Brown will still be Prime Minister.
2. The parties will get behind closed doors and horse-trade between each other over posts and power.
3. There will be haggling between politicians rather than any clear leadership.
4. This will bring delay and indecision leading to a drop in confidence, a fall in the pound and an increase in interest rates.
5. We will have to choose a new government in another General Election within a year.
6. Help!