

Reflections on the 2019 UK General Election

Introduction

I have delayed writing on this because so many others have already done so, with varying clarity. However, I am constantly asked for my views and in this analysis I will try to explain aspects that have been ignored. I will also try to make this edifying for Christians and not just political commentary. Illness then delayed finalising this paper until early January.

God is sovereign

God continually oversees and directs all things that happen, and this includes politics, towards his general goals.

Now the Lord often lets man run with bad decisions and ungodly laws but sometimes he intervenes to make a point or fulfil the prayers of godly people. We cannot fathom these choices which rest in heaven and God's good pleasure. Sometimes prayers are answered by 'No', or 'Not at this time'. Prayers can be unwise and contrary to God's decree. Prayers can also be contradictory. If a farmer prays for much needed rain at the same time as holiday-makers pray for much desired sun, one or the other or both will be disappointed.

Before this General Election I predicted that Labour would be smashed in the North and Midlands, that the Remainer anti-democrats would be squashed and that certain individuals would lose their seats (Anna Soubry, Dominic Grieve, Chuka Umunna etc.). But more importantly, I said that God was sovereign and the decision was in his hands. A Marxist Labour victory could have been an act of divine judgment and a Tory victory may have been an act of divine patience; either way it would have served the divine purpose.

Christians must not get focused upon political parties. That way is dangerous and almost idolatrous. The focus must be on God's sovereignty, whichever way the decision goes. Trust must be in God, even if the fallout is detrimental to society. God knows what he is doing.

Really, one can only vote for local trustworthy candidates who state that they will (wittingly or not) follow God's law, not vote for a certain party. If there is no local trustworthy candidate then it is better to not vote at all. The important factor is God's will. Thus a certain party may, at one time, be opposed to God's will but at another time, under a different leader, be supportive of God's will. A Christian should support those who support God's law – not always vote for the same party irrespective of who is leader.

Why did Labour lose so spectacularly?

There are a number of reasons and they were all serious. In short the problems were: denial of the democratic vote for Brexit, the character of Jeremy Corbyn, the repulsive actions of the radical Left (Momentum), an unrealistic manifesto, the failure to deal with the attacks on Jews in the party and separation from the Labour heartland of the working class Midlands, Wales and the North.

Radical Marxist policies

Tony Blair is now universally hated and Corbyn initially gained popularity as the antidote to Blair's New Labour infliction of Thatcherite policies on the working class. But over time the working class saw that what Corbyn and McDonnell were peddling (Momentum dominated Labour Marxism) was going to be even worse than Blair.

You cannot survive if you treat the working class backbone of Britain as stupid and racist. Yet this was repeatedly affirmed. Many Marxist celebrities have found this out and will suffer for it. Corbynum gradually became the party of the metropolitan elites, especially Londoners, and this left people from Yorkshire, Lancashire, and the West Midlands out in the cold. Labour became the party of the angry youth, latte-drinking activists, people who could afford to live in London, champagne-socialists, hypocritical elite celebrities and hardened Marxists. The metropolitan elites continually berated the working class for being racist and backward, for being white, for being patriotic, for being Christian, for being reactionary.

Labour performed well in the large university cities. Commentators saw this as the popularity of progressive policies in more affluent metropolitan areas but the real reason is that the cities have a huge student population. Students are historically more Left-wing anyway but in recent decades universities have become social-engineering factories; they are dominated by Marxist professors, especially in the arts and social sciences. This is the result of a century of Cultural Marxist plans to dominate education and develop a grass roots foundation of Communism. Brainwashed by a Left-wing education, the cities helped Labour hold these kinds of seats.

Larger cities are also where many Muslim immigrants settle as there are more work opportunities and because these already have a strong Islamic foundation (mosques, Islamic groups, family). Muslims tend to vote for Left-wing parties and indeed, as Lord Mandelson admitted years ago, the Blair government opened the door to hordes of Muslim immigrants deliberately to swing the voting base.

Corbynum is really the Marxist politics of John McDonnell and Momentum. It represents far-left Marxist policies of the most extreme sort. McDonnell openly stated that he was a Marxist and affirmed that he hated Tories and wanted to imprison Tory MPs or even worse. He promised completely unrealistic free stuff for all, that had no roots in reality, such as a four-day working week and free broadband – none of which were properly costed or budgeted for. Nationalising major infrastructure agencies was also badly costed.¹ The simple rationale of taxing the rich to pay for these soon became apparent that this really meant taxing all. The rich promised to emigrate in droves if Labour won – which would vastly reduce tax revenues.

The British public is not stupid and carefully recoiled from this radical Leftism. They knew that this was not the traditional Labour politics of Harold Wilson, Barbara Castle or John Smith but full-on Marxism. Traditional working class Labour voters do not trust radical Marxists. This was proved when Michael Foot was trashed but the Momentum-dominated Labour party failed to learn this lesson.

Democracy

People have argued that this was a 'Brexit Election' but this is not quite accurate; it was an election based upon a defence of British democracy. The denial of main parties of the democratic decision to leave the EU was a major mistake. The British public was incensed

¹ Nationalising the 'big six' energy utilities and the national grid would cost over £124 billion alone.

that such politicians had overturned a huge mandate (it was not a close decision but a large victory).

The stupidity and partisanship of mainstream politicians in failing to understand this makes them unfit for any public office. This is why major players, and household names, in the Remain camp lost their seats. It is actually against the law to try to overturn a democratic vote, but this is what these politicians actively did, under the protection of parliamentary privilege. In many cases these MPs chose to follow their own partisan ideas rather than represent their constituents.

