

INTRODUCTION

MR. PRESIDENT, A LOT HAS HAPPENED SINCE WE LAST MET.

THERE WAS, FOR INSTANCE, OUR GENERAL ELECTION VICTORY

IN JUNE.

THEY TELL ME THAT MAKES IT THREE WINS IN A

ROW.

LIKE LORD LIVERPOOL.

HE WAS PRIME MINISTER FOR FIFTEEN YEARS.

IT'S RATHER ENCOURAGING.

IT WAS AN HISTORIC VICTORY.

AND I WANT TO THANK ALL THOSE WHO PLAYED THEIR  
PART (IN THAT VICTORY.)

AND, ABOVE ALL, OUR CHAIRMAN, NORMAN TEBBIT,  
NORMAN AND MARGARET HOLD, AND WILL ALWAYS HOLD,  
A UNIQUE PLACE IN OUR ESTEEM AND AFFECTION.

ON THE 11TH JUNE, WE EVEN WON SOME ... SEATS WE FAILED  
TO GAIN IN 1983.

AND WE WON BACK THREE WE LOST AT BY-ELECTIONS.

AND WHY DID WE WIN?

FOR A LOT OF REASONS.

*Red of  
honor -*

BUT MOST OF ALL BECAUSE WE KNEW WHAT WE STOOD  
FOR.

WE SAID WHAT WE STOOD FOR.

AND WE STUCK BY WHAT WE STOOD FOR.

*SOMETIMES*

SINCE THE ELECTION, IT SEEMS WE ARE THE ONLY PARTY THAT  
DOES.

~~BUT BEWARE: THE LEOPARD DOESN'T CHANGE ITS  
SPOTS.~~

FROM IMPOSSIBILITY TO VICTORY

MR. PRESIDENT, TWELVE YEARS AGO, I FIRST STOOD ON  
THIS PLATFORM AS LEADER OF THE CONSERVATIVE  
PARTY.

ONE OR TWO THINGS HAVE CHANGED SINCE 1975.

IN THAT YEAR WE WERE STILL LABOURING UNDER  
LABOUR'S SO-CALLED "SOCIAL CONTRACT",  
AND PEOPLE SAID WE COULDN'T GOVERN THE  
COUNTRY AGAIN.



REMEMBER HOW WE HAD ALL BEEN LECTURED ABOUT POLITICAL  
IMPOSSIBILITY?

YOU COULDN'T BE A CONSERVATIVE, AND SOUND LIKE  
A CONSERVATIVE, AND WIN AN ELECTION. - *UKey said*  
AND YOU CERTAINLY COULDN'T WIN AN ELECTION  
AND THEN ACT LIKE A CONSERVATIVE AND WIN  
ANOTHER ELECTION.

AND - THIS WAS ABSOLUTELY BEYOND ARGUMENT -  
YOU COULDN'T WIN TWO ELECTIONS AND GO ON  
BEHAVING LIKE A CONSERVATIVE, AND WIN YET A  
THIRD ELECTION.

DON'T YOU JUST HARBOUR THE FAINTEST SUSPICION  
THAT SOMEWHERE ALONG THE LINE SOMETHING WENT  
WRONG WITH THAT THEORY.

RIGHT UP TO 11TH JUNE, THE LABOUR PARTY, THE LIBERALS, THE  
SDP AND THE DOUBTERS WERE BUSY SAYING THAT  
CONSERVATISM DOESN'T WORK.  
ODDLY ENOUGH, SINCE 12TH JUNE, THEY'VE BEEN  
SAYING THAT IT DOES.  
AND SO OUR POLITICAL OPPONENTS ARE NOW FEVERISHLY  
PACKAGING THEIR POLICIES TO LOOK LIKE OURS.

*ITS INTERESTING to discover*  
~~ITS MUSIC TO OUR EARS TO DISCOVER THAT~~ NO PARTY NOW

DARES TO SAY OPENLY THAT IT WILL TAKE AWAY FROM  
THE PEOPLE WHAT WE HAVE GIVEN BACK TO THE PEOPLE.

