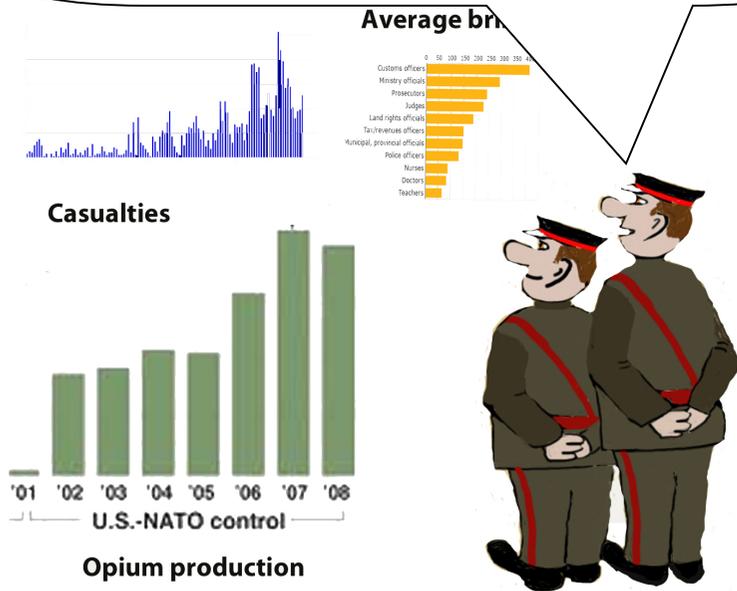


Afghanistan

It is ten years since the invasion. Casualties up, opium production up, corruption up. We will have to flip the charts horizontally, claim we are winning and then get out.



John Reid was a Defence secretary in 2006 when he boasted that British troops would leave Helmand without a shot being fired.

He was given a £50,000 job with the security firm G4S that operates in Afghanistan and Iraq.

£18 billion has been spent in Afghanistan

380 British soldiers dead

Over 40,000 Afghans dead

The war costs over £14 million a day

Alternative



About 5 million under fives die needlessly a year

One in two children live in poverty

640 million children have no adequate shelter

400 million children have no access to safe water

The Institute for Fiscal Studies calculates that UK living standards will fall 10% over the next few years.

Military spending in 2009 was \$1,531billion

Unemployment has become critical – Spain has over 20% unemployed – Greece 15%

Youth unemployment reached 20% in UK

Strong fears of a further recession

Big Society

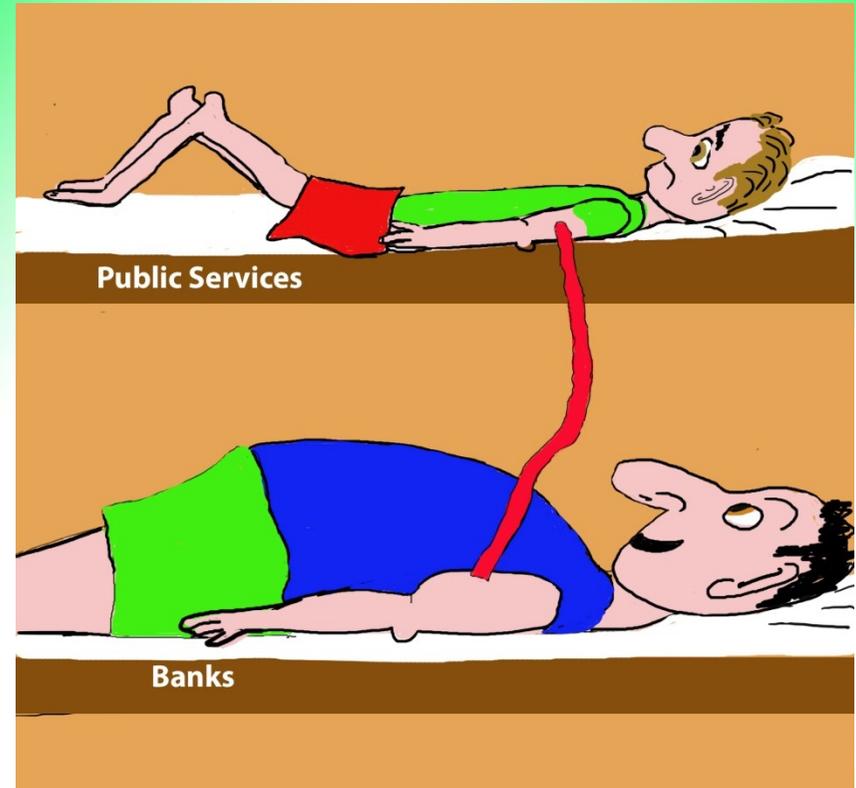


In July 2010 millionaire David Cameron launched the Tories 'Big Society' plan.

High Pay Commission, shows the average annual bonus for a FTSE 100 director has increased by 187 per cent in a decade, while the average year-end share prices declined by 71 per cent.

Express Sept 5th 2011

Banks



Total bank bailout in the UK was £850 billion.

The Nationalised Royal Bank of Scotland planned bonuses of £1.5 billion in 2009

Total City bonuses in 2010 was £14 billion.

Bankers in three firms Goldman Sachs, JP Morgan and Morgan Stanley were paid an average bonus of £109,369. This is three times the average wage.

Steven Hester of RBS was paid £2.04 million in 2011

FTSE 100 Chief executive salaries rose to over £3million a year

Class War



A tiny minority of the UK population practices class war on the majority. The bosses claim to speak in the national interest and denounce everyone who attempts to defend their modest living standards.