Worse still, Labour and LibDem official statements and manifestos in 2017 pledged to honour the Referendum decision, but then instigated various machinations to deny it. The undermining of the Labour manifesto was led by Keir Starmer and John McDonnell and became official Labour policy. Everyone knew that Corbyn was a lifelong Eurosceptic who was now leading the main party of Remain. This was corrosive and led many to believe that Corbyn was a liar, a hypocrite and untrustworthy.

The Labour position was not only a massive fudge in formal terms,² but in many public statements politicians (e.g. Emily Thornberry and Keir Starmer) said that Labour was the party of Remain. In short, despite their previous manifesto pledge, they were treating the public like passive idiots and denying democracy. What could go wrong?

Having utterly failed to learn the lesson of the election, Labour Remainers continued to try to fight a rearguard action to stay in the EU. In January Labour tabled amendments to Boris' EU Withdrawal Act to try to extend the transition period and hamper leaving. Considering that he has an 80-vote majority this is pointless but it sends signals to the electorate that Labour is still opposed to the democratic decision to leave. Then Jess Phillips appeared on the Andrew Marr TV programme affirming that if she were to become the nation's leader she would campaign to get Britain back into the EU. The level of isolation and cognitive dissonance³ in Labour is truly shocking. Even worse is the fact that Phillips represents a Leave-voting constituency. Representative democracy appears to mean nothing to these people.

Corbyn

Buoyed-up by earlier popularity (such as the chants of Glastonbury rock fans and the 2017 election high) Labour failed to appreciate that since then, the more the public saw of Corbyn the less they liked him. They even ignored his popularity figures falling to new lows behind that of Michael Foot.

There were various reasons for this.

The first was his poor public performances. People just did not feel that he acted like a statesman. This was exhibited in various interviews, especially the disaster with Andrew Neil where Corbyn was dismantled piece by piece. The public gets a feel about a politician and they need to like him or her and be able to respect them. They can fail but they must be liked. The public did not like or trust Corbyn.

The second was the fact that service veterans and those on active duty (which form a significant minority in many working class areas) could not stand him. They hated his

² Renegotiate a new deal in three months, then campaign against this deal to support Remain while Corbyn acts as a neutral honest broker to provide a new Referendum based on Remain or Remain-lite.

³ The state of having inconsistent thoughts, beliefs, or attitudes, especially as relating to behavioural decisions and attitude change.

apparent support of enemies of Britain and terrorists. This could not be denied. He failed to be convincing that he was a patriot and, at one stage, would not sing the national anthem. He also campaigned for veterans from the Troubles in Northern Ireland to be prosecuted for their active service. As a representative of the metropolitan progressive elite the veterans knew that he was no patriot. This hatred helped to swing the working class vote against Labour.

Corbyn has often sided with Britain's enemies and has made some major mistakes. These include defending the massacre of Israeli athletes at the 1972 Munich Olympics or calling Hamas and Hezbollah terrorists, '*our friends*'.

Thus Labour also lost the traditional Jewish vote, another significant minority. To have Maureen Lipman, a beloved household name, actually make a video telling Jews not to vote for Corbyn, despite being lifelong Labour voters, was huge. Whatever one thinks about anti-Semitism, it is a fact that there was actual discrimination and hate-tactics used by the Labour machine against Jews in the party and nasty comments about Jews in general. Corbyn's complete refusal to apologise for this actual hatred lost him many votes.

It emerged from many canvassers that on the doors historic Labour voters stated that they would not vote Labour because of Corbyn, not Brexit. Corbyn was toxic. This is why Corbyn became the most unpopular opposition leader since records began.

Momentum's nasty tactics

True to form in normal Marxist fashion, Momentum launched a series of truly awful tactics to pressurise people, which massively backfired. These tactics included all sorts of vehemence, violence, threats and plain nastiness.

For example: Iain Duncan Smith was targeted for extreme abuse and violence in his constituency. He received death threats; his family was threatened; his co-workers were threatened. On one occasion, some terrified female co-workers were chased down the street where Duncan Smith lived by a gang of shouting men. On top of all this, dismembered animals were posted through his door.

Momentum also engaged in vitriolic abuse of people through social media and especially Twitter. Vile abuse came forth in torrents. People were paid £25 to turn up to events and jeer Tory candidates. People were encouraged to 'milk-shake' Boris Johnson.

This traditional sort of Marxist behaviour does not go down well in Britain. This is contrary to the national character. When members of the public got to know about this – they reacted negatively.

Un-costed spending spree

Again Labour treated the public as stupid when it promised the earth and the kitchen sink to everyone; free stuff for all.

Despite affirmations that it was all costed – it was not. Day after day more free stuff was announced. Free broadband for example (to attract the youth) which broadband providers stated would cost very much more than the planned cost by Labour. In any case such an abstract pledge was pointless in the North where working class people were more concerned about potholes in the road or a lack of jobs.

No one believed that the promised four-day working week was workable either, especially when it became clear that this idea of McDonnell was a surprise to the shadow health secretary. A four-day week was completely impossible to implement in the NHS.

But the wheels came off when McDonnell pledged to pay the WASPI women, who were cheated out of their pensions, £58 billion. This was certainly not costed. Nobody in the whole country believed that the Labour policies were credible and think tanks formally stated this.

Slandering your target audience

Worst of all, the distance between metropolitan Labour and its working class northern heartland's was demonstrated in actual insults.

Not only did the Labour party treat the public like fools in the way various policies were framed, but they actually and openly called them stupid. On multiple occasions Labour MPs and activists implied and openly said that people who voted for Brexit were stupid.

Insanely, this continued in a stronger fashion after the election, helping to secure Labour a loss at the next one. Thornberry was accused by a trustworthy colleague of calling her constituents stupid on the night of the election (see later). Though she denied this, she actually said something very similar on a BBC *Question Time* programme some weeks before. Multiple people went on to Twitter, Facebook and radio call-in programmes denouncing those who had voted Tory as 'stupid' and 'scum'.

