



INDEPENDENCE NEWSLETTER

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Look in the mirror to see the real affront to democracy, Mr Blair

So, the answer to people's worries about globalisation is Tony Blair. To be honest, I don't believe there is a question to which the answer is 'more Tony Blair'. But apparently the Great Deceiver is convinced that the answer to "frightening authoritarian populism" is a new Blair-inspired Institute for Global Change.

This is somewhat akin to the idea that the answer to poverty is to spend less, and the answer to malnutrition is to go on a diet.

Blair is frightened of populism because he says it is undermining the West's belief in democracy. Again, the mental gymnastics of this are breathtaking. When the people rise up and tell the global liberal elite – of whom Blair, Hilary Clinton, George Osborne and the EU are among the most egregious examples – that they can no longer lord it over us, they claim this is some sort of affront to democracy.

This is presumably the same mental somersault which enabled Blair to illegally invade Iraq, causing the meltdown in the Middle East which has led directly to the Libyan drownings and the disgusting Mediaeval horrors of ISIS, and then take a job as the western elite's Peace Envoy to the Middle East. And become amazingly rich in the process, somehow.

I am now reading David Godhart's book *The Road to Somewhere*, which I recommend to you. A lifelong centre-left Labourite, Godhart identifies where the liberal consensus went wrong: allowing the 'Somewheres' – [the majority of people](#) who want to belong to a community, a county, a country – to be dominated for fifty years by the small minority of 'Anywheres' – rootless elites who have rejected all those traditional distinct identities and demand that everyone else does the same.

Interestingly, Godhart quotes Bulgarian political scientist Ivan Krastev that populists are becoming openly anti-liberal, while elites are becoming secretly anti-democratic (or, in the case of Tony Blair, as usual, pretending the exact opposite). Blair's chum Lord Mandelson has heralded the "post-democratic age", and I recently heard of a married couple, both teachers, who seriously

suggested, without irony, that Brexit showed that the 'stupid' should not be allowed to vote.

If you want to know why UKIP exists, why it succeeded, and why it is still absolutely vital, [read this book](#). And keep replaying Sunday morning's interviews with Tony Blair ([watch it here](#)) – still UKIP's Number One recruiting sergeant.

Kind regards



Paul Nuttall
Leader



Hopefully we're all now focused on the upcoming Local Elections. Nominations open on March 27th so time really is now running short if you're interesting in becoming a candidate.

Nationally (including all out elections in Wales and Scotland) we need to fill 4,406 seats and we are defending 192 wins from 2013.

Remember UKIP are more relevant now than they have ever been, it is time for all of us to stand in these elections and send shockwaves a gain through the establishment.

The main complaint we get at Head Office comes after voters make the effort to go and vote UKIP and they get to the polling station only to find there is no local candidate. Please make sure this doesn't happen in your area by putting your name forward to stand, this is key to the future of our Party.

We look forward to hearing from you soon.



LETTER to the EDITOR

BY GREG HEATHCLIFFE

WHY NOT SEND SOMETHING LIKE THIS TO YOUR LOCAL PAPER

Dear Sir,

Listening to the debate over farm subsidies and food labelling on the BBC's Sunday Politics West programme several major points were raised including the continued farm payments under the CAP, which farmers stand to lose with Brexit, along with concerns over the loss of 'protected food' status for products like Cheddar cheese.

Once again we see the problems caused by an EU loving main party like the Conservatives having 'stolen' UKIP's ideas like Brexit, because they are popular ones, but being unable to make them work when needed because of an essentially pro Brussels mentality from many of its leaders.

If the electorate had put a UKIP government in place back in 2015 today we would be well on the way to leaving the EU, our farmers would be receiving a Single Farm Payment of £80 per acre (more for those who need it because of their type of land) to replace the EU's far more expensive CAP option, without all the 'red tape' which Brussels attaches to the payments, and many other benefits all round.

As to food labelling, and protected food status, why do so many assume that only Brussels can ensure such things?

Again UKIP's plans include bringing these matters back under the control of the Westminster government and insist that certain high standards are met to ensure the continuation, and possibly even the raising of, the current standards of production.

Too many have become so used to Brussels rules that they seem to forget that, for a very long time and in some cases centuries, we were not only actually doing these things ourselves long before we were sold out to the EU by the Heath-led Tory government in the 1970s, but in many areas we were actually doing them far better and can be again.

Yours faithfully,

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