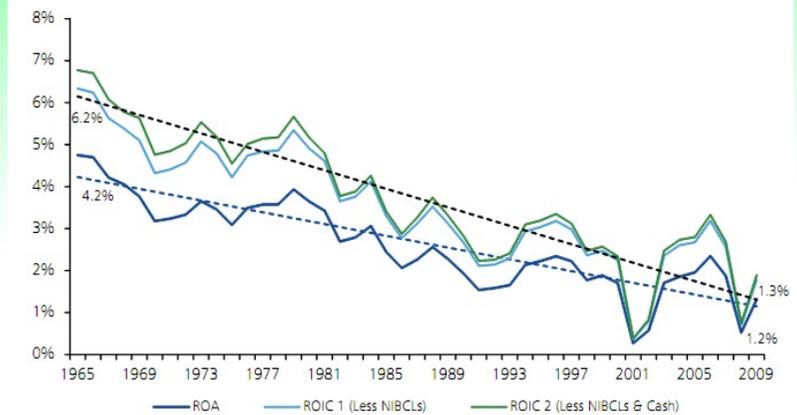
Workers are suffering cuts in real pay, pensions and services. Yet when they discuss opposing these they are denounced. This is from the Express

Puffed up with the hot air from their own fatuous rhetoric TUC bosses will spend the next few days denouncing the Tory-led coalition, issuing lurid threats of industrial action and indulging in synthetic out- rage over invented grievances.

Capitalism

Return on invested capital

Exhibit 6: Economy-wide Return on Invested Capital (ROIC) (1965-2009)



Source: Compustat, Deloitte analysis

$$ROIC = \frac{\text{Net income after tax}}{\text{total assets} - \text{cash} - \text{noninterest-bearing current liabilities (NIBCLs)}}$$

Karl Marx spent decades in the British Library analysing Capital.

Arguably his four key findings were – there is a tendency for the rate of profit to fall and there is a tendency for capitalism to overproduce. This means that the world system goes into periodic crisis. The last major crisis was in the 1930s. There was a prolonged slump that caused political crises –the rise of fascism and the second world war.

The other two findings were that capitalist profits come from working people and that the working class has the potential to overthrow the current ruling class.

Democracy

Western Democracy is when you have two or three pro capitalist parties. They all agree on privatisation, low taxation for the super rich, anti union legislation, nuclear weapons, war on Afghanistan etc. We get to choose one of them every four or five years.

We want more than that. We want the right to get rid of our rulers.



Declaration of War

Why can't we declare war next Wednesday.

Because the French have the Aircraft carrier Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.



As part of the defence cuts, it is planned that Britain and France will share the new aircraft carriers.

Almost all ruling classes like power. From Egyptians, to Persians, to Greeks to Romans right up to modern times ruling classes have declared war on rival equally power hungry elites. The British ruling elite are typical. It is hard to think of a country that Britain has not attacked. One of the very few perks of the economic crisis is that our rulers are getting militarily weaker.

Exploitation



For the last ten thousand years or so, economically active workers have produced more wealth than they consume. The surplus wealth is taken by the ruling class.

Under slavery it appears that all the wealth produced by the slave went to the owner. In fact the owner had to provide food and shelter for the slave. So part of the slave's work was for the slave.

Under feudalism the exploitation was clear. A serf would work three days or so, on the lord's land, and the rest of the week on their own small plot.

Under capitalism it appears that all wealth created by a worker goes to the worker in her wage. In fact about half the time all the wealth that a worker produces is taken by the bosses.

The proportion of time taken by the bosses is called the rate of exploitation.

Environment

So I said to the board, "I am the CEO of the company and I am not prepared to put short term profit before saving the planet. You can do your worst."



Fascism

My name is John Tyndall. I was leader of the National Front and the BNP.



My name Nick Griffin. I am leader of the BNP. I shared a platform with a member of the Ku Klux Klan.

Fear

I fear being abused in the street because of my religion.



I fear being victimised for union activities.



I fear being sacked by the boss.



I fear being picked on by the police



Our task is to get rid of our fear and transfer it to the side of the bosses.



God



Throughout recorded history, human beings have believed in Gods or a God.

Everywhere and always the ruling elite have wanted to control religion in order to bolster their power. Rulers often claimed to be Gods or chosen by God. They have claimed support from God for all sorts of policies. One of the most absurd is when rulers enlist support of God whenever they decide to launch a war. Religious leaders form an orderly queue to tell the population that God supports their side in the slaughter.

German soldiers wore the belt buckle "God is with us" in World War 11.

Generations

When I was at college, I got a grant I could live on, I knew I could get a council house, I could get a job any time I wanted.

Then tuition fees of £1000 then £3000 were introduced. I owed £15000 when I finished college. They stopped building council houses. Good jobs became hard to find.

With tuition fees of £9000 I will finish college with debts of £60000. Council homes are virtually impossible. I don't know what a good job looks like.

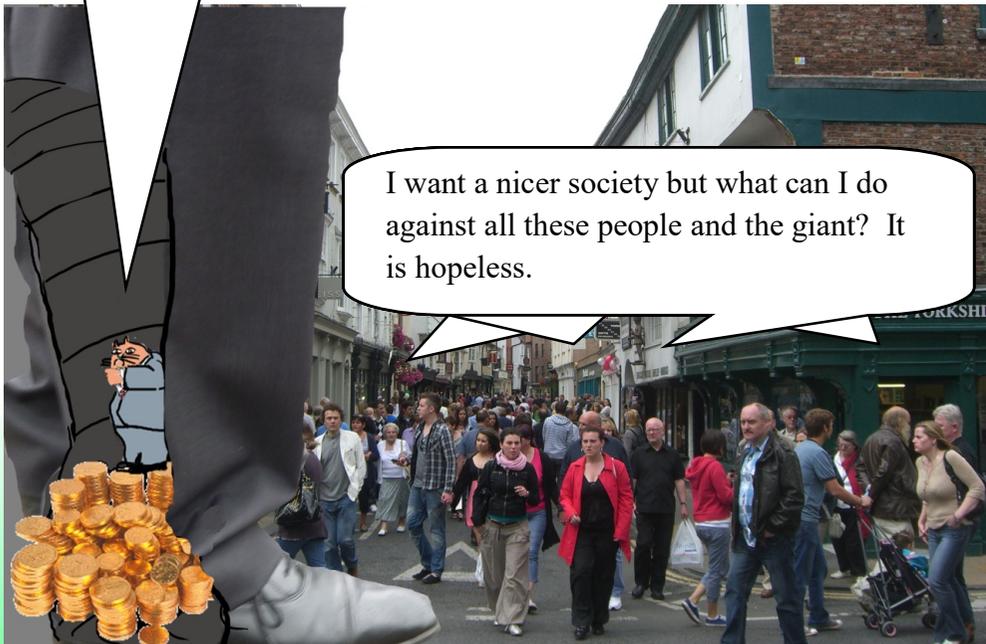
I don't like where this is going.