Unsurprisingly, calling most of the working class North and Midlands 'stupid' was not a vote-winner.

Post election analysis

Analysis by pollsters after delving into the details of election results showed the following items, which is not good news for Labour. In general it proves that the working class has abandoned Labour.

YouGov and The Times identified the following:

- There was a huge swing from DE⁴ voters, taking a Labour lead of 8% in 2015 to a Tory lead of 13% in 2019.
- In terms of the Leave/Remain split, the Tories held on to 65% of Tory Remain 2017 voters (contrary to Michael Heseltine and others) but also took 33% of Labour 2017 Leave voters.
- Labour still won the youth vote but the crossover age at which people tend to vote Tory instead of Labour was reduced from 47 in 2017 to 39 today.
- Regarding leader favourability, Corbyn plummeted even further to a net minus 50. Jo Swinson, once the least popular leader, managed a small boost to minus 44. Boris was up to minus 11.

The Labour leadership battle: a summary

Possible candidates for the leader and deputy leader positions.

Candidate	Position	Affiliation	Characteristics
Emily Thornberry	Shadow Foreign Secretary. Londoner.	Has criticised Corbyn but followed Corbynism. London-centred,	Arrogant. Intransigent. Not impressively articulate. Ardent Remainer. Middle-class millionaire.

⁴ Lower working class and unemployed.

Jess Phillips	Back-bencher. From the Midlands, MP for Birmingham Yardley.	Hates Corbyn. Hated by the Hard Left yet is not a Blairite either. Seen as a representative of the Midlands working class. Very pro-EU.	Working class. Admired for her down-to-earth attitude. Ardent outspoken Feminist. Obsessed with identity politics. Unstable, tends to lose her temper. Moderate Socialist.
Keir Starmer	Shadow Brexit Secretary. A Knight of the Realm – establishment figure.	Corbynite. Seen as London based.	Anti-democratic. Pushed Remain on Labour. Supporter of Corbyn's Marxism.
Lisa Nandy	Northener, MP for Wigan. Former Shadow Energy Secretary.	A Brownite, left of Blair. Voted Remain originally later supported finalising Brexit voting for Boris' Brexit deal..	Politically moderate. Has integrity and respect but not a good grasp of real facts. Articulate. Well meaning.
Rebecca Long-Bailey	Shadow Business Secretary. Comes from the north.	Very close to McDonnell and Corbyn. Hard Left. Marxist.	Not greatly intelligent, moderately articulate; intransigent and impatient. Not an intellectual. Exposed as lying about her background.
Yvette Cooper	In shadow cabinet of Ed Milliband. Seen as a Londoner.	Not a Corbynite. A Blairite.	Highly regarded. Intelligent. Sought to delay and destroy Brexit in Parliament. Anti-democratic.
Angela Rayner	Shadow Secretary of Education. Northener, MP for Ashton-Under-Lyne.	Corbynite but could change horses.	Not an intellectual. Speaks passionately but with little content. Supported Cobynism.
Dawn Butler	Shadow Quality Secretary (?).	Corbynite.	Unimpressive.
Clive Lewis	MP for Norwich South. Several shadow cabinet posts. Military background.	Anti-Brexit. Strongly pro-EU. Corbynista.	Articulate. Anti-democratic.

John McDonnell favours his protégé Rebecca Long-Bailey and has said that the leader must be a woman (Labour is the only main party not to have had a female leader). This stacks leadership support against Starmer.

Angela Rayner has reputedly made a pact with Long-Bailey to stand as Deputy Leader if Long-Bailey becomes leader. Long-Bailey is the most likely prospect but would continue Marxist policies of McDonnell, which would be disastrous for Labour. However, Long-Bailey is seriously under-qualified to be a national leader. Alternative media has already dubbed her '*Wrong-Daily*'.

Jess Phillips officially entered the ring and was deluged by a wave of hatred and criticism from the Hard Labour Left. She was accused of hypocrisy, dishonesty, nepotism (she claims more expenses than almost any other MP and pays her husband as a staffer), and much more. Her intemperate character disqualifies her from being a statesman. In her dispute with Carl Benjamin she was disingenuous.

From the country's point of view Nandy would be the most moderate candidate but Project Corbyn hates her.

A recent poll of the Labour membership, however, has shown that their favourite is Starmer, suggesting that possibly two thirds would support him in the final round. This is a severe blow to the progressive, liberal, woke Labour Party – the only major party not to have had a female leader. Even UKIP managed to have a female leader for a few weeks.

Nandy and Thornberry come way down in popularity. Long-Bailey came second and Phillips third.

It is easy to see why this is. The membership wants a stable, articulate, balanced, intelligent leader and Starmer is all these things (the only one with these merits). None of the other candidates have real leadership qualities. But Starmer is the main reason why Labour changed its policy and adopted a Remain position, overturning democracy. He is an establishment globalist. You can't get more establishment than being a Knight. He has also fully supported the Corbyn manifesto, which the populace has roundly thrown out. Starmer is unlikely to command the respect of the majority of the British public that has a long memory.

The very strong stance of Thornberry, Phillips, Lewis, Cooper and Starmer on remaining in the EU ought to eliminate them from striving to be leader. Denying democracy on Brexit was one of the chief reasons Labour lost its heartland vote. These deluded people still fail to understand this.

In short, the Labour Party has no potential effective leader that can reform the party and make it electable.

The destruction of Jo Swinson

The wipeout of the LibDems was almost as spectacular as that of Labour. All the Remainer defectors from other parties lost their seats, even very prominent MPs like Chuka. Lib Dem MPs went from 12 to 11 and their leader lost her seat.

