

# UKIP. Does it deserve your vote?

The major parties deserved to be punished at the local elections. But did UKIP deserve the votes they received? We think not and we will explain why.

## The world as it is and the world according to UKIP.

Nigel Farage and UKIP understand that ordinary working British people and pensioners are angry, insecure and afraid. Their policies aim to provide an easy solution to these fears. But solutions depend on accurate diagnoses of problems. Like Doctors, if political parties get their diagnoses wrong, they can end up harming if not killing their patients or in this case the electorate

In UKIP's diagnoses, EU membership, foreign aid, immigrants, benefit scroungers and high taxes are responsible for the lack of industry, housing and services. So let us examine these propositions one by one.

**Taxation.** UKIP want a single tax of 31% for earnings over £11,500. They want to scrap all inheritance tax. This means a huge tax cut for the wealthier ten per cent in society. This tax loss does not stop them from proposing increased government spending, though who will carry this out no one can say, because they intend to sack two million public sector workers. Many of these losses will come from the NHS which they want to privatise, yes privatise. Not satisfied with this, like Macdonald's, they propose to franchise out doctors' surgeries.

Now for the world as it is. Britain has one of the highest levels of tax evasion and avoidance in the world. Estimates range from a conservative £30bn by the tax man, to £70bn by the TUC, to £120bn by the Public and Commercial Union (PCS). We accept the figure of £120bn as it approximates the money that flows to tax havens each year from the City and back again. The rich are effectively on a tax strike. This loss of tax exceeds the current budget deficits.

The real problem facing society is this. Economic inequality has intensified. But if wealth flows into fewer and fewer hands and these hands refuse to pay tax, where are governments going to get their tax. Growing inequality and tax dodging means government finances are going to get worse. That is why we face a future of unending and ever more cruel cuts in services and benefits.

So why does UKIP avoid the question of tax avoidance. Could this be due to the delightful and friendly Mr Farage's pedigree? Few voters know that his father was a City Gent, a stockbroker. That Mr Farage, like the posh boys Cameron and Osborne, went to a private school, in this case one of the most expensive, Dulwich College, where current fees range from £16,458 per year to £34,188. After that, from 1982, he worked in the City of London as an overpaid commodity broker, you know the kind of operator that drives up the prices of food, fuel and materials that makes us poorer.

It seems clear that while Mr Farage's thoughts are with the working poor his heart and wallet belongs to the City of London. Why else propose such unfair tax cuts, the abolition of inheritance tax instead of attacking the tax thieves. His proposals will make them richer and us poorer.

**Europe.** The only time Farage ends up betraying his mates in the City is by calling for an exit from Europe which would end London's position as the world's leading banking centre. That is why the Tories, Labour and the Liberals are split over Europe. London represents more than half of the British economy.

The real reason part of the capitalist class hates Europe is not the size of Britain's contribution to the EU which amounts to £19m a day not the £53m quoted by UKIP; it is because the regulations from Brussels restricts their ability to exploit their own workers. Brussels has strengthened human rights, employment rights, safety

at work and consumer rights which irritates the employers no end. Leaving Europe would strengthen the bosses' hands overnight and make the labour market so flexible it will be supine. It is of course a paradox that the unelected bureaucrats in Brussels have done more for workers' rights in Britain than our elected parliamentarians in Westminster. But then Europe has to yet experience a Thatcher so admired by UKIP.

**Scrapping all foreign aid.** UKIP's position is bombs not aid. They want more aircraft carriers to bomb the rest of the world (they are offensive weapons) by increasing defence spending 40%. At the same time they propose taking away all foreign aid. We are told this will save £8bn a year.

Now let us look at the world as it is. Britain receives £149b (2011) in interest and profits from the rest of the world. Even adjusting for the income received from investments in the EU and the USA, the income from the poorer part of the world dwarves the £8bn that UKIP want to abolish. It is an indisputable fact that even the poorest countries in the world pay more in interest than they receive in aid. The United Kingdom from the days of Empire to today has never been a donor country, it has been a recipient country. All aid does is give back a bit of change to these countries.

**Immigrants are the problem.** Like all small minded parties, UKIP blames immigrants for the lack of jobs and services. Really! Do you remember the £149b of interest and profits the capitalists receive from the rest of the world. Part of that arises from the £766bn of investments British capitalists have invested outside the country. You know the money that exported British jobs to countries with lower wages like China, Vietnam, Bangladesh and so on. If we look closer at the figures we find that UK has exported £332bn more capital than it has received. In human terms that is a loss of 3m jobs British jobs. An additional 3m jobs would return this economy to full employment. If we add in all the taxes that have been exported to tax havens there would be no job shortages ever. But once again UKIP blames immigrants for the problem not the nice English men and women working in the City who refuse to invest in this country.

**Asylum seekers and benefit scroungers.** Where the media leads, UKIP follows. And the media loves attacking scroungers. What a cheek. Most of the media barons, the owners, are tax exiles. They do not pay any tax on their UK earnings. This does not stop them, like UKIP, pointing figure at the poorest and most vulnerable in society. Benefit fraud of £1.2bn is actually smaller than accidental overpayments of £2.2bn and is only one tenth of the £12.6b (D.W.P.) never claimed, which is the real scandal. And as for asylum seekers, well they cost us a penny for every Pound that is stolen from us by rich Brits on tax strike.

And of course there is the NHS and the medical tourists. We can understand UKIP's concern. UKIP wants to sell the NHS to Farage's City friends. Like all owners of businesses they hate shoplifters which they see these health tourists as being. The threat to British people accessing health services does not come from these tourists, but UKIP's plans to break up the NHS. The cost of these so called tourists is actually quite small.

## UKIP's Hidden Agenda.

UKIP's programme is elusive, crude, fragmentary and contradictory. However the financial and media backer of UKIP understand what UKIP is up to. It's strategy is to divert the anger of insecure workers, the poor and threatened sideways, that is towards, immigrants, scroungers and foreigners. We on the other hand intend to direct anger upwards at the real culprits, those at the top of society, the Farrage's of the world. We mean the capitalist owners of the banks and corporations whose tax dodging, speculation, and refusal to invest are the cause of all the problems facing working people and the poor in this country, and in every other country. Targeting those at the bottom of society, the poor and desperate, as UKIP does, means the real culprits walk away with all their loot. ukip are political charlatans who have deliberately misdiagnosed the political problems in this country. They are dangerous and do not deserve your protest vote.