

6th Week Emergency Debate (HT19)

THU support the Independent group.

21/2/19

Chair: Olivia Leigh
Minutes: Varuna Khetra

PROP

1) Brian Wong 088339

- People have too long believed 'remain' has to happen.
- Anna Soubry - classic remaine (re-elected again & again).
- Analogy w/ 2008 - people just sit in Westminster.

2) George Hargrave 0948493

- Don't have to support ideals, just democracy.
- Not too if someone doesn't want to fit into homogeneous party, they can break out.

3) Matteo Baccaglini 094681

- taken back control from monolithic party structures
- Whatever views on Brexit
- Have restated fundamental idea that there is in our politics

4) Sultan Al-Kawari 0984494

- Demise not demise if it is not allowed to change its mind?
- Opinion polls showing remain-leav
- by supporting Ind. group can feed off Brexit & far-left Corbynism. Centrist.

5) Shannon Yang 095705

- Just because party = small; doesn't mean we shouldn't vote for them.
- ↳ Reason for no new ideas.
- Politics is broken, needs something to fix it. fundamentally suppressing democracy.

6) Yee-kwan Law 094513

- Start own brand of politics by distancing themselves from toxicity from previous parties e.g. Islamophobia - Cons. Anti-Semitism - Lab.
- Adopt constructive approach & work towards national interest

OP

1) Anupriya Agarwal 094508

- Support = if election tomorrow → that party you would vote for.
- not likely to succeed.
- if they do → hung parliament?
Will make Britain worse

2) Benedict Shattock 095394

- not viable - made up of individual from 2 different parties (ideological differences).
- undemocratic re referendum.

3) Celeste Declerck 096961

- Cannot support because not ready
- Some dep's just waiting to see what it takes off.
- Doesn't know what they are.

4) Brian Wong 088339

- Not against Brexit
- 4 reasons why wouldn't work
 - ↳ Minority
 - ↳ Fractionalised
 - ↳ First past the post (unlikely),
if pro-Brexit - changes way we tell about politics.
 - Undemocratic - should run for election again - were not elected in this cont.

5) William Atkinson 098942

- Lack of moral integrity
- only thing they can agree on = that people got it wrong in 2016
 - ↳ but won't submit themselves to people's vote. (hypocritical).

6) Chase Koch 095133

- 2 party system does nothing?
- We can respect & support.
- Business, family.

NOES HAVE IT

Closed at 8:15 pm

21/2/19

Thursday
21st February

2019

This House Believes that the Left must reclaim populism

Secretary: Nicholas G. Leah

Brendan McGrath (opening proposition)

1. Real in voter
 2. Democratic accountability
 3. Democratic representation
- Emotional introduction about getting to the presidential candidacy together with particular individuals
 - premises:
 - ↳ reading more about the political news
 - ↳ people are sick at the game of politics
 - ↳ populism is the answer to feel like politicians are normal people too
 - Left sending in the wrong candidate
 - ↳ Not surprising that AfD are doing well
 - ↳ Leaders not to start speaking in everyday populists terms
 - Heavy infrastructure and social security is what people need
 - ↳ Between ideological leanings vs. political tactics
 - Left-wing populism needs to stand up for working people
 - ↳ Many not the few

Amy Gregor (opening opposition)

- Populism = the elite vs. the people
 - ↳ Two camps - the 'good us' and the 'bad them'
- Right have tapped into something powerful
- Left are waking up to the 'will of the people'
- Problems:
 - ↳ 'Othering'
 - ↳ Emotional dimension is not good for governance
 - ↳ Politics needs to be about morality
- The people = the masses, the ordinary men and women and the non-elite
- Othering harms the most vulnerable
- Left adopting the tools of populism is harmful
- Populism is inherently emotional
 - ↳ fear and harsh nature is at the heart
 - ↳ politics becomes passionate and confrontational
 - ↳ no room for regulation concepts such as justice or rule of law
 - ↳ mob laws dressed up as the 'people's voice'
- People feel disenfranchised by the politics at Westminster
- Populism loses the moral fight

Paul Mason (Second Proposition)

- Neoliberalism is broken
 - ↳ Response kept system on life support through quantitative easing
 - ↳ Cannot keep ideology or life support
- Neo-liberalism as a religion
 - ↳ Now people turn to old religions or racism, misogyny and worship of gods
- Left need to find an economy that works for everyone
 - ↳ Needs to be a form of capitalism with the individual and environment at core
- Global spring soon to happen
 - ↳ Need to defeat the ideology of mob rule
- Radical left needs to unite all factions
 - ↳ It should not need to otherwise
 - ↳ Radical left usually otherises the system
- Elite are somewhere else, money is held up elsewhere
 - ↳ GINI Co-efficient has risen
- Need the people to win

James Lanning (Second opposition)

