

Invitation to join the government of Britain

The Conservative Party Manifesto 2010

Why we think you should vote for us



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About this manifesto



Who we are

We are the **Conservative Party**.

Our leader is David Cameron.



This is our manifesto. It tells you

- what we believe in
- some of the main things we will do if we become the next government.

Our website is **www.conservatives.com** if you want to find out more.

What we believe



There are many problems in our society that we need to fix.

For example, the government at the moment has caused us big money problems.

And many more people do not have a job or enough money to buy the things they need.



We believe we have the best ideas and plans to put things right.

We believe in something different. We believe that we can make things better if we all work together.



This means we want the people of Britain to have more choice and control. We want them to know what they can do to make their local area and country better.

We can help us all work together to make Britain a better and fairer place. And we are ready to do what it takes to make this happen.



Now you can find out how we will make Britain better and fairer if you vote for us.



Money (the economy)

The government at the moment has caused us big money problems. We will change the way things are done to make Britain strong again.

Some of the things we will do



We will act straight away to sort out Britain's money problems, not wait until they get worse.

We will do much more to help businesses grow and do well.

We will stop government money being wasted. This will save a lot of money but will not affect the important services people need.



Because we will save so much money, people earning less than £35,000 a year will not have to pay more National Insurance tax like the government now wants them to.

We will make banks work in a much safer way to stop money problems like this ever happening again.



There will be a new free advice service for people worried about their money.



Jobs

Too many people are out of work and do not have enough money to buy the things they need. We can change this. We can get people back into work.

Some of the things we will do

We will help businesses create new jobs for people.

We will set up something called a Work Programme for everyone who does not have a job.



It will help people get a job by giving them advice, training and the chance to try out jobs.

The Work Programme will help make sure that everyone who can work does work.

We will help young people get better training and skills.



We will help make colleges and universities even better. And there will be more university places for young people.



Helping everyone do their bit

We want people to have more choice and control over their lives. We want people to be able to come together and change things for the better.

Some of the things we will do



We will give more money and support to groups like charities and voluntary groups. This will help them do more good work to make people's lives better.

We will help people in local areas come together to change things or have more of a say.

For example, people could get together to



- start new schools
- stop services being shut down
- make plans for their local area
- have meetings with their local police.



We will set up a project for young people. It will help them take part more in their local area and do good things.



Families

We need good, strong families to help our society work well. We will support families to stay together.

Some of the things we will do

We will give people who are married or in civil partnerships support with money (things like tax and benefits).



Civil partnerships are where 2 men or 2 women are in a relationship and commit to staying together.

We will keep council tax the same price for 2 years.

We will help families spend more time together.



For example, there will be much more flexible working. This is where people can work hours that better suit them and their families.

We will make sure the families who need the most help get it very early on. This can stop problems happening later on.



There will be more people called health visitors to support parents before their child starts school.



Health

We believe in the NHS. We will spend more money on it every year to make it the best it can be.

Some of the things we will do



We will give people much more choice about their healthcare. And better information.

People will be able to see a doctor between 8am and 8pm every day of the week.

We will make sure many more people can have an NHS dentist.



We will make sure people can get important medicines they need. For example, cancer drugs.

We will give carers more support. For example, by making sure they can have more short breaks.



We will make sure older people do not have to sell their homes to pay for their care. They can pay a much smaller amount of money earlier on instead if they want to.



Schools

We will make schools much better so that everyone can have the best start in life.

Some of the things we will do



We will make sure teachers are the best they can be, with the best training and skills.

We will make it much easier for schools to deal with pupils who are violent or behave badly.



We will bring in new ways of teaching and learning to make every child's education the best it can be.



We will give parents better information about schools to help them make the right choices.

There will be more academy schools. These are schools anyone can go to. They will be smaller with a high standard of education.



Crime

Violent crime has got much worse. We need to fight crime and bad behaviour and make Britain a safer place to live.

Some of the things we will do



We will do more to stop violence to do with drugs or alcohol. For example, shops or bars that keep selling alcohol to children will be shut down.



We will deal better with knife crime. For example, people found guilty of knife crime should be sent to prison.

We will make sure the Police have much more time to go out on the streets and deal with crime.

We will make sure there is better information for people to look at about how the Police are doing.



We will make sure people get proper help when they leave prison to stop them doing drugs or crime again.



The environment

(The earth we live on, the seas, the countryside and other things around us)

The world uses too much petrol, coal and gas and other things that damage the environment.

We want Britain to lead the world in helping to save the environment.

Some of the things we will do

We will make businesses work in a much better way for the environment.

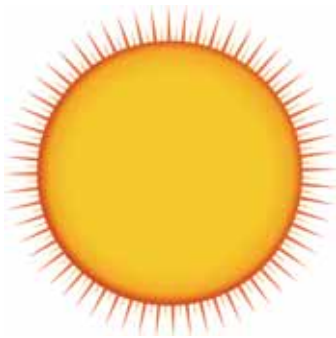
And we will help new businesses start that have good ideas or ways of helping the environment.

We will make sure more of our heat and electricity comes from things like the sun, wind and sea. This will be much better for the environment.

We will help everyone do their bit. For example, every home will have £6,500 to spend on making it use less gas and electricity. This will make bills much cheaper.

We will stop new runways being built at Heathrow, Stansted and Gatwick airports.

We will make train travel better and easier. For example, we will build new faster train lines across Britain.





Other things we will do

Changing how politics works (things like the government, MPs and political parties)

We will change things so that people can trust politics again and have more control over what happens.

For example,



- we will make new rules to make politics fair and honest
- people will be able to get rid of their local MP if their MP has done something very wrong
- we will spend less money on politics
- there will be clear information for people to look at about how the government spends its money.

Immigration (people coming to live and work in Britain from other countries)



People coming to Britain over the years to live and work has really helped us. But the number of people coming here at the moment is too high.

We will limit the number of people who can come here to live and work.

Homes



We will make it easier for everyone to own their own home.

For example, people buying their first home will not have to pay a tax called stamp duty unless their home costs more than £250,000.

Keeping Britain safe



We will set up a new government group to be in charge of keeping Britain safe.

We will stop any groups in Britain who talk about hate and want to use violence to change things.

We will make sure our army in Afghanistan have everything they need to do their job properly. And that their families are looked after much better.

Britain and Europe



We want to stay part of the EU (European Union).

But we will make sure the EU cannot have more control over Britain unless the people of Britain agree.

(The EU is a group of countries in Europe. They meet to make laws and big decisions about Europe.)

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