MR. PRESIDENT, LABOUR'S LANGUAGE MAY ALTER, THEIR

PRESENTATION MAY BE SLICKER, BUT IT'S STILL

SOCIALISM THAT'S ON OFFER.

FAR BE IT FROM ME TO DERIDE THE SINNERS THAT

REPENTETH.

THE TROUBLE WITH LABOUR <sup>THEY</sup> IS ~~IT~~ WANTS THE BENEFIT  
OF REPENTENCE WITHOUT RENOUNCING THE ORIGINAL SIN.

NO-ONE SHOULD BE TAKEN IN.

AND THE SO-CALLED "ALLIANCE"?

I USED TO WONDER DURING THE ELECTION CAMPAIGN WHAT THE

ALLIANCE LEADERS MEANT BY CONSENSUS POLITICS.

I HAVE A FEEL <sup>wig</sup> DR. OWEN KNOWS NOW: ~~WIT~~ <sup>OF</sup> SIX INCHES  
OF FRATERNAL STEEL BETWEEN THE SHOULDER BLADES.



MR. PRESIDENT, WE ARE A SUCCESSFUL PARTY LEADING A  
SUCCESSFUL NATION.

WHEN I AM ASKED WHAT IS THE SECRET, IT SEEMS TO BE  
NEITHER VERY DIFFICULT TO UNDERSTAND NOR VERY  
SOPHISTICATED TO EXPLAIN.

WHAT WE HAVE DONE IS TO RE-ESTABLISH AT THE  
HEART OF POLITICS A HANDFUL OF SIMPLE TRUTHS.

*Fisk*  
NO ECONOMY CAN THRIVE IF THE GOVERNMENT DEBASES THE  
COINAGE.

NO SOCIETY CAN BE FAIR OR STABLE WHEN INFLATION  
EATS UP SAVINGS, AND DEVALUES THE POUND IN  
EVERYONE'S POCKET.



*has always*

INFLATION THREATENS DEMOCRACY ITSELF, ~~AND WE PUT~~ ITS

DEFEAT AT THE TOP OF OUR AGENDA.

THAT IS A BATTLE WHICH NEVER ENDS.

IT MEANS KEEPING YOUR BUDGET ON A SOUND

FINANCIAL FOOTING.

NOT JUST ONE YEAR, BUT EVERY YEAR.

THAT'S WHY WE NEED NIGEL LAWSON.

*Second*

MEN AND WOMEN NEED THE INCENTIVE THAT COMES FROM

KEEPING MORE OF WHAT <sup>THEY</sup> ~~YOU~~ EARN.

NO-ONE CAN SAY THAT <sup>PEOPLE</sup> ~~MEN AND WOMEN~~ AREN'T INTERESTED

IN THEIR TAKE-HOME PAY.

IF THAT WERE TRUE, A LOT OF TRADE UNION LEADERS

WOULD BE OUT OF A JOB.

SO, AS ECONOMIC GROWTH HAS TAKEN OFF, WE HAVE CUT INCOME TAX.

~~FOR~~ <sup>AND</sup> THERE'S MORE TO DO.

*as soon as we prudently can.*

~~WE KNOW THAT ONE OF THE GREATEST DRIVING FORCES~~

IN LIFE IS THE WILL TO WORK FOR YOUR

FAMILY, <sup>AND THAT'S HONOURABLE</sup>  
<sup>and good.</sup>

Third

~~AND AS~~ PEOPLE EARN MORE, THEY WANT TO OWN MORE.

THEY <sup>VALUE</sup> ~~LIKE~~ THE SECURITY WHICH COMES FROM

OWNERSHIP, whether of shares or of homes.

*There are now more shareholders in this country than there are Trade Unionists*

HOME OWNERSHIP HAS SOARED. ~~X-million Council~~  
~~tenants now own the roof over their head.~~

~~AND IN SPITE OF WHAT THEY'RE NOW SAYING,~~ WE HAD

*To extend what we do Council tenants*

TO FIGHT THE BATTLE IN PARLIAMENT EVERY INCH OF THE WAY.