This was especially based on the electorate's disapproval of Jo Swinson. The polls consistently revealed that the more she appeared in the media, the more the public did not like her.

Though I rarely feel that events are the direct action of a temporal judgment of God, in this case I believe that it is very possible. Swinson was the archetypical progressive, Leftist, modern liberal, woke, anti-democratic politician. In one interview she flailed about hopelessly being unable to state what a woman was, fearful of treading on the Transgender bandwagon.

She was utterly hopeless and yet fearlessly self-confident and arrogant. But her greatest sin was hubris, which God hates. She demonstrated this early on when she affirmed that she could be the next Prime Minister. Only a really self-deluded LibDem could affirm such arrogant nonsense. The likelihood of the Lib-Dems gaining over 300 additional seats was to truly be in cloud-cuckoo land; but Swinson stated this without irony. As a result she not only presided over a catastrophe but also lost her seat (for the second time in five years).

But in the eye of the public she was punished for her woeful anti-democratic policies, which she, in complete delusion, still defends. Completely ignoring the biggest democratic voting statement in UK history⁵ (which she did not understand at all) she boasted her policy of ignoring that mandate, trampling on the democratic will of the people, and stood on a platform of revoking Article 50 and remaining in the EU. It takes a great deal of delusion to think that such a policy is acceptable. It takes even greater delusion to continue to affirm this policy even after her drubbing. The woman is in a world of her own.

⁵ The 2016 Referendum result was (contrary to Leftist opinion) a massive majority in electoral terms. General Elections are usually settled on a much smaller majority and no one complains.

The down-to-earth sanity and bloody-mindedness of the British people

Britons are not like anyone else. They are many things: a nation of shopkeepers, a nation of queue-ers, a nation of gardeners; but above all they are a down-to-earth, bloody-minded lot that will stick to essential basic principles and die in a ditch for them.

This character has developed over centuries based upon cultural norms that were centred in Christian principles and the gradual rise of democracy in a manner unlike any other nation. British democracy is exceptional and unlike anything comparable in Europe.⁶ Even the basis of its law is different.⁷ British Common Law is exceptional and the best form of democracy that is available. It is not perfect by any means but it is better than anything else. Only the original American Constitution comes close by copying much of the British system.⁸

The result of this democratic basis to British history resulted in a sense of the necessity of fair-play in the British character, which even second or third generation immigrants absorbed readily. YouTube commentators like Mahyar Tousi⁹ and Carl Benjamin (Sargon of Akkad)¹⁰ demonstrate this perfectly being patriotic Britishers.

The British people demand fair play and hate inroads into the democratic process. They willingly fought two world wars to fight for the principles of democracy. This is one reason why they voted against the EU which most people recognise is undemocratic at heart.

Pose a threat to this sense of deep-rooted democracy and you will pay the price. Perhaps Swinson's different heritage is the reason why she failed to understand this. Scotland only joined the union in 1707 and before that was often at war with England. Its history demonstrates far less understanding of democracy until quite late. Before the 16th century Reformation it was considered a very backward and barbarian country. The impact of Protestantism in people like John Knox helped to change this. However, it still had a history of feudalism, internecine rivalry and warfare for centuries. Hatred of one clan for another remains to this day.

Britons will tolerate much, but they will not tolerate a trashing of basic democracy and fair-play. They quite rightly saw the overturning of democracy by Labour, the LibDems and the Greens as treacherous.

Boris Johnson's very simple message of '*Let's get Brexit done*' tapped into this mindset and was eminently successful. If he fulfils what he says he will do well and be re-elected in five years; if he fails he will be trashed. The Brits are watching.

⁶ Many European nations did not know anything of representative democracy until relatively recently.

⁷ The Napoleonic Code is very different and presumes guilt rather than innocence.

⁸ 'Parliament' (Congress) has two houses; the representatives are led by a Speaker, the upper chamber modifies proposed laws, the president stands in the place of a monarch, there is an executive and a legislature etc.

⁹ His family background is Iranian.

¹⁰ His grandfather was an immigrant from St Helena.

The tantrums of woke progressives

The inward looking, youthful, self-obsessed, metropolitan bubble could not cope with reality when it bit them. Rather than analyse their failure and seek to remedy it, they took to denying reality, shouting and screaming, rioting, denouncing everybody else and throwing their toys out of the pram.

The mental sickness

I actually feel sorry for the youth woke people that have been severely mentally damaged by Cultural Marxism in their education and social media control. They are not acting normally. In some of the cases that I have witnessed, I really believe that some of these need medical help, as they are mentally sick. I say this with compassion and not vehemence. When someone screams, '*Not my Prime Minister*' and a host of invectives, over and over again in public without any self-control, they are acting in a deranged manner; call a doctor.

The denials

Others are less sub-normal but equally deranged. Marxists like Ash Sarkar refuse to accept that Labour did anything wrong and utter sophistry in blaming everyone and everything else. They state that Labour's policies were popular – despite nobody voting for them. Others, like Paul Mason and John McDonnell blamed the media saying that its vehement attacks on Jeremy Corbyn caused the failure. This is precious indeed.

It is true that Corbyn got some very bad press – but often that was caused by his own failures. If he had simply, fervently apologised for the very real attacks on Jews he would have gained some respect – but he consistently failed to do this even when asked on multiple occasions. The public hates such behaviour.

But Boris equally received loads of bad press. Indeed, a full analysis of all media coverage would probably show that Boris received more attacks. He was constantly berated not only in many newspapers but continually on the BBC, ITN, Sky and Channel Four news programmes. He was called a liar, a racist, a sexist, an opportunist, and much more. His private life was dissected and he was slandered continually. I think the British public liked him more because he did not rise to this but ignored it and carried on. When he appeared on the Trotskyite Andrew Marr show Boris was continually interrupted and unable to make a case in a travesty of journalism.