Hope

Capitalism appears all powerful. It is like a hollow statue.

I hope they don't realize the only power we have is that which they give us.



I want a nicer society but what can I do against all these people and the giant? It is hopeless.

Hell

There is a special place in hell for politicians who have told lies. (If this is not the case it should be) The bigger the lies the deeper in the shit the politicians have to stand.

I said I would not join a Tory Government. I promised to cut tuition fees. I said I would oppose an increase in VAT. Cameron and I said "We will stop the top-down reorganisations of the NHS that have got in the way of patient care".

But Brown told the big lie that he would abolish booms and slumps.

I am here because I said I would not increase VAT. I said we would not abolish Education Maintenance Allowance. Clegg and me said "We will stop the top-down reorganisations of the NHS that have got in the way of patient care". But Brown robbed the pension funds and lied about abolishing booms and slumps.



Why am I not deeper in the shit? I am standing on Blair's shoulders.

Imperialism

I dress up in nationalist gear, and they volunteer for slaughter in droves.

I know that, but don't tell everyone. I still have lots of work to do.

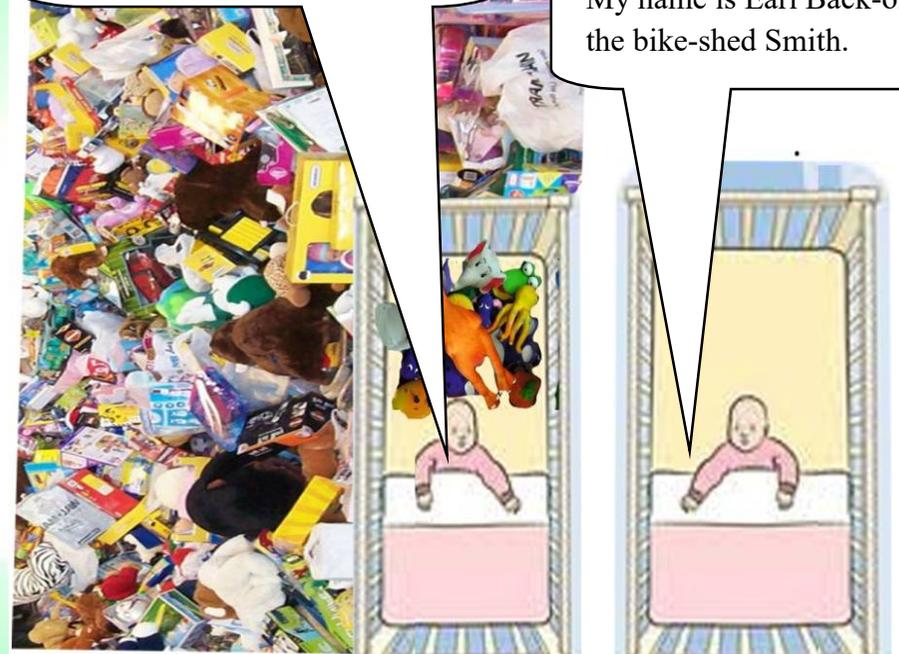


Is there a country in the world that has not been attacked by US or UK?

Inequality

My name is Harry Paris Spencer Russell. My mum is a Russell, my dad is a Spencer and I was conceived in Paris.

My name is Earl Back-of-the bike-shed Smith.



The key to living a prosperous life is in choosing the right parents.

Children of the rich have access to private education and health. They are educated to believe themselves better than the rest of us and taught the gospel of greed. They are put in highly paid jobs, they live longer and in general have healthier lives. They have no interest in the well being of poorer people in this country let alone those abroad.

Journalist (embedded)



Daily News

 This is turn
around year
in Afghanistan

Exclusive

2001

Daily News

 This is turn
around year
in Afghanistan

Exclusive

2006

Daily News

 This is turn
around year
in Afghanistan

Exclusive

2011

Some Journalists do research. Some are too busy and merely process press releases. Some become embedded journalists and pass on official propaganda

Journalist

I wrote how the Israeli military attacked a human rights convoy in international waters, killing 10 people.

They printed that Israeli defence forces intercepted a hate convoy.



