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## WHAT SHOULD WE BELIEVE IN?

NHS privatisation, institutional racism, illegal immigration, Russian interference, and Brexit. These have all been used to skew our judgment, and now through this haze of political disorientation, it is more difficult than ever to make an informed opinion. We truly believe that an informed vote is

better than one that has been decided by someone else, so that is why we have produced this newspaper that strips back the party politics, and presents the policies side by side; giving you the opportunity to see what you believe in, and make your own decision in this year's general election.



Conservative	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• £34 billion of NHS funding per year by the end of the next Parliament.</li><li>• “Boost early cancer diagnosis” through upgrades across 78 trusts.</li><li>• Continue to work on “building 40 new hospitals across the country”.</li><li>• “Raise funding for the NHS by 29 per cent” by 2023.</li><li>• 50,000 more nurses, with the reintroduction of maintenance grants.</li></ul>
Labour	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Increase health spending by an average of 4.3% per year.</li><li>• “End and reverse” privatisation across the next Parliament.</li><li>• Provide free annual dentist check ups.</li><li>• Develop a model of “joined-up community care”.</li><li>• Additional £1.6 billion per year for mental health care.</li></ul>
Liberal Democrats	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Raise “£7 billion a year in additional revenue by putting 1p on Income Tax, with this money to be ringfenced for spending on the NHS and social care.”</li><li>• Invest £10 billion in NHS equipment and hospitals as well as community, ambulance and mental health services.</li></ul>
Green Party UK	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Increase NHS funding by at least £6 billion per year until 2030.</li><li>• Roll back privatisation of the NHS and get rid of the internal market.</li><li>• Replace private sector involvement with “community leadership”.</li><li>• Focus on the construction of new community health centres.</li><li>• Introduce “major improvements” to mental health care including therapy access within 28 days.</li></ul>
The Independent Group for Change	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Fund ‘free personal care’ by taxing unearned income (income from assets, inheritance and pensions) in-line with the tax rates for earned income.</li><li>• “Legal right for employees to attend GP or hospital appointments.”</li><li>• “Cross-party commission to finally address long term elderly social care finance.”</li><li>• Give local government a role in NHS commissioning.</li></ul>
The Brexit Party	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• “Introduce 24-hour GP surgeries to relieve the strain in A&amp;E departments.”</li><li>• Remove the requirement that nurses and midwives have degrees.</li><li>• “There should be no privatisation of the NHS; where existing private initiatives have failed to deliver we will return them to public ownership.”</li><li>• Have a national debate on “ring-fencing the NHS budget and the tax revenues that pay for it.”</li></ul>

# BREXIT

Conservative	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Leave the European Union by 31 January.</li><li>• Leave on the terms of the withdrawal agreement negotiated by Boris Johnson.</li><li>• “Take back control” of laws, money, and trade policy.</li><li>• Negotiate a trade agreement in 2020.</li><li>• “Do not extend” the implementation period of this agreement beyond 2020.</li></ul>
Labour	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Secure a “sensible” renegotiated deal with the EU within three months.</li><li>• Hold another referendum on EU membership within six months.</li><li>• Rule out a no-deal Brexit.</li><li>• Keep Britain in a “permanent, comprehensive UK-wide customs union”.</li></ul>
Liberal Democrats	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Revoke Article 50 and remain in the EU.</li><li>• Save the country £50 billion which can then be used to “invest in public services and tackle inequality”.</li><li>• Extend general election voting rights to EU citizens who have lived in the UK for five years or longer.</li></ul>
Green Party UK	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Hold a second referendum (a Brexit deal versus remaining in the EU).</li><li>• Fight for social change at a European level.</li><li>• “Rebalance power” in the EU and allow citizens to propose reforms.</li><li>• Increase the transparency of European Union institutions.</li><li>• “Fully commit” to an international, cooperative role in Europe.</li></ul>
The Independent Group for Change	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Hold another referendum on membership of the European Union, in which they as a party would campaign for remain.</li><li>• “Maintain strong alliances with our closest European and international allies on trade, regulation, defence, security, the environment, aid, and counter-terrorism.”</li></ul>
The Brexit Party	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• A clean-break Brexit: “There will be no extended ‘transition period’, no more years of wrangling with Brussels, no further entanglement with the EU’s controlling political institutions. We will be free to start building our future immediately, to change politics and Britain for good.”</li><li>• They say this raise £13 billion per year, with a £7 billion lump sum drawn out of the European Investment Bank on top.</li></ul>