Let's get this straight; most of the British media are either modern liberal or Left-wing progressives. A table would look something like this:

Right-Wing or Centrist	Left-Wing
The Telegraph.	The Daily Mirror.
The Daily Mail.	The New Statesman.
The Spectator.	The Guardian.
The Sun (with qualifications and it used to support Blair).	The Independent.
The Express.	The I.
The Times (centrist with qualifications).	Daily Star (with qualifications).
Evening Standard (centrist).	The Morning Star.
	The Metro (left of centre).

	The BBC. ¹¹
	ITN.
	Channel 4. (Channel 4 news is extremely Left-Wing.)
	Sky News (left of centre)
	Most modern comedians.
	Most political panel shows (e.g. Question Time).
	Most cultural comedy shows (e.g. The Last Leg, The Mash Report).

Blaming the collapse of the Left on the media is really clutching at straws.

In fact polling appears to show that the more radical Leftists appear in the media, the less the public trusts Labour. Note the constant appearances of Owen Jones or Ash Sarkar on a variety of shows. Note the repeated appearances of John McDonnell and Emily Thornberry on ITV's Peston programme. Note the many appearances of Paul Mason or Kevin Maguire as commentators.

The hate

Truly troubling is the wave of bilious spleen that erupted, also by young folk conditioned by Cultural Marxism – which actively brainwashes people to make them hate.

Social media was full of nasty hatred by people that lost and cannot cope with this. One of the reasons for this inability is the conditioning in schools that have abolished competition – everyone must have prizes and no one is a loser. People educated in this way cannot compete in society which is not fair and just and which creates losers every day. Their only way to cope with loss is to get angry at everybody else.

Thus truly nasty Tweets, Facebook posts, emails, and such like burst on the scene immediately. Death threats and threats of violence proliferated. These were often directed at the old, the working class, the Right Wing, Brexiteers, and such like, who were called stupid and selfish.

In one case Caroline Flint (a good Labour constituency MP who voted for the Brexit deal [but originally voted Remain] and a decent person) stated that Emily Thornberry (an arrogant, deluded, Remainer Labour shadow cabinet MP) called her constituents '*stupid*' (because Flint lost her seat). Thornberry, tipped as a future Labour leader, shot herself in the foot immediately by instigating legal action against her former colleague, Flint. Such action immediately demonstrates that she is unfit to be a statesman.

Examples of celebrities engaging in hate include:

- Steve Coogan (actor, comedian) saying that Brexiteers are ill-informed and ignorant and claimed that only stupid uneducated people voted Tory.
- Hugh Grant: campaigned with Chuka Umunna and said that he wanted to do his bit to prevent a national catastrophe. He said that a Tory government would be a national emergency.¹²

¹¹ It is no surprise that polls show that more people now distrust the BBC than trust it. YouGov shows a fall from 51% trust to 44% while distrust has risen from 41% to 48%. [YouGov, 'Do Britons trust the press?']

¹² The Guardian, 2 December 2019.

- Stormzy (a rap grime ‘singer’): called Zac Goldsmith (Conservative) ‘*a proper p...yhole*’, ‘*a f....ing, a....hole*’.
- Lily Allen: after the election stated that the whole country was racist and misogynist.

The personal attacks

After the devastating election result, Leftists immediately started attacking media individuals, such as Laura Kuenssberg, for supporting the Tories (which is nonsense). At one point she needed to be escorted home for safety. This is a slight young girl being threatened and attacked for doing her job. Shame on these Leftists. Ironically, if anything, Kuenssberg showed a Left-leaning bias in her reporting and was very critical of Johnson.

Robert Peston (ITN political editor and presenter) was also attacked and suffered many trolls in social media, some of which were vile. This is also stupid as Peston is not only Left-wing but is also a Jew.

The ignorance

The nasty actions of the Leftist progressives is foolhardy. It does nothing to encourage ordinary working class people (the very people they need to win an election) to support them.

But it is also ignorant.

One controversy was the NHS; in fact some polls affirmed that this became the main focus of election policy. This was a big slogan for Labour. It claimed that the Tories want to sell the NHS to President Trump and the NHS would be destroyed. In fact note the following:

- The beginning of the big sell-off of the NHS to private companies was under the Blair Labour government.
- The dreadful PFI (Private Finance Initiative) scheme that holds NHS and other institutions in hock to hedge-funds for decades at huge costs was under Labour.
- The worst NHS scandal in history, in Staffordshire, took place under a Labour government.
- Trump has formally stated that he is not interested in buying the NHS.
- The so-called documents ‘proving’ that the Tories are actively negotiating the sell-off of the NHS did no such thing when examined carefully.
- Boris Johnson formally stated in the campaign that the NHS is not up for sale and that he is investing billions in it after the disastrous cuts by Cameron and May.
- After the election Boris announced that he will pass a law making it impossible for the NHS to be sold off.

Despite all this, the furious progressives are still yelling and moaning about the sell-off of the NHS.

Many of the attacks on governorship of the NHS, such as bad waiting times, are pointed at Johnson despite the fact that he has only been in leadership for a few months and despite the fact that he has openly criticised austerity measures as wrong.

What the progressives ignore (when they hold a policy of open borders and uncontrolled immigration) is that the 8 million immigrants brought into Britain in recent years is the reason that the NHS cannot cope with demand. Over 6 million of these registered with a GP when GP numbers were decreasing and this is why there is a waiting time of three

weeks to see your doctor – or no doctor in your area at all. The problem is not the old infirm, it is not Boris – it is exceptional demand in an age of tightened economics.