AGAINST LABOUR OPPOSITION. AGAINST LIBERAL OPPOSITION.

DOES THE LABOUR LEADER NOW APPLAUD WHAT HAS HAPPENED?

DOES THE LIBERAL LEADER WELCOME IT?

*Subony*

*MUST BE*

NOW THAT IT'S PROVED SO POPULAR, ~~IS~~ IT THE SORT

OF LIBERATING MEASURE OF WHICH THE LEADER OF

*can hardly*

THE LIBERAL PARTY APPROVES?

PRIVATISATION WILL BE TAKEN FURTHER AND WITH IT

INCREASING SHARE OWNERSHIP.

*↳ what's undreamed of.*

WHAT AN AMAZING EXAMPLE WE HAVE GIVEN THE WORLD.

POPULAR CAPITALISM IS SWEEPING AWAY THE

REMNANTS OF STATE SOCIALISM.



FOR YEARS WE CONSERVATIVES HAD TALKED ABOUT WANTING TO

CREATE A PROPERTY-OWNING DEMOCRACY.

LOOKING BACK, I WONDER WHETHER WE DID AS

MUCH IN THOSE DAYS AS WE SHOULD HAVE DONE TO

ACHIEVE THAT GOAL.

I DON'T BELIEVE ANYONE WILL BE ABLE, IN THE

YEARS AHEAD, TO MAKE A SIMILAR CHARGE AGAINST

THIS GOVERNMENT.

*Fourth*

IT IS OUR PASSIONATE BELIEF THAT FREE ENTERPRISE AND

COMPETITION ARE THE ENGINES OF PROSPERITY AND

THE GUARDIANS OF LIBERTY.




~~THE~~ <sup>have</sup> IDEA SHAPED FREE POLITICAL INSTITUTIONS AND BROUGHT  
UNIMAGINED WEALTH TO COUNTRIES AND CONTINENTS.

WE EVEN HEAR FAINT AND DISTANT ECHOES OF OUR ARGUMENTS IN  
MOSCOW.

WHAT PRICE SOCIALISM IN BRITAIN, WHEN MR. GORBACHEV  
DOESN'T SEEM TOO KEEN ON ITS RESULTS IN THE  
SOVIET UNION !

AND LOOK AT THE RESULTS WE HAVE ACHIEVED - LOW INFLATION;  
TAX CUTS; WIDER OWNERSHIP; A REVIVAL OF ENTERPRISE.

*(M)*  OVER THE LAST YEAR, UNEMPLOYMENT HAS FALLEN AT RECORD SPEED  
- BY OVER 400,000.

OUR ECONOMIC SUCCESS HAS ENABLED BRITAIN TO PLAY A MORE  
PROMINENT ROLE IN THE WORLD AT LARGE.

WE ARE NOW THE SECOND BIGGEST INVESTOR IN THE WORLD, THE  
MODEL OF A STABLE ECONOMY,

THIS IS WHY NIGEL LAWSON HAS BEEN ABLE TO PLAY A  
LEADING ROLE IN HELPING TO TACKLE THE WORLD DEBT  
CRISIS.

INTERNATIONAL BANKERS, THE FINANCE MINISTERS  
OF OTHER NATIONS, ALL LISTEN TO YOU A LOT HARDER  
WHEN THEY OWE YOU MONEY RATHER THAN THE OTHER WAY  
AROUND.

~~ONCE MORE A STRONG BRITAIN COUNTS IN THE WORLD.~~

THE OLD BRITAIN OF THE 1970S, WITH ITS STRIKES, POOR  
PRODUCTIVITY, LOW INVESTMENT, WINTERS OF  
DISCONTENT, ABOVE ALL ITS GLOOM, ITS PESSIMISM,  
ITS SHEER DEFEATISM - THAT BRITAIN IS GONE.

WE NOW HAVE A NEW BRITAIN, ~~BOOMING~~, CONFIDENT, OPTIMISTIC,  
<sup>sure of</sup>  
~~REJOICING~~ IN ITS ECONOMIC STRENGTH - A BRITAIN  
TO WHICH FOREIGNERS COME:  
TO ADMIRE, TO IMITATE, TO INVEST.