- Adoption of populism needs to be justified
 - ↳ generate informed voter interest not apathy
- Populism will result in knee-jerk popularity
- Not all populists are popular
- Core of populism is the other
 - ↳ Vicious and popular - explains why it can get personal
- Populism as mudslinging
- Proposition model of populism will not work
 - ↳ still relies on emotion
- Right-wing populists have been winning
- All populist movements are exclusionary
 - ↳ being place occupied by Nick Clegg
- No radical centre
 - ↳ rolling around in the mud
 - ↳ left will result in them left

Floor Speeches

1st proposition,

- Morality is an issue
 - ↳ By forging this is the left
- Blair was able to unite the centre within the first part the post system

1st opposition, Joshua Noms, St Anthony's College

- what populism is the left reclaiming and at what cost?
- Does not trust the right or the left with populism

→ Populism is crack cocaine of political entrepreneurs

2nd proposition, Francesca L. Best, Wadham College

- Are people any wiser about what populism actually is?
- Something about returning power to the people
- what is the problem with emotions in politics?
 - ↳ It has been described as mudslinging
 - ↳ politics dehumanises people
 - ↳ Story of homelessness in Cowley

2nd opposition, Samuel R. A. Christmas Lincoln

- prominent vehicle to suppress political opinions
- Independent group as resistance to populism within two parties

3rd proposition, Michelle T. Hirschmidt, Exeter

- Emotions are inextricable from politics
- Draw on example of their home country of Switzerland
 - ↳ Politicians have to engage with people on a regular basis

3rd opposition, Sulaiman P. Rahim, Wadham

- Populism is an old tactic
 - ↳ well trodden path
- Populism is the vehicle through which most harm in politics is done
- Proposition speakers have been speaking past the opposition in the debate this evening
- Populism will never be democratic

Brandon Davies (Closing proposition)

- Taking term and made it absolute has been the tactic of the opposition
- Populism is an approach to politics
 - ↳ recently it has been winning
- politics right now is not only toxic but also sour
- Answer to winning is calling out what is true of our opponent
- Populism as a fluid issue that sits on a spectrum
- Right thinks it can 'absolve' and 'other'
- Environment where immigration is at the centre of the debate; the environment where populism thrives
- Need to engage and define what is meant by the people
- Ability or left to speak to people and mobilise people is where victory can be found
- Multi-racial politics driven by economics
 - ↳ This is the only way to engage voters
 - ↳ practical to win
 - ↳ There is an approach in populism that can move the left to power and therefore to move an agenda

Lord Adonis (Closing opposition)

- Never addressed the Oxford Union as a student; they turned to local politics
- Story about their campaign during their time as a student in Oxford
- Togetherness and engagement is what the Oxford Union needs right now
- Brexit is a story of lies
 - ↳ Must be defeated by those who believe inauthenticity and truth
 - Something for nothing is the ultimate populist lie
 - Asks Nigel Farage what they would pay to leave the European Union
 - ↳ They said nothing (but problem is their pension)
 - ↳ The speaker suggested that they donate their pensions to the NPP
 - Those who have been popular have not all been truthful
 - ↳ However, the best are truthful
 - William Gladstone as the ultimate popular politician
 - ↳ You can't fight the future
 - There is good and evil in this world
 - ↳ The Left should be on the side of the good

22:21 : Debate finishes

6th Week After Debate Nikhil Shah

- + Nikhil S Shah (prep) 092865
 - Left should reclaim b/c right are doing it
 - Left will become irrelevant
 - Populism not necessary right, but practical
- + Peter L Wallich (prep) 094484
 - Populism doesn't need to be bad - xenophobic, irrational
 - necessity: prioritization of exploited group
 - emotion ≠ bad
 - not opposing normal people → Wall Street bankers
 - anger = necessary b/c bad NOT uninformed, overblown
 - 2 worlds - 1) anger good 2) complacent partisanship
- + Connie Borash (opp) 096656
 - populism = a mess → Britain/US politics
- + Olivia Freteen (prop) 096091
 - "populism not for the people!"
- + Hannah Kidner (opp) 095666
 - why be popular? we all want to be indie
- + Marion Risani (prop) 095258
 - need to care about votes
- + Jonathan Quin (opp) 094455
 - association w/ nationalism, separation of society
 - people - elite separation → societal anger
 - popular & popular
- + Prahlit Prasad (prop) 092374
 - people power = democracy

- Beatrice Barr
Secretary, Committee

Elliott Browne (prop) 091314

- What proportion?

→ authentic = popular

↳ less never be genuine

Beth Molyneux (prop) 094957

- relevance = proportion

Graeme Munro (opp) 808402

- less to be moral high ground never nor be popular

George Chantry (opp) 0898864

- Proportion is a disaster
- Positive = destroy proportion

Private Business 21/02/2019

Generative Affairs

changes to make committee more viable
MOTION PNP

1) lower vac day branding + officer elect 20 → 15
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2) remove deputy CCC role
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3) bring back GLOP
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(all without opposition)

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Left Populism Debate

21/02 2019 (P.T.O.)

Oliver Rushingham Teller

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opening proposition)

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Left proposition Debate

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Beatrice Barr Teller