

# Talking points for the doorstep

We need a Labour government

**What kind of country do you want to live in? A Britain that works for the millions, or for the millionaires?**

- After 7 years of the Conservatives' failure, the majority of people are worse off. The rich have got richer, and the poor have got poorer, and those in the middle squeezed. Wages have declined, entire regions have been left without investment and secure jobs, our NHS has been decimated and crime is at record levels.
- The British people are being held back by the Conservatives' rigged system, which cuts taxes for corporations and rich individuals, while pushing the burden onto low and middle income earners. Under the Tories plans, by 2020 the super rich will have received £70 billion in tax breaks, while working families are set to be £2,500 worse off every year.
- In Britain in 2017 it is shameful that 16 million people have less than £100 in the bank, that 4 million children are in poverty, more people who work are in poverty than ever before, and levels of homelessness and foodbank use is at their highest.

**Britain deserves better.** Labour will take on the elite vested interests at the core of our rigged system, and rebalance our economy in favour of the majority.

- Labour will end the Tories' handouts and tax breaks for super rich individuals and corporations. Labour will fund our vital services by making the rich pay their share.
- Labour will rebuild Britain, by creating good quality jobs, with a £10 minimum wage, invest in education, apprenticeships, infrastructure and industry across the country, and building a million new homes.
- Labour will deliver a Brexit that works for everyone, which prioritises jobs, living standards and the economy. A Tory Brexit will benefit a privileged few at the expense of the rest of us, turning Britain into a tax haven for the 1% and services to multinational corporations in trade deals.

**We've never had a clearer choice than we do in this election.** Vote Labour for a Britain for the many, not the few.

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- **You can't trust a word Theresa May says:** May has lied to the British people repeatedly. For 9 months she insisted that she would not call a snap election. The reason she has given for the election is supposedly to get a mandate for Brexit, but she refuses say what her Brexit plan is - because she doesn't have one. Jeremy Corbyn is principled and honest. He went into politics, not for money or glory like

many others, but because he passionately cares about creating a fairer society. He has been on the right side of history on the Iraq war, tax cuts for the rich, privatising our NHS and railways, and letting the banks become all powerful. He was right then and he's right now.

- **Strong leaders don't run from debate:** Theresa May is running scared of Jeremy Corbyn, refusing to debate him on TV. It's because she knows that when her and Jeremy's plans are put directly to the British people, the vast majority will support Labour's vision for a society for the many, not the elite few.
- **Strong leaders don't hide from the public:** She is hiding from the public, only attending closed events for Conservative Party activists, refusing to meet ordinary people, take questions from press or say anything about the Conservative's policies.
- **There is nothing stable about May's approach to Brexit and foreign policy:** far from a safe pair of hands, May has threatened to crash out of the EU without a deal and to turn Britain into a tax haven for the 1%. Her reckless approach and megaphone diplomacy is putting our jobs, living standards and the economy at risk. She has also threatened to end cooperation with the EU on security, which is a threat to our safety. May is putting the Conservative Party's interests before our national interest.
- **May is strong against the weak and weak against the strong:** Theresa May and the Conservatives have never stood up for ordinary people - they are the party of the privileged elite. When the Conservatives win - the tax cheats, the greedy bankers, press barons, the Southern Rail directors and the Philip Greens - win. Labour will put working people first and stand up for our interests.

## Labour's key policies

- Introducing £10 an hour minimum wage and banning zero hour contracts.
- Reversing the Tories' £70 billion tax cuts for corporations and the richest individuals, and using this to fund our vital services, including:
  - Giving our NHS the funding it needs and bringing it back into public hands.
  - Reversing cuts to schools and introducing free meals for all primary school kids.
  - Reversing Conservative cuts to frontline services, including the armed forces, fire and rescue services and the police, with 10,000 more police officers on the beat.
- Taking back control of our railways.
- Guaranteeing pensions and giving elderly people the care they need.
- Ending the housing crisis by building new affordable homes and council homes
- Setting up National and Regional Investment Banks to invest in local industry, infrastructure and create secure, good quality jobs.
- Delivering a Brexit that works for everyone, which prioritises jobs, living standards and a strong economy.
- Introducing four new bank holidays to give workers the break they deserve and celebrating our four nations.