I HAVE REMINDED YOU WHERE THE GREAT POLITICAL ADVENTURE BEGAN  
AND WHERE IT HAS LED.  
BUT IS THIS WHERE WE PITCH OUR TENTS?  
IS THIS WHERE WE DIG IN?  
<sup>OR</sup> IS <sup>ONLY</sup>  
NO ~~OUR~~ THIRD ELECTION VICTORY WAS BUT A STAGING  
POST ON A MUCH LONGER JOURNEY.

*Consolidation*



WE MOVE ON: APPLYING THE SAME PRINCIPLES TO EVEN MORE  
CHALLENGING GROUND.

So much achievement yet so much to  
be done

For our <sup>purpose or commitment</sup> ~~task~~ is to create further  
opportunity - choice to those who have so  
far been denied them

~~End~~

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ENTERPRISE

FOR ENTERPRISE REACHES FAR WIDER THAN ECONOMICS.

IT IS AN INDIVIDUAL QUALITY.

~~BUT SOCIALISTS TREAT THEIR CITIZENS AS PEOPLE WHO NEED TO BE  
DIRECTED FROM THE CRADLE TO THE GRAVE.~~

MR PRESIDENT, WE DID NOT BUILD THE GREATEST EMPIRE THE  
WORLD HAS EVER SEEN; OR PIONEER THE AGRICULTURAL  
AND INDUSTRIAL REVOLUTIONS; OR REPEATEDLY  
DETER TYRANTS WHO AIMED TO DESTROY US; WE  
DID NOT ACHIEVE ALL THESE THINGS BECAUSE  
SOMEONE TOLD US TO DO SO.

IT WAS GREAT INDIVIDUALS - BRAVE EXPLORERS, INSPIRED  
INVENTORS, SHREWD BUSINESSMEN, SKILLED  
CRAFTSMEN AND CONSCIENTIOUS WORKERS -  
WHO MADE THIS COUNTRY GREAT.

TODAY WE ENJOY A STANDARD OF PROSPERITY UNDREAMED  
OF BY OUR GRANDPARENTS,  
BUT LIFE IS ABOUT MORE THAN MATERIAL  
PROSPERITY.

Individual - Friends -

Lead  
Willingness - Progress

More widely

Can't live up to his own  
opportunities



OUR VICTORIAN CAPITALISTS HAVE HAD A BAD PRESS

FROM HISTORIANS WHO NEVER KNEW THE HARSH  
REALITIES OF THE WORLD AS A MARKET PLACE.  
YET HOW MANY OF THE AMENITIES OF OUR  
TOWNS AND CITIES - THE PARKS AND PUBLIC  
GARDENS, THE LIBRARIES AND ART GALLERIES,  
THE CHURCHES AND SCHOOLS - HAD THEIR  
ORIGIN IN THE PRIVATE PHILANTHROPY OF  
MEN WHO, HAVING MADE GOOD THEMSELVES,  
WANTED TO DO GOOD FOR OTHERS?

IT IS THAT SPIRIT WE ARE RECAPTURING - THE CIVILISED  
NOTION OF INDIVIDUAL OBLIGATION TO THE  
WIDER COMMUNITY.



EDUCATION

Indeed I believe our most important task in  
 this Parliament is to begin ~~to~~ <sup>to</sup> ~~the~~ <sup>the</sup> ~~country~~ <sup>the</sup> ~~education~~  
 school

~~WE DO NOT BELIEVE THAT THE GOVERNMENT CAN BE, OR~~

SHOULD BE, THE ONLY PROVIDER.

IF WE WANT TO IMPROVE OUR EDUCATION,

OUR HOUSING, OUR CITIES, WE HAVE TO USE

GOVERNMENT TO MOBILISE PRIVATE INITIATIVE.

WE NEED MORE FLEXIBILITY.

NOT LESS,

LESS BUREAUCRACY, NOT MORE.

SOME OF THE ENERGY WHICH HAS REVITALISED

OUR ECONOMY HAS TO BE CHANNELLED INTO

REGENERATING OUR SOCIAL POLICIES.

