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Dramatic appeal by party faithful amid wipe-out fears

RATTLED Tories have demanded Rishi Sunak cut taxes to 'save the party from oblivion' after the latest polling claimed they are heading for an unprecedented Election defeat.

The call came as Chancellor Jeremy Hunt admitted to The Mail on Sunday that two cuts to National Insurance had failed to swing public opinion behind the Conservatives. He revealed the Prime Minister called an early Election as he believed a

ELECTION EXCLUSIVE

By Glen Owen and Dan Hodges

third cut was also unlikely to move the political dial – and because lower interest rates would take too long to be registered by voters.

However, Popular Conservatism, a Right-wing movement launched by ex-Prime Min-

ister Liz Truss and known as PopCons, said big cuts to the likes of stamp duty and inheritance tax should be among the 'core Conservative principles' in the party manifesto.

Tory candidates reacted with horror to a poll revealed in yesterday's Daily Mail which forecast Labour could win a majority of more than 300, with the Conservatives reduced to between 66 and 72 MPs.

The megapoll by Electoral Calculus suggests the party is heading for its worst Elec-

tion trouncing in history – although Tory strategists questioned its methodology.

However, Hunt today questions the political effectiveness of tax cut promises. Asked why Sunak had not delayed the Election until the autumn, allowing more potential cuts such as the previous two 2p reductions to National Insurance (NI), he told the MoS: 'The fact that we've had two significant tax cuts that haven't really changed the polls

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