Knighthoods etc

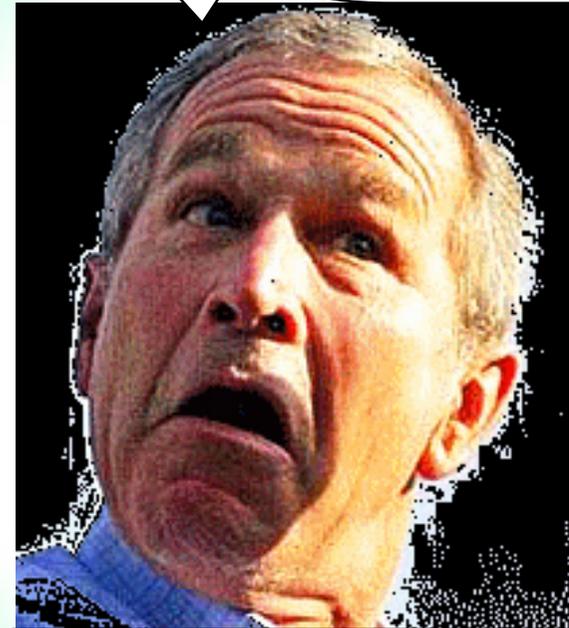


The rich and powerful give honours to their pals and people they respect. Here is a sample: Ceausescu became Sir Nicholas Ceausescu by being given an honorary Knighthood in 1978. Robert Mugabe was appointed an honorary Knight Grand Cross in the Order of the Bath in 1994. Jeffrey Archer was made a life peer in 1992. Conrad Black was made a life peer in 2001. He was a one time owner of the Telegraph and was sentenced to 78 months in prison for fraud and obstruction of justice. Shirley Porter was appointed Dame Commander of the Order of the British Empire in 1991, later found guilty of gerrymandering. Fred Goodwin was knighted in 2004 for services to banking. In 2008 RBS, the firm he led, made losses of £24 billion, the biggest in British history. He was awarded a pension of £700,000 a year.

Kyoto

The oil men told me not to sign Kyoto-but global warming is terrifying. I had no idea it was this bad.

It is spring Mr President.



Kyoto played host to a global summit to tackle global warming. 191 countries signed up to the Kyoto accord. Unfortunately two countries which are the world's biggest polluters China and the USA refused to sign

Canada is the first country to leave the Kyoto protocol as it too expensive.

Kyoto protocol is due to be replaced at the end of 2012.

Labour

I stand for maintaining anti union legislation, privatisation, the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan massive cuts in state spending and nuclear weapons. Can I count on your vote?

No we vote Labour.

I am Labour



Some leading members of the Labour Party are helping the Con Dem Government attack jobs and services. Lord Hutton wrote the report on pensions. Lord Brown wrote the report on student fees. Frank Fields was appointed advisor on poverty to the Con Dem Government.

At a time of historic attacks on working people by the Con Dem millionaire Government, Blair's support for cuts and an increase in VAT allowed one commentator to write "Blair's approval keeps Cameron safe".

Liberal Democrat

Hello, have you got a copy of the Lib Dem manifesto?

No we have sold out.

I know you have, but I want a copy of the manifesto.



I still don't know why you put "lying toe rag" as my religion on the census form.



Why did Nick Clegg cross the Road?

Because he said he wouldn't

How do you know Nick Clegg is lying?

His mouth is open.

Media



A free press is when one person controls 175 newspapers and television firms like BskyB, Fox and Sky and they have good policies like support for the Iraq war.



Propaganda

At the rate of 1 a second, I need to work for a month to equal the number of Sun newspapers sold in a single day.

Murdoch

There is no confusion in the Government, at least not while I am in charge.



Nuclear Weapons

So why is it OK for Israel to have nuclear weapons but not Iran?

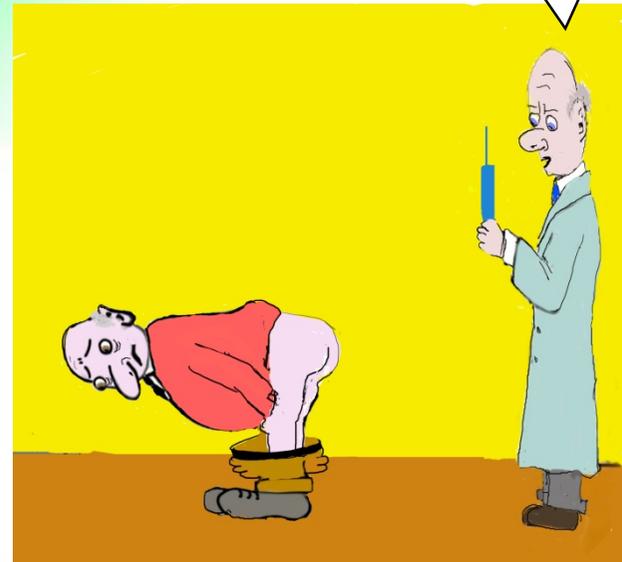
Because Israel will use them responsibly.



Nation Health Service

If the Con Dem Government get its way

I suppose now is a good time to talk about my fee.



The Con Dem Government agreed "We will stop the top-down re-organisations of the NHS that have got in the way of patient care."

A Doctors practice in York told its patients that the NHS no longer did some minor surgery and advised them to pay for private surgery in the practice.

Overproduction



Once upon a time, a group of shipwrecked sailors found themselves on Bountiful island. The trees had incredibly nourishing fruit. Everyone could survive very well on these fruits. Captain Fatcat owned the cutlass that the crew needed to cut down the fruit. He would lend the cutlass to anyone who wanted to climb a tree to get the fruit. Each sailor would borrow the cutlass, climb a tree and bring back two of the fruit, one for themselves and one for Captain Fatcat.



All went well for a while. Each sailor would get one fruit for themselves and one for Captain Fatcat. Now in spite of being very greedy even Captain Fatcat could not consume all the fruits that the sailors gave him. After a time he had a pile of uneaten fruits. So Captain Fatcat refused to lend them the cutlass. He summoned up expert evidence. There was no point in collecting fruit that would go rotten. Simply handing fruit over to the sailors would be a crime against private property and a moral hazard-it would feed a something for nothing culture. So the sailors went hungry.

Ownership

Oi You-get off my land

Who said it was your land?



It was my fathers, his fathers and so on right back to the eleventh century.

My ancestor fought with William the Conqueror. The estate was given to him for the victory in 1066.

Well get off your horse and I will fight you for it.



Police

This month you have arrested three bankers for breach of the peace, pepper sprayed a boss for cutting people's wages and attempted to arrest Blair for war crimes.