IN PARTICULAR, I WANT EDUCATION TO BE PART OF THE  
ANSWER TO BRITAIN'S PROBLEMS, NOT ONE OF  
THE CAUSES.

TO COMPETE MORE SUCCESSFULLY IN TOMORROW'S WORLD -  
WITH JAPAN AND GERMANY, WITH THE UNITED STATES  
AND THE NEWLY EMERGING COUNTRIES OF THE PACIFIC -  
WE SHALL NEED A WELL-EDUCATED, WELL-TRAINED,  
CREATIVE, FAST-THINKING WORKFORCE.  
FEW THINGS ARE MORE ALARMING FOR THE  
FUTURE OF THIS COUNTRY THAN THE INTERNATIONAL  
COMPARISONS THAT HAVE BEEN MADE OF MATHEMATICAL  
ATTAINMENT AMONG YOUNG PEOPLE IN BRITAIN  
AND ABROAD.

IF OUR EDUCATION IS BACKWARD TODAY, OUR  
NATIONAL PERFORMANCE WILL BE BACKWARD  
TOMORROW.

YET IT IS THE PLIGHT OF INDIVIDUAL BOYS AND GIRLS

WHICH MOST WORRIES ME.

TOO OFTEN, OUR CHILDREN DO NOT GET THE

EDUCATION THEY DESERVE AND NEED. *the*

*education they need.*



IN THE LAST FEW YEARS, WE HAVE SEEN ANOTHER DISADVANTAGE  
HEAPED ON THE SHOULDERS OF THOSE YOUNGSTERS  
IN OUR INNER CITIES WHO SHOULD BE HELPED  
BY THEIR EDUCATION TO ESCAPE INTO A BETTER  
FUTURE.

EXTREMIST EDUCATION AUTHORITIES AND EXTREMIST  
TEACHERS HAVE COMPOUNDED THOSE  
DISADVANTAGES.

THEY HAVE FAILED TO GIVE THESE YOUNG  
*a good*  
PEOPLE THE START IN LIFE ~~THEY~~ NEED. *12 Pupils*

CHILDREN WHO NEEDED ~~ED~~ TO BE ABLE TO COUNT AND MULTIPLY  
 AND OPERATE A COMPUTER KEYBOARD HAVE <sup>ARE,</sup>  
 LEARNED <sup>(ANTI)</sup> ~~NON~~-RACIST MATHEMATICS, WHATEVER  
 THAT MAY BE.

CHILDREN WHO NEEDED ~~ED~~ TO BE ABLE TO EXPRESS THEMSELVES  
~~ORALLY, AND IN WRITING,~~ IN CLEAR ENGLISH  
 HAVE BEEN TAUGHT POLITICAL SLOGANS.

CHILDREN WHO NEEDED ~~ED~~ TO BE TAUGHT TO RESPECT THE <sup>Wrote</sup>  
<sup>had not</sup> VALUES OF LIFE HAVE BEEN TAUGHT THEIR  
 INALIENABLE RIGHT TO BE GAY.

*Children who read are?*

*Just checked on*

THOSE CHILDREN HAVE BEEN CHEATED OF THEIR JUST

CLAIM TO A SOUND START IN LIFE.

~~FOR TOO MANY OF OUR YOUNG, WE HAVE TOLERATED THE SECOND~~

~~OR THIRD BEST.~~

OF COURSE, THERE ARE ACROSS THE WHOLE OF THE  
COUNTRY PLENTY OF EXCELLENT TEACHERS AND SUCCESSFUL  
SCHOOLS.

INDEED, EVERY GOOD SCHOOL, AND EVERY GOOD  
TEACHER, IS A REMINDER OF WHAT TOO MANY YOUNG  
PEOPLE ARE DENIED.



*Looks like primary responsibility*  
 SO I BELIEVE THAT OUR MOST IMPORTANT TASK IN THIS PARLIAMENT  
*for establishing minimum standards for the education of*  
 IS TO RAISE THE QUALITY OF EDUCATION IN OUR  
*Our children*  
 SCHOOLS.