# TAXATION

Conservative	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• No increase in income tax, National Insurance, or VAT.</li><li>• Raise the National Insurance threshold to £9,500.</li><li>• “Ultimate ambition” of ensuring first £12,500 of earnings are tax-free.</li><li>• Abolish the “tampon tax” on female sanitary products after Brexit.</li><li>• Reduce business rates.</li></ul>
Labour	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Reverse some Conservative cuts to corporation tax.</li><li>• Those earning over £80,000 to pay “a little more” income tax.</li><li>• Freeze National Insurance and income tax for everyone else.</li><li>• Launch the “biggest ever crackdown” on tax avoidance.</li><li>• Guarantee no increases in VAT.</li></ul>
Liberal Democrats	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Increase corporation tax from 17 to 20 percent.</li><li>• Remove the capital gains tax free allowance and instead tax capital gains and salaries through a single allowance.</li><li>• “Take tough action against corporate tax evasion and avoidance especially by international tech giants and large monopolies”.</li><li>• “Scrap the Marriage Tax Allowance.”</li></ul>
Green Party UK	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Simplify income taxes and “close loopholes” to “bring in an extra £20 billion per year”.</li><li>• Replace the income tax threshold with Universal Basic Income.</li><li>• Abolish council tax and business rates, replacing with a new Land Value Tax.</li><li>• Establish Revenue &amp; Customs as an independent agency, accountable to Parliament.</li><li>• Increase the rate of corporation tax to 24%.</li></ul>
The Independent Group for Change	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• “International Tax Avoidance Treaty, enforced through a new body at the United Nations.”</li><li>• Stronger democratic oversight of financial regulators, with an emphasis on ‘public benefit interest’ in the corporate governance.</li><li>• “Fiscally responsible economic stimulus” using evidence-led analysis.</li></ul>
The Brexit Party	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Abolish Inheritance Tax.</li><li>• Bring in an ‘online sales tax’ to help high streets.</li><li>• Reform corporation tax to benefit small businesses.</li><li>• Remove VAT from domestic fuel. They say this will save every household an average of £65.</li></ul>

# ECONOMY

Conservative	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Ensure that Britain is a “dynamic free market” economy with lower taxes.</li><li>• Public sector investment “will not average more than 3 percent” of national income.</li><li>• Prioritise the environment as part of the next budget.</li><li>• Regenerate an initial 100 towns through a new Towns Fund.</li></ul>
Labour	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• “Rewrite the rules” of how the economy works.</li><li>• Create one million green jobs to transform industry in a ‘Green New Deal’.</li><li>• Prioritise sustainability and rein in corporate power.</li><li>• Launch a National Transformation Fund of £400 billion.</li></ul>
Liberal Democrats	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• “Continue to champion investment in the Northern Powerhouse and the Midlands Engine, putting significant capital resources into infrastructure projects across these regions.”</li><li>• “Work with the major banks to fund the creation of a local banking sector</li><li>• Meet “the needs of local small and medium-sized businesses.”</li><li>• Increase national spending on research to 3% of GDP by 2050.</li></ul>
Green Party UK	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Give small businesses access to lending at affordable rates.</li><li>• £2 billion a year invested in training and skills, including new apprenticeships.</li><li>• Transition to a net carbon zero economy.</li></ul>
The Independent Group for Change	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Tax break to help individuals with relocation costs if they are seeking new job roles across the country.</li><li>• “International Tax Avoidance Treaty, enforced through a new body at the United Nations.”</li></ul>
The Brexit Party	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Without EU rules on state aid, The Brexit Party say that they will be able to “invest in strategic industries such as steel, railways and defence to create thousands of jobs.”</li><li>• Remove import tariffs on “certain foods, footwear and clothing”.</li></ul>

# EDUCATION

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## Conservative

- Raise teachers' starting salaries to £30,000.
- Follow through on an announced "extra £14 billion in funding for schools".
- Offer an 'arts premium' to secondary schools to "fund enriching activities".
- Deliver more school places for children with complex special needs.
- Expand 'alternative provision' schools for those who have been excluded.