Are you sure you are cut out for a career in the police?



"The law, in its majestic equality, forbids the rich as well as the poor to sleep under bridges, to beg in the streets, and to steal bread." Anatole France

Pensions



But I don't want to be doing this till I am 68



The Government wants increased worker contributions to their pensions. They have increased the retirement age and cut the value of the pension.

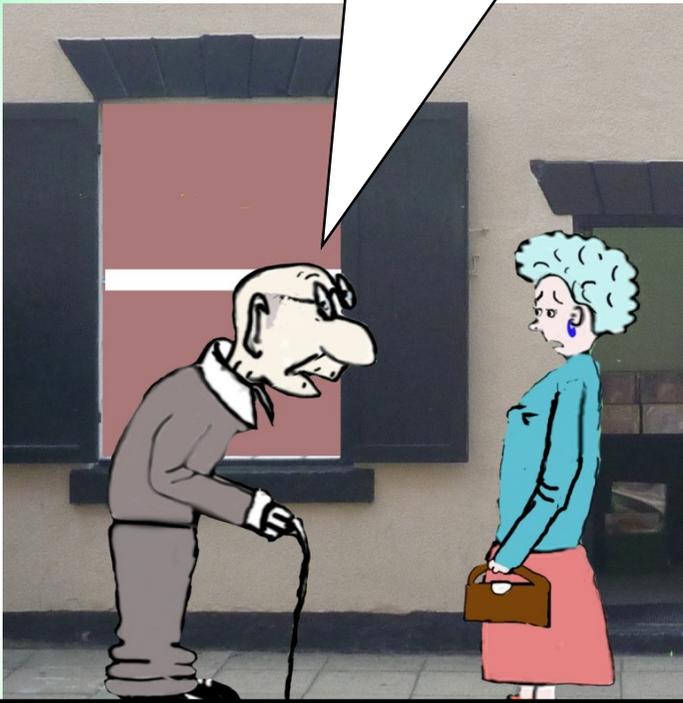
This has cost one health worker £70,000.

Money saved is being poured into banks, nuclear weapons, bankers' bonuses, Afghanistan etc.

Queue

Do you remember a week after we got married, before the kids and grandkids, we put our names down on the council housing list?

Well we are up to the first 100.



After the war when the country was more broke than it is now, successive Governments, Labour and Tory systematically built council housing at the rate of 200,000 a year.

Margaret Thatcher's Government opposed council housing. She forced councils to sell council houses and prevented them using the money for new housing. The private sector would dominate house building. Fewer houses were completed in 2010 than at any time since 1923. There are 1.7 million people waiting for social housing.

Quality of life

I have just had to reapply for my own job.

I am one of the 1,7 million people who are waiting on the housing list.

I go to work in the dark, go home in the dark. Real wages going down, taxes going up. I have to work till I am 68. My pension is smaller.

I have lost my educational maintenance allowance. I cannot afford to go to university. There are a million youth unemployed. Things look really bad.

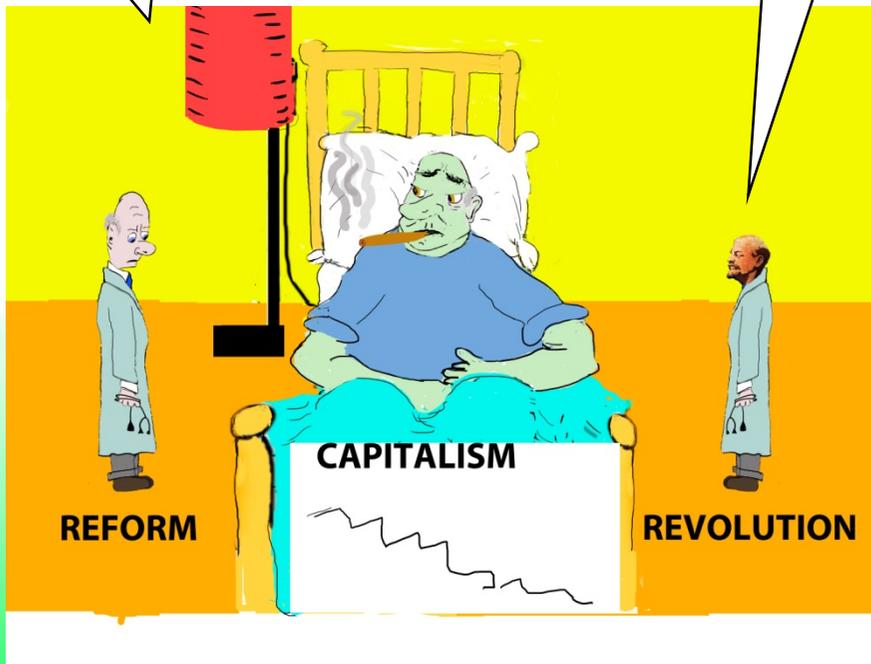


I am glad I am not on the bus

Reform or Revolution

I prescribe massive injections of cash; cuts in the welfare state; getting workers to work longer and giving bigger contributions; smaller pensions; massive increase in student tuition fees; huge cuts in workers living standards, keeping anti union legislation and we can hope he gets better.

I was thinking more along the lines of smother with a pillow followed by a stake through the heart.



Racism

So you admit you are black



Socialism

Socialism means from each according to their ability, to each according to their needs.

It will be fully democratic and there will be no bosses.

But that sounds terrible.



Sir Fred Goodwin led the Royal Bank of Scotland to the £37billion bail out. He was awarded a £16.9 million pension packaged. There was such an outraged that he agreed to cut it to £342,555 a year.

Stalinism



Under capitalism there is exploitation of man by man.

Under my system it is the other way around.

Western Capitalism is full of inequality. It is riddled by corruption. It goes into major crises causing devastation on a massive scale. Our task is to catch up with the West.

