

Ten principles to make Britain great again

The UK needs a populist party that champions the ordinary men and women of Britain, whose interests have been overlooked for decades by mainstream parties. This national and patriotic party will cherish liberty, free speech and democracy. It will challenge the woke and divisive mainstream narrative that serves the interests of a global elite. Its counter-narrative puts family, workplace, community and nation first and to this end its programme is built on these ten principles.

Overarching principles

1. Champion free speech

Cancel culture is a curse that impairs free speech. It is usually deployed by the left to silence criticism of their woke agenda. The market place of ideas can only function if everyone is free to speak their mind without fearing unjust consequences. Free speech makes democracy possible by enabling the best ideas to win majority support. Without it democracy yields to tyranny.

2. Revive democracy

There is more to democracy than universal suffrage. In a democracy each person's opinion is listened to and power is exercised on the basis of majority consent. British democracy has been undermined by a political class that distrusts majority opinion and which prefers to listen to organisations peddling an elite and woke perspective. Many organisations in the public and private sectors have grown powerful by disregarding ordinary opinion. The populist party will champion the common sense views of ordinary people in order to revive British democracy.

3. Take back control

Despite 'take back control' being the rallying cry behind Brexit, Britain remains impaired by a web of international restrictions and fetters that are exercised by lawyers, judges and assorted technocrats. Britain will not have the powers of a sovereign state until it has withdrawn from the European Convention on Human Rights, several UN Conventions (such as the Geneva Convention on Refugees) and other treaties and institutions that take decision making away from the British people and vest it in supra-national bodies. International co-operation must be on the basis of consent and without shackling the laws and rightful freedoms of a nation.

Culture

4. Control immigration

Government promises to control immigration have not been kept. Last year saw a record inflow of 677,000 migrants and a net figure of 313,000 – an influx equal in size to the population of Reading. Decades of mass immigration from citizens who do not share liberal democratic norms and whose cultures have been encouraged in the name of 'diversity' has left Britain a fractured nation where race, religion and culture have weakened the cohesiveness of British society. Mass immigration also puts pressures on services, depresses wages and absolve the nation from utilising and training its own citizens. The populist party will reduce annual immigration to the tens of thousands and will promote the melting pot of assimilation over the salad bowl of multiculturalism.

5. Win the culture war

Wokeism must be challenged so that there is: no encouraging of confused kids to 'change' sex; no unconscious bias training; and no challenge to recruitment, promotion and outcomes on the sole basis of merit. Public institutions - such as the BBC, schools, universities, the NHS and police forces - must return to discharging their paramount purpose untrammelled by notions of diversity and political correctness. The populist party will encourage a counter-narrative to wokeism that recognises the centrality of the nuclear family, the importance of history and tradition and the need for citizenship to be based on common values and norms.

Education and economy

6. Restore education

The education system is so dumbed down that it mostly fails to inspire, challenge and train the brain and the hand. All children should be taught: grammar and spelling; to read poetry and actual books; times tables, facts and dates; British history as a celebration of events and great people who explain our past and inspire our future; manners and respect for their teachers. Sixteen year olds should be expected to work or learn a skill or a trade unless they have the inclination and ability to progress to a rigorous programme of further and higher education.

7. Rebuild the economy

Globalisation has undermined British manufacturing and skewed its economy to meet the needs of the few. Monopolies and multi-national companies have trumped market forces as regulation and public subsidies seek to fill the void. The populist party will protect British industry, farming and fisheries and cut red tape and taxes in order to stimulate growth. The economy needs to be rebalanced to meet the needs of lower paid workers, many of whom are currently trapped on welfare subsidies.

8. Cut the green nonsense

Conservation in town and countryside is important but the green movement's policies on climate change are based on alarm and virtue signalling. They can also only be implemented by placing intolerable burdens on ordinary people and the nation to the benefit of the wealthy, China and other developing nations. Britain needs shale gas and other energy which is abundant and cheap.

Defence and law and order

9. Maintain strong armed forces

Britain needs strong armed forces for defence and protection but it should not use them for foreign wars of intervention where there is no national interest at stake.

10. Fight crime and restore law and order

Crime is on the increase and blights communities. The police often ignore it and the criminal justice system frequently fails to punish it. Criminals need to fear the police and the punishments that their crimes deserve.