Policy changes made by Labour caused the initial problems in the NHS which were then worsened by the effective budget cuts¹³ and reorganisation made under the Coalition government (Tory plus LibDems).

The simple fact is that the electorate trusted Boris on the NHS more than Corbyn.

The social media collapse

In an age when social media is promoted as being the be-all and end-all of modern culture; when commentators have stated that social media (hacked by the Russian no less – oh dear) is more important than the press or television; the fact was that it had no effect whatsoever.

Labour invested very heavily in social media. In fact even Right-Wing commentators like Guido Fawkes openly admitted that Labour had won the Twitter war. Laura Kuenssberg affirmed that Labour had won the social media war.

In the event none of this made any difference at all. Labour won the social media war but got absolutely thrashed to an inch of its life in the real world.

This shows that social media is not as powerful as people are made to think. Indeed its nasty underbelly is gradually being seen by more and more people as many are closing down their Facebook pages and leaving Twitter. Social media is not the real world.

In fact, I think that the best campaign advertisement in the whole process was one that was tongue in cheek. The parody of the *Love Actually* movie by Boris Johnson, with a twinkle in his eye like a cheeky kid, did more good for the Tories than anything else. It was a broadcast that actually worked – and it was funny.

Better still was the song ‘Maybe’ by comedian Dominic Frisby that far fewer people saw but was truly brilliant. Sung at a *Comedy Unleashed* gig in London in October 2019.

The Brexit Party

Nigel Farage came in for much criticism due to failing to get an MP elected. However, this is unfair. His party gained 2% of the vote but fell foul of the electoral system. The SNP only gained just under 2% more votes (3.9%) but got 48 MPs.

Before the election Farage registered the name ‘The Reform Party’ and is likely to continue in politics standing on a platform of reforming Parliament and the electoral system.

The real effect of the Brexit Party in this election was to reduce the damage done to Labour. Analysts have stated that splitting the Tory vote in northern seats, like Sunderland, allowed Labour to just creep in. Without this split of votes the devastation to Labour would have

¹³ The budgets were not actually slashed but were far short of what was necessary to keep us with medical inflation (4%) and thus amounted to cuts, year on year. The reorganisation also made running costs more expensive.

been even worse. This is how serious the Labour collapse actually was. Apparently, about 34 Labour MPs kept their seats as a result of the Brexit Party.

UKIP

UKIP is now finished, even though it clings on.

The National Executive managed to ruin the party and thwart the last two leaders.

Boris - the wild card

Brits tend to like mavericks. In fact, they tend to strongly dislike cardboard cut-out politicians that speak the party line with all the integrity of a card shark and the passion of a jellyfish. They can be very forgiving of misdemeanours because it shows that their leaders are just like them. However, certain sins are not acceptable, such as appearing to be unpatriotic, abusing the vulnerable, or financial corruption.

So, despite Boris' many sins being flashed around the press continually, which dragged up previous girlfriends and possible girlfriends, or covering a row he had with his girlfriend, or just simple gaffes, the public continued to like him, despite all.

One reason is that Boris is the antidote to Theresa May – he is active, positive, supremely confident in Britain, unafraid to kick doors down, challenging, fearless in pricking the bubble of progressives, politically incorrect, and a charming cheeky chap. Even when he presented *Have I Got News For You* and made numerous errors and presentational blunders he still managed to make it one of the funniest episodes.

The public likes all these things – he is not like an establishment politician.

Boris is also a communicator. He finds a simple message and sticks to it like glue ('*Get Brexit done!*'). The public knows what his agenda is (compare the totally confused mess of the Labour message).

Boris is also showing signs of being an effective leader. People don't understand leadership. A good leader does not have to make 100% correct decisions, he must keep driving forwards despite failings. Experts say that even only 30% of decisions being correct can lead to forward progress. What is deadly is indecision. Leaders do not have to be good at everything. They don't need to understand the detailed intricacies of briefs. What they need to do is choose the right experts that do understand these and delegate power to them. In short a PM is the captain of a ship; he does not need to do the steering, cook the food, wash the decks or set the rigging – he merely makes decisions and tells others what to do. If his course is set right, the ship will go where it is meant to go.

Boris may be guilty of a lack of studying briefs, or minor deficiencies, but he knows how to establish an effective cabinet and choose the best advisors and then set targets to challenge effective delegation. He can sell the cabinet message to the public. He can fight off challenges and attacks with whimsical ease. He keeps moving forward.

God is sovereign over politics and the choice of leaders. He often allows bad leaders to ruin nations as an act of divine judgment for national sin. But occasionally he appoints someone who can actually do a great deal of good. In fact, God often uses mavericks to do his will to turn nations round – like the prophets Amos or Jonah.

Now I am not saying that Boris is a godly man, or that he will follow all God's will. I am saying that it appears to me that God has given Britain a chance to put some matters straight. We will see if Boris can achieve this. The current attempt by Cummings to shake up the civil service establishment is very welcome.

His pledges so far are all good:

- Safeguard the NHS and boost its budget.
- Reduce business rates for high street shops.
- Leave the EU on 31 January.
- End the transition period by 31 December; deal or no deal.
- Shake up Whitehall.
- Reform the Supreme Court.
- Reform constituency boundaries.
- Review the BBC licence fee and its legal sanctions.
- Review HS2.

And this is only days into his leadership programme.

There is a chance that Boris could be a very good PM after decades of very bad ones. May, Cameron, Brown and Blair were amongst the worst PM's that Britain ever had. In addition, the chancellors were equally appalling. This is over two decades of rubbish leaders; no wonder the country has gone to the dogs. Even if Boris only does moderately well he will outshine these. We need to give Boris a chance.