Workers took over control of Russia in 1917. There was massive hope that the system established there would spread. Sadly because of the backwardness of Russia, its tiny working class, and the destruction caused by invading forces, including the British, the revolution degenerated. The monster Stalin took over in 1928. All democratic structures were destroyed and an expansionist dictatorship was established.

Trade Union Officials

Well if it is not pay conditions or holidays, what is it you want?

We want socialist revolution

**Universal
indefinite strike**

You are mad. Management will never agree to that.



Television etc

Labour caused the world wide recession. Israel's nuclear weapons are a force for peace. This year there will be a turnaround in the Afghan War. Rupert Murdoch is wonderful. Capitalism has existed for all time-there is no alternative. Moslems are guilty of something. All human beings are selfish.



Unemployment

Retraining Centre



I was a cook. I am training to be a builder.

I was an engineer. I am training to be a cook.

I was a builder. I am training to be an administrator.

I was an administrator, I am training to be a builder

Union

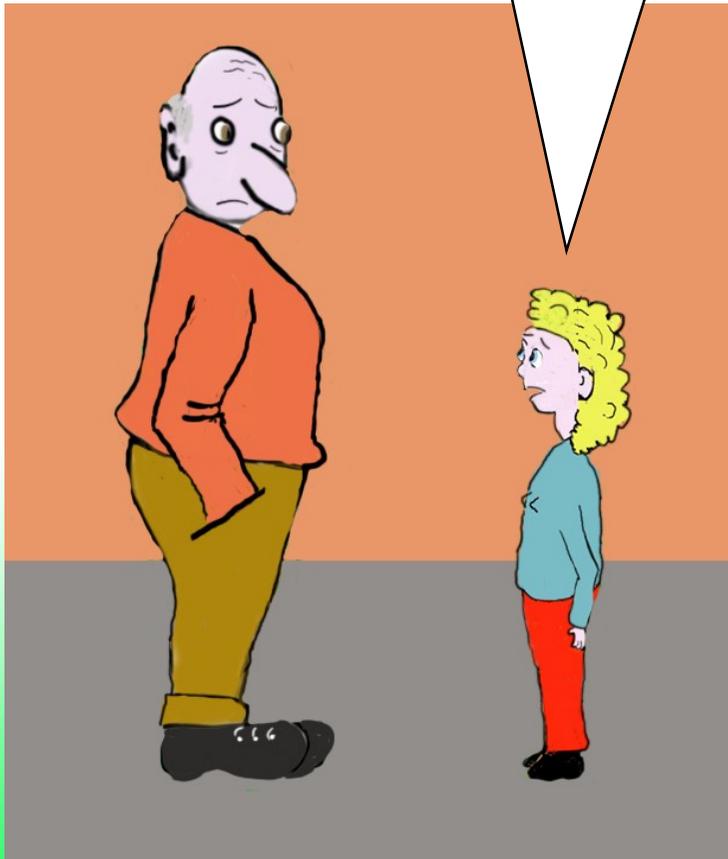
But you have scabbed on every strike, worked overtime in work to rules, yet you insist on only union men being pall bearers.

Well they have carried me all through my life, they may as well carry me to my grave.



Violence

Why is a Muslim demonstrator, who throws an empty bottle at a policeman wearing body armour, violent and should be jailed yet sending an army into a country that leads to the deaths of over 600,000 is statesmanship?



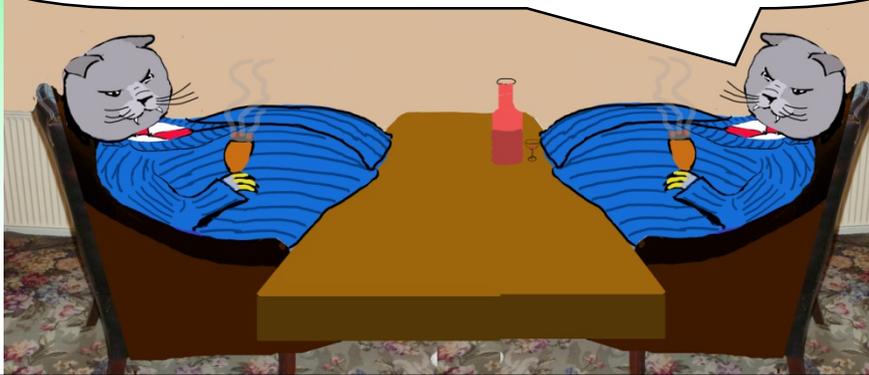
Vestas



According to all scientific evidence the world is heating up. Most scientists believe that a major contributor is manmade greenhouse gases. This means that fossil fuels have to be replaced by renewable energies. One factory on the Isle of white made the blades for wind driven turbines. The company is called Vestas. The bosses decided to close it in August 2009. The workers occupied to resist the closure.

War

There is a major economic crisis. Workers are starting to resist. They are starting to blame us. There is only one thing we can do- we need a war



"I was in the East End of London (a working-class quarter) yesterday and attended a meeting of the unemployed. I listened to the wild speeches, which were just a cry for 'bread! bread!' and on my way home I pondered over the scene and I became more than ever convinced of the importance of imperialism.... If you want to avoid civil war, you must become imperialists. Cecil Rhodes

"Naturally the common people don't want war..., It is the leaders of the country who determine the policy and it is always a simple matter to drag the people along, whether it is a democracy, or a fascist dictatorship, or a parliament, or a communist dictatorship. Voice or no voice, the people can always be brought to the bidding of the leaders. That is easy. All you have to do is TELL THEM THEY ARE BEING ATTACKED, and denounce the peacemakers for lack of patriotism and exposing the country to danger. It works the same in any country.

Want



Over a billion people live on less than £1 a day.

2.5 billion people do not have decent sanitation

A billion people lack clean water

In 2007, an estimated 9.2 million children worldwide under the age of five died from largely preventable causes.