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## Labour

- Create a National Education Service to provide "lifelong" support.
- 30 hours of preschool for two-to-four-year-olds at subsidised rates.
- Maximum class sizes of 30 primary school children.
- Replace Ofsted with a new body to "drive school improvement".
- Abolish tuition fees and bring back maintenance grants.

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## Liberal Democrats

- £10,000 'Skills Wallet' for every adult to spend on education throughout their life.
- Expand the apprenticeship levy into a 'Skills and Training Levy', with "25 per cent of the funds raised by the levy going into a 'Social Mobility Fund' targeted at areas with the greatest skill needs."
- "Develop National Colleges as national centres of expertise for key sectors, such as renewable energy, to deliver the high-level vocational skills that businesses need."

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## Green Party UK

- Increase funding by at least £4 billion per year.
- Replace OFSTED with a "collaborative system" of assessing schools locally.
- Scrap university tuition fees, and providing funding for every student.
- Create a "fully inclusive" system with more support for special educational needs.
- Start formal education aged six.

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## The Independent Group for Change

- "Financial literacy and oracy (the ability to speak and listen well) to be included in the national curriculum."
- Health workers introduced into schools.
- 20-week funded sabbatical for retraining partway through your career.

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## The Brexit Party

- "Abolish student loan interest."
- "Abolish the target to push 50% of young people into Higher Education."
- Scrap the Apprentice Levy and improve tax incentives for employers to take on 'genuine' apprentices.

# SOCIAL CARE

Conservative	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Build “the same level of consensus on social care” as the NHS.</li><li>• An additional £1 billion of social care funding from April 2020.</li><li>• Extend the entitlement to leave for unpaid carers.</li><li>• Make finding a cure for dementia “one of our government’s biggest collective priorities”.</li><li>• Provide £74 million over three years for those with learning disabilities in community care.</li></ul>
Labour	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Allocate a “greater proportion of overall funding” to social care.</li><li>• Double the number of people receiving publicly funded care packages.</li><li>• Establish a National Care Service and free personal care.</li><li>• Invest to “end the social care crisis”.</li><li>• Increase the Carer’s Allowance for unpaid, full-time carers.</li></ul>
Liberal Democrats	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• “Appoint a Minister for Wellbeing, who will make an annual statement to Parliament on the main measures of wellbeing and the effects of government policies on them.”</li><li>• Provide “free, high-quality childcare for children of working parents from nine months.”</li><li>• “Extend free school meals to all children in primary education and to all secondary school children whose families receive Universal Credit, as well as promoting school breakfast clubs.”</li></ul>
Green Party UK	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• £4.5 billion more per year for councils to provide free social care to over-65s in their own homes.</li><li>• Explore how free social care at home can be extended to “everyone who needs it”.</li><li>• Abolish the internal social care market.</li><li>• “Hugely reduce” private sector involvement in social care.</li></ul>
The Independent Group for Change	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Cross-party commission to finally address long term elderly social care finance.</li><li>• Increase investment in health and social care by equalising tax rates for dividend income with the rate for earned income.</li></ul>
The Brexit Party	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• “Invest in” social care</li><li>• Introduce a “new nursing qualification in social care”.</li></ul>

# ENVIRONMENT

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## Conservative

- Support creation of “new kinds of homes that have low energy bills”.
- “Encourage the public sector to ‘Buy British’” to “reduce environmental costs”.
- Pass an Environment Bill involving a new £640 million ‘Nature for Climate’ fund.
- Reach an additional 75,000 acres of trees a year by the end of the next Parliament.