Summary of key points

- The Brexit argument is now finished. The country has decisively, for the third time, demonstrated that it demands exit from the EU. This can no longer be argued against. EU-supporting MPs (like Phillips, Starmer and Thornberry) find themselves at odds with the British public.
- The power of the commonsensical, down-to-earth, ordinary working person has been demonstrated. The neo-liberal, metropolitan media portrayed the ascendancy of the youth, the liberal elite, the progressives and the woke – but was trashed by common sense politics.
- The working class North and Midlands reasserted its power.
- Brexit was not dominated only by the very old but by the working class, the northern middle class and very many young people.
- The hard left of Momentum is now finished as any kind of potential political power.
- The power of working class people connected to the armed services must now be taken into account. This is not just veterans and serving people, but the vast network of relatives and friends. This comprises hundreds of thousands of people in key marginal seats.
- As in America, the Conservatives have become the party of the northern working class. If they can fulfil the promises to this group they can stay in power. Labour is now the party of the metropolitan, neo-liberal elite and southern middle class, not the working class. The effect of this seismic change has yet to be fully analysed. If Labour stays within its elitist woke bubble it will be unelectable for a generation.

- This represents another strand in the rise of anti-globalist feeling worldwide. Indeed, the EU is now in trouble. It has cut its budget for the poorest in its states while safeguarding money for the EU army project. States like Hungary are now openly criticising the EU leadership for its handling of Brexit. Meanwhile Germany, the powerhouse of the EU, is in trouble. It is facing an economic downturn that is blamed on liberal policies such as mass immigration plus it is facing social destabilisation and a rise of nationalism.
- Britain stands to quickly take advantage of a series of international trade deals, already negotiated, after 31 January. This includes places like Iceland, Switzerland, South Korea and many more. This is likely to lead to greater prosperity and proving that the protectionism of the EU has held us back for decades.

Potential problems

Brexit

The most important issue is how Boris deals with Brexit.

Now that he has a large majority he has the opportunity to renegotiate with the EU on our terms and reverse the situation of the last three years. In addition the EU is politically and economically wounded at the moment, with France on the verge of civil war and Germany facing a societal split, as well as economic problems. The playing field has completely changed.

The establishment will do everything in its power to make Brexit ineffective. That is, to keep us within the framework of the EU, under all its regulations and treaty commitments (e.g. being part of an EU army) yet without any representation. The EU is also currently strengthening its anti-democratic processes under its new leadership, making it more despotic than ever.

Boris is moving in the right direction by making it a law that the transition period must end on 31 December 2020. This means that he has the possibility of leaving the EU single market and customs union on WTO terms if no free trade deal is struck in time (which the EU has said is impossible and has already sought an extension).

The fear is that Boris may be overwhelmed by the corrupt political establishment (centred in the civil service and the City) and keep us under EU regulations. His current deal is certainly not a clean Brexit and needs to change. Only time will tell.

The best hope for Brexit is the influence of Dominic Cummings, chief advisor to the PM. His power is in the ascendant after delivering the biggest electoral victory for the Tories since 1935. The massive criticism he has faced from the progressive media, as well as calls for his dismissal, will now fall on deaf ears. He is already making moves in the right direction by threatening a massive overhaul of Whitehall with a new influx of staff that does not come from the establishment breeding grounds of Eton and Harrow.¹⁴ There are also plans afoot to reform the politicised Supreme Court and return to the traditional Law Lords oversight of the justice system based upon a-political logic and justice.

Brexit was being ruined over the last three years by a totally incompetent Prime Minister dominated by hard-line Remainer advisors and a Remainer Chancellor. Now we have a PM

¹⁴ His blog calls for non-humanities graduates (not public school - Oxbridge 'bluffers'), weirdos, wild cards, artists, to truly shake up the civil service. This is a stroke of genius and much needed.

with effective leadership potential, strong Brexiteer advisors and a submissive Chancellor. A change of PM really has made a massive difference to the political landscape.

One can only hope that as new international trade deals come into force after 31 January and Britain begins to feel more prosperous, and as money is channelled to deprived areas in the North and Midlands, more people will begin to realise that the EU has been a burden in multiple ways and particularly in holding back economic growth. This will give support to end the transition period with a clean break if we have to. As the benefits begin to roll in and project fear is dismantled, then we can hope to unite the country on the basis of a shared vision of hope for the future.

War

All of the possibilities for a brighter future outside the EU could be ruined by the US Neocons that have ramped up their long desired war with Iran.

In killing an Iranian general¹⁵ by an illegal drone airstrike in Iraq, the US has brought down the wrath of Iran and other Shi'ites upon its own head. This is extremely distressing and an utterly stupid act of provocation by Israeli-dominated US politicians. Soleimani was on an official diplomatic mission in Iraq at the time. Killing diplomats (no matter how immoral) in a foreign country is utterly illegal and blatantly stupid.

The likelihood of a new Gulf War is now highly possible but more worrying is the fact that this could be a Franz Ferdinand moment.¹⁶ Crazy global elite leaders have long cherished the idea of a Third World War starting in the Middle East and this is the closest we have come to it so far. The US should beware, however; military experts have affirmed that Iran is quite capable of beating the US in a hot war, even without Russian assistance.¹⁷ Iran's missile strike on US bases in Iraq is understandable retaliation but worrying. If Trump reacts with missile strikes on Iran then escalation could ramp up to strikes on Israel and a potential nuclear strike in return. This would lead to full on war in the Middle East.

The US Congress is considering the domestic implications of this drone-strike. Since it has been seen as an act of war by Iran, it has thrown into question whether Trump acted legally by authorising the strike without reference to Congress, which has to sanction war. This would be a better cause for impeachment than the current side-show.

More possible is the likelihood of waves of Shi'ite terrorist attacks in the west, on top of the usual Salafist Sunni terrorist attacks.