*That's why* ~~FIRST, BY~~ <sup>we</sup> ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL CORE CURRICULUM.

THIS WILL SET STANDARDS WHICH PUPILS WILL  
 BE EXPECTED TO ACHIEVE IN ENGLISH, MATHS  
 AND SCIENCE.

PROGRESS WILL BE TESTED AT EVERY STAGE  
 SO THAT PARENTS, AND THE CHILDREN THEMSELVES,  
 CAN SEE HOW WELL THEY ARE DOING AND WHERE  
 ADDITIONAL HELP MAY BE NEEDED.

IT IS ~~VITAL~~ THAT ALL CHILDREN MASTER BASIC SKILLS:

READING, WRITING, SPELLING, GRAMMAR,  
ARITHMETIC AND GEOMETRY; ~~VITAL~~ THAT THEY  
UNDERSTAND TECHNOLOGY AND BASIC SCIENCE;  
AND VITAL THAT THEY HAVE THE CHALLENGE  
OF WELL-DESIGNED HOMEWORK.

WE ARE NOW ABOUT TO TAKE A DRAMATIC STEP FORWARD  
IN EXTENDING CHOICE IN EDUCATION.

THE ~~HARD~~ LEFT - AND MY GOODNESS THEY ARE HARD -  
HATE THE IDEA THAT PEOPLE SHOULD BE ABLE  
TO CHOOSE. ✓

IN PARTICULAR, THEY HATE THE IDEA THAT  
PARENTS SHOULD BE ABLE TO CHOOSE THEIR  
CHILDREN'S EDUCATION.

BUT THERE IS NO REASON ON EARTH WHY LOCAL AUTHORITIES  
SHOULD HAVE A MONOPOLY OF FREE EDUCATION.

WHAT POINT OF PRINCIPLE SUGGESTS THIS

*what has a lot done  
with*

IS RIGHT?

WHAT POINT OF RECENT EXPERIENCE OR PRACTICE

SUGGESTS IT IS SENSIBLE?

UNTIL NOW THERE HAS BEEN TOO LITTLE CHOICE IN EDUCATION.

IT HAS BEEN LIMITED TO A SMALL NUMBER

OF ASSISTED PLACES IN THE PRIVATE SECTOR



OR, FOR THE OVERWHELMING MAJORITY, SCHOOLS  
SUBSTANTIALLY RUN BY THE LOCAL AUTHORITY.

WE ARE NOW ABOUT TO CREATE A THIRD SECTOR.

THIS IS THE INDEPENDENT STATE SCHOOL -  
BY ALLOWING PARENTS AND GOVERNORS TO  
VOTE DEMOCRATICALLY TO TAKE THEIR CHILDREN'S  
SCHOOL OUT OF THE HANDS OF THE LOCAL  
AUTHORITY INTO THE HANDS OF THEIR OWN  
GOVERNING BODY.

THEY WILL BRING TO MANY CHILDREN A BETTER  
EDUCATION, BECAUSE THE SCHOOL WILL BE  
IN THE HANDS OF THOSE WHO CARE MOST FOR  
IT AND ITS FUTURE.

WE ARE FURTHERING OUR CONSERVATIVE TRADITION OF EXTENDING  
OPPORTUNITY WIDER AND STILL WIDER.  
THE POLICY WILL APPLY TO ALL SCHOOLS  
IN ENGLAND AND WALES.  
NOWHERE IS THIS POLICY MORE NEEDED THAN  
IN THE INNER CITIES.

[IT IS THE INNER CITIES WHERE THE USE OF PUBLIC FUNDS AND  
PUBLIC INTERVENTION IS NEEDED TO UNLOCK PRIVATE  
RESOURCES AND RELEASE PRIVATE INITIATIVES.  
WE NEED TO CREATE A COMPETITIVE MARKET  
ECONOMY, THE UNDERLYING CONCEPTS AND  
DYNAMISM OF WHICH ARE INTEGRATED WITH  
OUR SOCIAL POLICIES IN THE COMMUNITY.]