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## Labour

- Introduce a new Clean Air Act with clean air zones.
- £5.6 billion extra to “improve the standard” of flood defences.
- A ‘Plan for Nature’ with legally binding species restoration targets.
- Invest in more country farms.
- Introduce a right to food and remove food banks within three years.

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## Liberal Democrats

- “Just Transition Fund to support communities negatively affected by policies to tackle the climate emergency.”
- “£5 billion of initial capital for a new Green Investment Bank, using public money to attract private investment for zero-carbon priorities.”
- Protect “nature and the countryside, tackling biodiversity loss and planting 60 million trees a year to absorb carbon, protect wildlife and improve health.”

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## Green Party UK

- A ‘Green New Deal’ for energy, centred on renewable energy.
- Transform planning so it works to support an increase in wind power.
- Remove subsidies to the oil and gas industries.
- Plant 700 million new trees and encourage more trees being planted nationwide.
- Ban fracking and other fossil fuel extraction forms “now and forever”.

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## The Independent Group for Change

- “Reach carbon net zero by 2045.”
- Stop the sale of new fossil fuel powered cars and vans by 2030.
- “Phase out non-essential single-use plastics by 2025.”
- “Introduce the ‘polluter pays principle’ so those creating potentially harmful outputs carry the costs of managing and preventing damage to the environment, and society at large.”

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## The Brexit Party

- Plant “millions of trees to capture CO2”.
- Promote a global climate initiative at the UN.
- “Recycle our own waste and make it illegal for it to be exported across the world to be burnt, buried or dumped at sea.”



# IMMIGRATION

Conservative	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• End freedom of movement after the UK has left the European Union.</li><li>• EU immigrants to “only be able to access unemployment, housing and child benefit” after five years.</li><li>• “Require new arrivals to contribute” to funding the NHS.</li><li>• “Overall numbers” of immigrants “will come down”, with “fewer lower-skilled migrants”.</li></ul>
Labour	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• “Review” border controls to “make them more effective”.</li><li>• Establish a “humane” immigration system and scrap Conservative migration targets.</li><li>• Provide compensation to those affected by the Windrush scandal.</li><li>• Keep freedom of movement if still in the EU; “subject to negotiations” in case of Brexit.</li></ul>
Liberal Democrats	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• “Fix the broken immigration system by scrapping the Conservatives’ hostile environment, ending indefinite detention and taking powers away from the Home Office.”</li><li>• “Give asylum seekers the right to work three months after they have applied and resettle 10,000 unaccompanied refugee children in the UK over the next ten years.”</li></ul>
Green Party UK	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• End the ‘hostile environment’ set of policies introduced by the Conservatives.</li><li>• Close all immigration detention centres and end indefinite detention.</li><li>• Suspend all deportation flights and “allow refugees to live freely” while applications are considered.</li><li>• Bring forward a “new humane immigration system”.</li><li>• Press for an urgent review on the safety of migrants travelling to Europe.</li></ul>
The Independent Group for Change	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• “Support free movement of people across Europe as with our current membership of the EU.”</li><li>• “E-identity system linked to NI (National Insurance) numbers to measure and enforce fair immigration rules.”</li><li>• “Communities with sharp population changes to be given greater support and protection with a Migration Impact Fund.”</li></ul>
The Brexit Party	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• “Crack down on illegal immigration and stop the human tragedy associated with human trafficking.”</li><li>• “Reduce annual immigration and address wage stagnation and the skills gap by introducing a fair points system that is blind to ethnic origin. And always provide a humane welcome for genuine refugees.”</li></ul>