The big problem for Britain is whether Boris can withstand Trump if war develops. Could he remain outside the conflagration, as Wilson managed to keep us out of the Vietnam War? Or will he be a willing poodle like Blair's rush to get us into the Iraq War? Only time will tell. If Britain does engage in war (when we have no stake in it at all, nor do we face any active threat)¹⁸ then all the hope for a prosperous economic future will be smashed. The government's current support of Trump and sending in the SAS and other assets into the region is worrying.

¹⁵ Iran's Quds Force (Iran's external security agency) commander, Qassem Soleimani. This man opposed Saddam Hussein and ISIS, supported Assad and backed the Kurds in Northern Iraq. Despite state-sponsored expressions of grief, he was not popular amongst secular Iranians who privately celebrated his demise. He is alleged to have committed many human rights abuses, including torture. However, he was a very effective military commander and scourge of ISIS.

¹⁶ The killing, of whom, started the First World War.

¹⁷ See, for example The Saker.

¹⁸ Britain also has a significant minority of Iranians.

Boris needs to stand his ground against the EU in trade talks and against Trump in engaging in military action against Iran.

God's favour of Britain

Most nations believe that God is on their side, but he is on nobody's side. He fulfils his eternal decree, elevating and then degrading nations according to his eternal plan.

Nevertheless, a strong case can be made that God has shown great undeserved favour to the British Isles and I have demonstrated this in other papers. It is a simple fact of history. Britain had the first Christian king before any other country and consistently championed Biblical Christianity from before it was a unified nation¹⁹ to the Victorian and Edwardian period.

Other great Christian nations deviated from the path established in the Reformation and eventually followed non-evangelical Christian religions (France, Germany, Sweden, Russia) or secular philosophies (America, Switzerland, Italy). Even great men like Calvin and Luther could not stop their countries falling from grace and capitulating to apostasy or idolatry. Yet Britain, no matter how flawed, consistently maintained an evangelical testimony for centuries.²⁰ This is why its democracy is unique.

God's favour does not prevent God's judgment, and Britain has long been under judgment for dishonouring God's law in following neo-liberal policies. Yet God still shows favour to Britain, perhaps for the sake of the many godly British men who served God faithfully over many centuries, from Patrick to Spurgeon.²¹

Since the EU is a key part of the global elite's plans for a world empire, the fact that Britain even managed to vote to leave is a miracle in itself. This vote was then stymied by a corrupt establishment and a useless Prime Minister. Brexit was gradually being reversed by stealth. Now under Johnson this has all been reversed. Brexit is going ahead in a few weeks, even if it is not a clean-break Brexit, and Boris has limited the transition period. The possibility of a no-deal Brexit is now, at least, one option on the table. Of several EU member states that want to leave the EU, only Britain has managed to do it.

That this could have happened was not seen as credible even a few months ago, yet the whole landscape has changed. Even worldwide there is a rise of anti-globalist feeling that is beginning to change nations.

It is difficult to delineate God's active involvement in all this, but he is sovereign over nations and controls their boundaries. God is giving Britain a chance to get its affairs in proper order. Will it obey?

¹⁹ E.g. under Alfred.

²⁰ For example, many monarchs genuinely subscribed to Biblical Christianity, such as Victoria, Edward VI, and Edward the Confessor. Secretaries of state also championed Protestantism, such as Thomas Cromwell ([c.1485–1540] chief minister to Henry VIII, 1531–40). The justice system was originally based upon God's law. Common Law was predicated on individual liberty enshrined in Christianity. Many social structures originated from Christian altruism (hospitals, schools, universities, orphanages, housing, social reforms etc.).

²¹ Note how God occasionally intervened to deliver Israel from enemies despite its continual apostasy and idolatry following the sins of Jeroboam.

Conclusion

Now I don't trust the Tories and have criticised them in many papers, justifiably. However, this is a major turning of the public towards traditional values and common sense politics and away from modern liberalism and globalism. Johnson is enough of a maverick to actually get a lot done if he stays true to his statements. His aversion to austerity and commitment to infrastructure spending is welcome.

The harbingers are good, as he has already pledged to protect the NHS in law and to give billions in extra spending (perhaps not enough and the damaging 2012 NHS Act needs to be repealed). He is also going to pass a law forcing Britain out of the transition period in December 2020, free trade deal or no free trade deal. Johnson did a great deal more good as London mayor than the disaster, which is the Labour Sadiq Khan. He even stopped a trend of rising stabbings whereas Khan has presided over the biggest increase in violence, stabbings and murders than in all London's history. There is a chance that Boris could actually be a good Prime Minister; time will tell.

What Johnson has to do, and this is recognised by the Conservatives in general, is to make life better for the working class communities in the Midlands, Wales and the North. If he can do this he will win again. He made a good start within hours by announcing a cut in business rates for smaller shops on the high street. Before a week had passed since the election, Boris has initiated major new policies that will help reform the nation.

There are many lessons to learn from this election, which everyone knew was going to be one of the most important in a century. If Labour wants to reform and have a chance of winning it needs to elect a moderate like Lisa Nandy to be leader. If it elects a Corbynista like Rebecca Long-Bailey or a London Remainer like Thornberry or Starmer, it will lose and become more obscure.

What the public needs to do now is get behind a stable Parliament and stop the hatred. Venting abuse and invective isn't going to help anybody – not even the people venting. Expressing hatred always leads to sickness; it damages the body.

The Brexit debate is finished; that ship has sailed. Commentators and progressive politicians need to stop fighting a lost war. We all need to work together to make Britain a better place. By all means hold Boris to account over the next five years, but first give him a chance to make beneficial changes – then judge his achievements.

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