

# ‘YOUR PARTY’ IS BARELY ALIVE.

*This article analyses the current state of Your Party, where the opportunists around Corbyn turned a momentous political possibility into an unforgivable loss. Within months Your Party shed 90% of those who had expressed an interest in building a fresh new party, defeated by those who saw it as Their Party.*

The nominees for the leading body of *Your Party*, called the CEC, have been selected and the hustings where they could be evaluated have now been held on-line. I have watched two hustings, the East of England, and the London centred one. They have been unremarkable, primarily because the questions asked of them had been selected by an unknown committee and not put out to consultation.

Most of the candidates will be unequal to the task of holding the careerists around Corbyn to account. They are bound to be outmanoeuvred by bureaucrats whose devious intrigues have been honed by years of practise and deployment deep in the shadow of the Palace of Westminster.

I originally wrote that there were three great flaws in the broad-church concept of the *Labour Party* that ultimately would turn any workers’ party into a tool for the ruling class. Firstly, putting the party before the class, secondly, to seek unity at all costs even when the right was actively and openly sabotaging the party, and thirdly the failure of a dynamic internal democracy including communication and transparency. So, has *Your Party* failed all these three tests? Emphatically yes.

Firstly, had the original organisers been dedicated to the class instead of trying to shape *Your Party* to their needs and ambitions, there could not, would not, have been the ugly debilitating fiasco last year tripping up the *Party* - the sabotage, the intrigues, the behind the door secret and unrecorded decisions - which capsized *Your Party* at birth.

The second test is more complicated. Generally, it is the left which upholds the broad-church concept or unity before principle. The right does not. In this light, the left should have called for a members’ enquiry into the events last year with the spectre of expulsion for all those culpable, because not only were they guilty of bringing the party into disrepute they were guilty of crippling it. Unfortunately, no candidate to the CEC raised this perspective during the course of the hustings. The opposite was the case; most called for unity. In the meantime, it is the right who are expelling the left, both from the party itself and from its democratic core. The latest example of the [Karrie Murphy faction](#) in action is the removal of a supporter of Sultana from the scrutiny committee overseeing the CEC elections, meaning that all five will probably be part of the Corbyn faction. This makes oversight problematic.

Thirdly, from day one, decisions have been made behind closed doors, there has been little to no transparency while the internal means for debate or to express opinions remains non-existent. What exists, exists outside the formal structure of the Party in the guise of informal social media sites set up spontaneously by individual members seeking a venue to discuss and build the party.

The next stage is voting in the CEC. This is the last chance to rehabilitate the party. More resources have been thrown behind Corbyn’s *The-Many-Slate* than behind Sultana’s *The-Grassroots-Left-Slate*. The *Many* are banking on Corbyn’s lingering popularity as well as two claims made by this slate, the first being disingenuous the second scurrilous. The first claim is that the [Party can only survive](#) if Corbyn’s slate wins. Classic scaremongering. The second claim is that only the Corbyn slate can unite

the party. Taken together a third meaning emerges. It is this. What the clique around Corbyn is really saying is that far from uniting the party, unless they win, they are off, they are willing to split the Party rather than serve under a CEC which they don't control. It may also be the case that should the *Many* win thereby retaining control the Party, they will purge the left at the earliest opportunity up to and including Sultana herself. The last thing on their mind is unity and abiding by majority decisions.

Why the angst by the right? Simply this. A Sultana win will allow the far-left to remain in the party where it will no doubt play a prominent role. To the Karrie Murphys of this world, those who have dealt with the ruling class and know them, they are convinced any left leaning party will be marginalised by the establishment. It will fail as an electoral party. This will trash the opportunity and the electoral vehicle for their elevation into the rarified and hallowed levels of society by catapulting them into parliament.

On the other hand, a Sultana win will facilitate internal democracy within the party. This is what we need to preserve. If there is anything cliques and bureaucrats hate, it is internal democracy, especially when it is bottom up. Democracy to them is the equivalent of sunlight sterilising mould. This is what the Murphy faction seeks to prevent.

Our first priority therefore is to preserve basic democracy in the Party. That is why it is obligatory to vote for *The-Grassroot- Left* slate. There are members who say they can't because they don't identify with many of its positions. They confuse policy with tactics. If The *Many-Slate* wins it is party over and policy differences will become irrelevant because *Your Party* will degenerate further into a tightly managed and policed top-down party. It will become a caricature of Old Labour, embodying its worst traditions, namely turning its back on the left in order to turn its face to capital. Yes, it will have some progressive policies, it may even embark on campaigns despite its core mission being electoral, but they will be no more than window dressing. But *Your Party* will not be able to evolve into a real workers' party. It will remain bogged down in electoralism, it will be used as the vehicle for personal ambition which always ends up, if successful, managing the declining capitalist system. And we know where that ends, with the ruination of the party and the demoralisation of the working class.

### **Conclusion.**

This election is about the fortunes of the two factions which dominate your party, each with their own slate. Over the next two weeks members of *Your Party* will have a chance to vote. There won't be a second chance. Vote for the *Grassroots Slate* or independents who have made it clear they disassociate themselves from the *Many Slate* and what it stands for. Don't be misled by Corbyn whose goal remains a kinder and fairer form of capitalism. It's not a question of whether Corbyn is being used or not, whether he is a willing participant or a prisoner of the Murphy/[Alvarez](#)\* clique, rather it is a question of what he is fronting; all the bureaucratic wreckers who ensured the British working class was robbed of an effective party to represent them at a time when the right is in the ascendancy, a double-crime.

\*[Laura Alvarez, Jeremy Corbyn's wife](#) is no anti-capitalist, she has been a banker and remains a businesswoman inhabiting the so called ethical side of capitalism.