# SYSTEMS

Conservative	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• An “infrastructure revolution” taking in a ‘northern powerhouse’ rail scheme.</li><li>• A cultural capital programme of £250 million to support local libraries and regional museums.</li><li>• £100 billion in “additional infrastructure spend” to cover roads, rail and other investment.</li><li>• £4 billion extra funding for new flood defences.</li><li>• “Consider the findings” of a review into the planned HS2 rail project.</li></ul>
Labour	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Use a new Local Transformation Fund to fund infrastructure projects at local level.</li><li>• Long-term investment plan including Crossrail for the North.</li><li>• Focus on creating “better, publicly accessible” local transport systems.</li><li>• Bring broadband-relevant parts of BT into public ownership.</li><li>• Nationalise energy, water and railway facilities.</li></ul>
Liberal Democrats	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• “Introduce a nationwide strategy to promote walking and cycling, including the creation of dedicated safe cycling lanes, increasing spending per head five-fold to reach 10 per cent of the transport budget.”</li><li>• “Support High Speed 2, Northern Powerhouse Rail, East-West Rail and Crossrail 2, but ensure far tighter financial controls and increased accountability to ensure that these projects are value for money”</li><li>• Improve access to public transport for people with disabilities.</li></ul>
Green Party UK	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Provide proactive support for UK-based manufacturing of renewable energy infrastructure.</li><li>• Connect electricity supply more closely to that of other European countries.</li><li>• Develop infrastructure needed for corporate recycling rates of “close to 100%”.</li></ul>
The Independent Group for Change	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• “Support new capacity on rail continuing with the HS2 line connecting the East Midlands and Yorkshire.”</li><li>• Allow areas outside London similar control over their public transport like TfL has.</li></ul>
The Brexit Party	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• “Invest at least £50 billion in local road and rail schemes in our development-starved regions.”</li><li>• Invest £2.5 billion in fishing and coastal communities, “creating the opportunity to regenerate our coastal communities with new investment, jobs and tourism.”</li><li>• Offer free basic broadband in ‘deprived regions’ and free Wi-Fi on all public transport.</li></ul>

# HOUSING

Conservative	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Encourage “a new market” in long-term fixed rate mortgages.</li><li>• Review new ways to “support home ownership” after the Help to Buy scheme ends in 2023.</li><li>• Bring in a “Better Deal for Renters”, including abolishing no-fault evictions.</li><li>• Protect tenants from “revenge evictions and rogue landlords”.</li><li>• Offer “more homes to local families”, enabling councils to discount homes by up to a third.</li></ul>
Labour	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Create a new Department for Housing.</li><li>• Make Homes England a “more accountable national housing agency”.</li><li>• Build more than a million social homes over a decade.</li><li>• “Stop runaway rents” by capping increases in line with inflation.</li><li>• End rough sleeping in five years through a new task-force.</li></ul>
Liberal Democrats	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• “New direct spending on house-building to help build 300,000 homes a year by 2024, including 100,000 social homes.”</li><li>• “Build new houses to zero-carbon standards and cut fuel bills through a ten-year programme to reduce energy consumption from all the UK’s buildings.”</li><li>• “Urgently publish a cross-Whitehall plan to end all forms of homelessness.”</li></ul>
Green Party UK	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Create a total of 100,000 new council homes a year.</li><li>• Locate new developments to ensure residents “do not need cars”.</li><li>• Make energy efficiency and getting rid of fuel poverty a national priority.</li><li>• “Significantly reduce heating bills” by improving insulation of one million homes each year.</li></ul>
The Independent Group for Change	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• All new-build houses built to carbon neutral standards by 2025.</li><li>• “Business and agricultural property relief to be radically scaled back to generate revenues for social housing.”</li><li>• More investment in social housing.</li><li>• “Partnerships between public and private sector to deliver large-scale affordable housing in areas of high demand.”</li></ul>
The Brexit Party	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Make it easier to get planning permission on brownfield sites.</li><li>• Make it easier for councils to borrow from the government in order to build council houses.</li><li>• Make planning laws around what can be part of a development more flexible.</li><li>• Fund more schemes of ‘marginal viability’.</li></ul>