1 child dies every 5 seconds as a result of hunger

1.4 million children **die** every **year** from diarrhoea caused by **unclean water** and poor sanitation

Nuclear weapons have cost the United States at least \$5.48 trillion since 1940,

World military spending reached \$1.6 trillion in 2010

The market is a very efficient way for scarce resources to go to those with the money. There is no market solution for poor or starving people.

Xenophobia

I am not a xenophobe I just hate foreigners and strangers



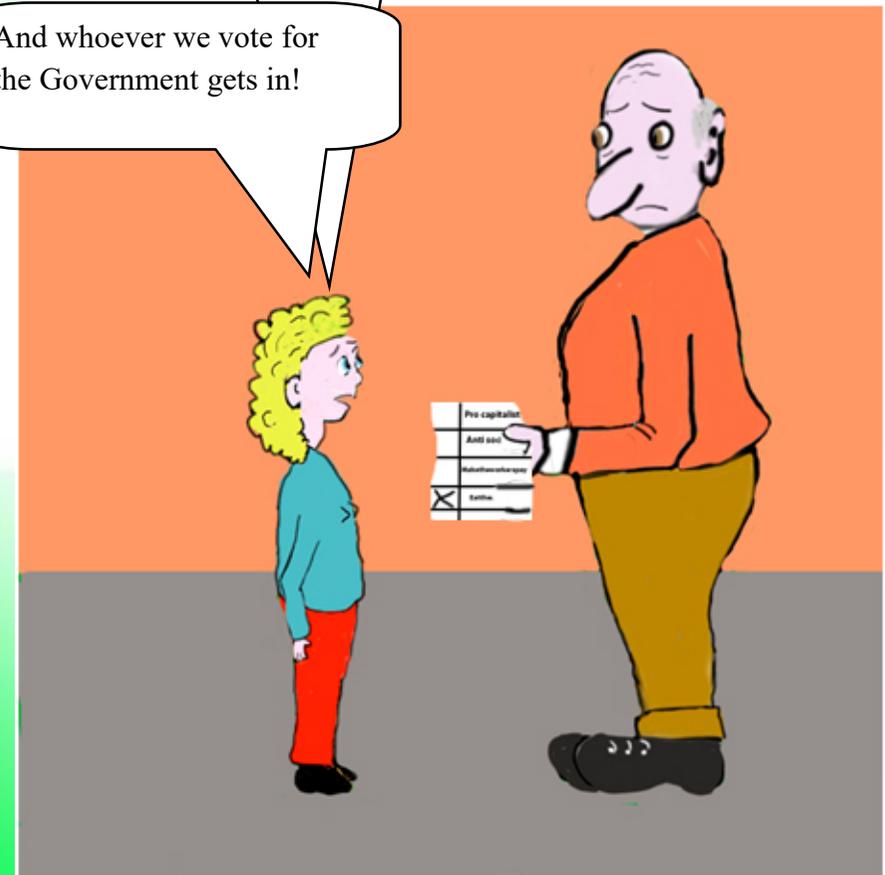
From time to time the rich and powerful launch a pogrom against some minority. In Britain it has been Jews, Protestants, Catholics, the French, Gypsies, Jews (again), the Irish and others.

Today there is a constant drip of attacks on Moslems. It was not Moslems who caused the worldwide crisis. It was the system of millionaires and bankers. Attacks on minorities can only help the parasitic rich.

X on the ballot form

So I get one X on a ballot form every 4 years or so. That means about 15 Xs in my whole life. That is about 20 seconds worth of democracy.

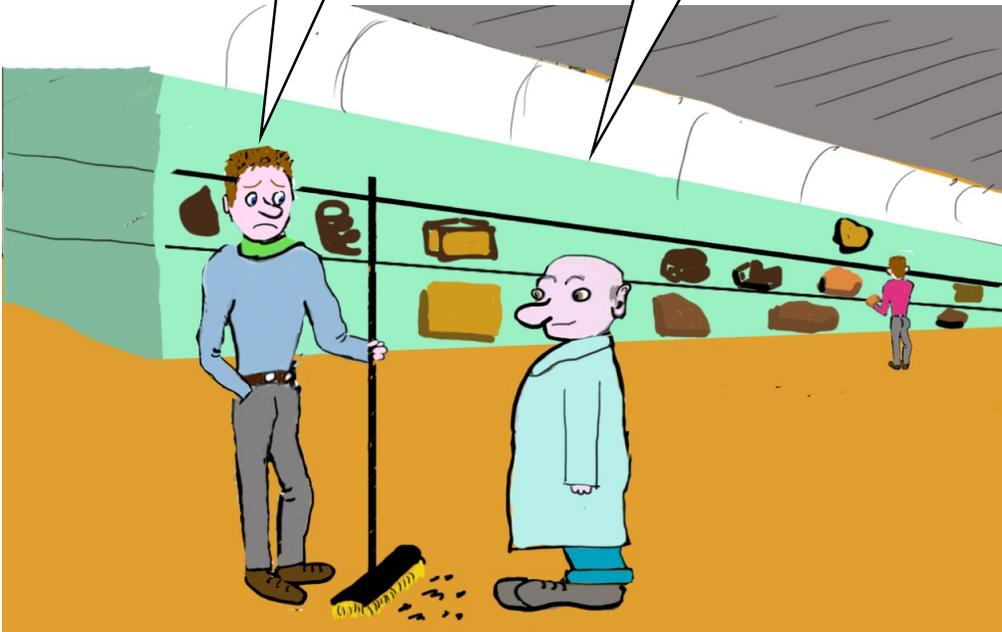
And whoever we vote for the Government gets in!



Youth Unemployment

I am bored out of my skull. I have a degree. Let me do a more varied job. What about stacking like that bloke over there.

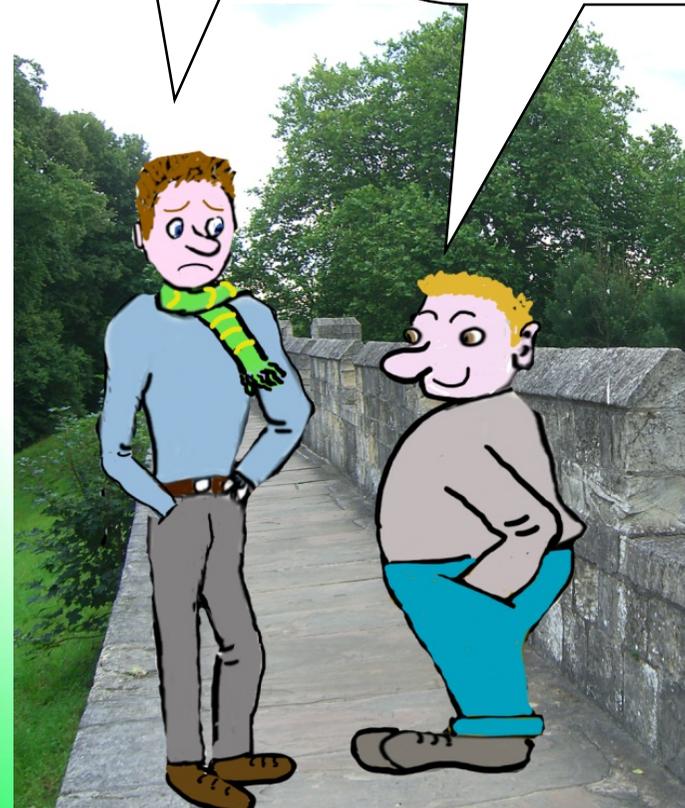
Yes but he has a PhD



Youth

The public sector is shrinking. The private sector is shrinking. They are making people work till they are 68. A new layer of graduates are coming on the market. We will never get a job.

Don't be so pessimistic. At least we won't pay our student loans back.



Zionism

Ethnic cleansing is a war crime. Removing people and take them to another country is illegal, Destruction of peoples' houses is illegal. Refusal to allow refugees home is illegal.

Why does everyone pick on Israel?



Israel has been expanding ever since 1948. Today it is creating facts on the ground that is making a separate Palestinian nation impossible.

"The Nazis made me afraid to be a Jew, and the Israelis make me ashamed to be a Jew." Israel Shahak

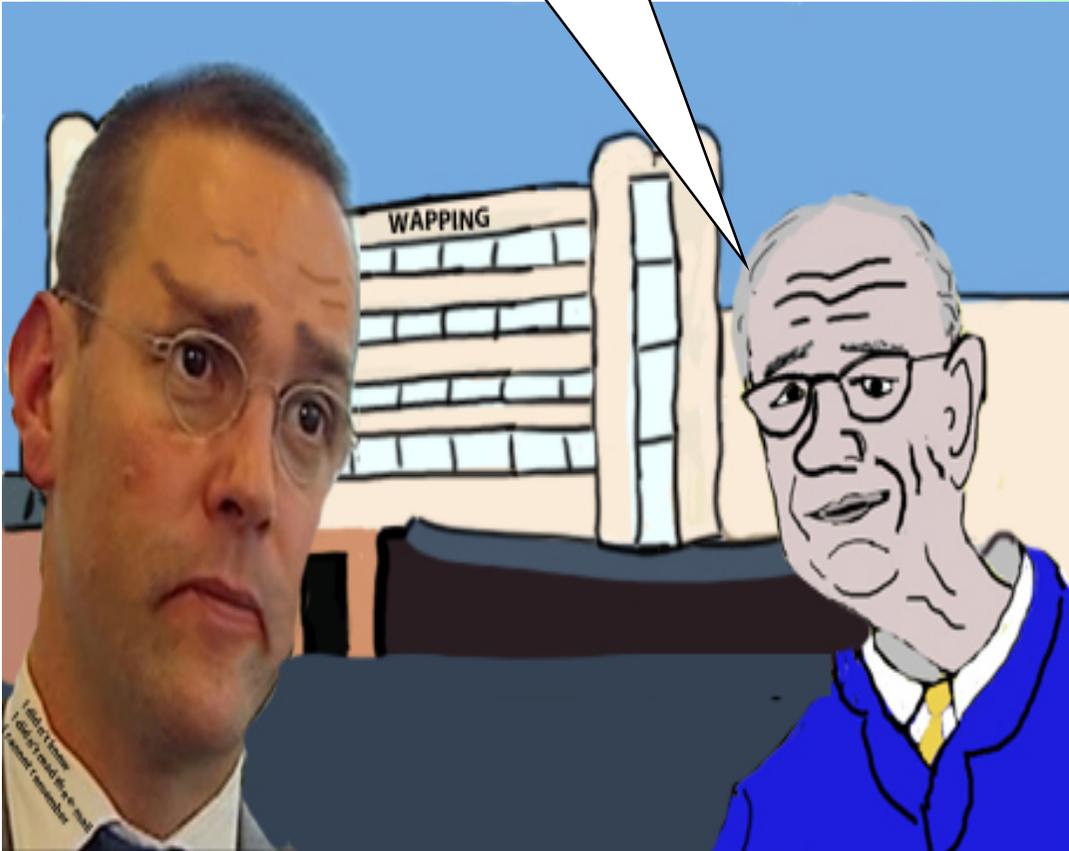
Zzzzzzzzz

For decades the working class has been asleep. It is starting to wake up



Afterthoughts

One day son all that will be theirs



Afterthoughts

How does this sound Fido
Dear Mr Cameron,
re your desire for a return to Christian
values, Acts 2:44 states
"All the believers were together and
had everything in common...". You and I
are believers