# JOBS

Conservative	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Ensure British workers “take up as many jobs as possible”.</li><li>• A “drastic rebooting” of the training system in employment.</li><li>• Encourage flexible working, and consult on making it the default.</li><li>• Ensure workers have “the right to request a more predictable contract”.</li><li>• Deliver two million “high quality jobs” in clean growth.</li></ul>
Labour	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Create “more rewarding, well-paid” jobs through a Green Industrial Revolution.</li><li>• Strengthen manufacturing, engineering and technology.</li><li>• Establish a sector council to ensure a “clean, long-term future” for heavy industries.</li><li>• Launch a climate apprenticeship programme.</li><li>• “Putting British innovation” at the centre of the economy.</li></ul>
Liberal Democrats	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• “Establish a powerful new Worker Protection Enforcement Authority to protect those in precarious work.”</li><li>• “Modernise employment rights to make them fit for the age of the ‘gig economy’”</li><li>• “Improve the right of access to workplaces”</li></ul>
Green Party UK	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Create “millions of new jobs” in renewable energy, transport and other sectors.</li><li>• Protect jobs while “new green employment opportunities” are created.</li><li>• Create “quality” jobs across every part of the United Kingdom.</li><li>• Thousands of new jobs in rural areas through “smaller-scale, more people-focused” food production.</li><li>• Support businesses while they decarbonise and offer skills training to millions of people.</li></ul>
The Independent Group for Change	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Right for employees and contracted staff to be given their shifts a month in advance.</li><li>• “The right for all employees to take bereavement leave following a death in the immediate family.”</li><li>• “Clearer rights for parents to automatically qualify for state pension national insurance contribution rights until their child is 16.”</li><li>• Tax breaks to help people relocate for work.</li></ul>
The Brexit Party	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Maintain subsidies and grants that are paid by the EU to UK businesses.</li><li>• Create “freeports” in “certain regions to encourage investment”</li><li>• Provide “transitional relief” to sectors like the automotive industry after Brexit.</li><li>• Exempt companies “with profit before tax of under £50,000” from corporation tax.</li></ul>

# SERVICES

Conservative	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Give the NHS its “biggest ever” cash boost with 20 hospital upgrades and 40 new hospitals.</li><li>Empower the police to use new technologies to crack down on online crimes.</li><li>“At least £5,000 a year” extra funding for each secondary school pupil.</li><li>Continue to support the system of academy schools which has come into place.</li><li>“Bespoke visa schemes” for new migrants who “fill shortages in public services”.</li></ul>
Labour	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>End NHS privatisation as “an urgent priority”.</li><li>Invest in the NHS to give patients “modern, well-resourced” services.</li><li>End the “failed free-market experiment” in education.</li><li>Invest more in public services across the board.</li><li>Reverse Conservative cuts to public services over the last nine years.</li></ul>
Liberal Democrats	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Invest £50 billion, described as the “Remain bonus”, in public services.</li><li>“Sustainably invest” in public services.</li><li>“Look to attract staff back” to work from EU member states.</li></ul>
Green Party UK	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Increase funding for the NHS and nursing training by £7 billion.</li><li>More devolution to local areas in running public services.</li><li>Reversing the effects of austerity policy on public services.</li><li>Reinstate the Health Secretary’s duty to provide services across England.</li></ul>
The Independent Group for Change	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>“Power should be devolved to the most appropriate level, trusting and involving local communities. More powers and representation should be given to local government to act in the best interests of their communities.”</li></ul>
The Brexit Party	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Keep the NHS “a publically-owned, comprehensive service”.</li><li>Phase out the BBC licence fee.</li><li>Support investment in “key public services”, financed partly “by saving our annual contribution to the EU”.</li></ul>

# DEFENCE

Conservative	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• “Continuing to exceed” the NATO target of spending two percent of gross national income on defence.</li><li>• Counter new threats by “investing more in cybersecurity”.</li><li>• Modernise the equipment and “improve the capability” of the armed forces.</li><li>• Maintain the Trident nuclear deterrent.</li><li>• “Stand against extremism and terrorism” around the world.</li></ul>
Labour	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Increase funding for UN peacekeeping to £100 million.</li><li>• Support the renewal of the Trident nuclear deterrent.</li><li>• Spend at least 2% of GDP on defence.</li><li>• “Work with manufacturers and unions” on the UK’s defence industry.</li><li>• Improve opportunities for veterans through “access to lifelong learning” and housing.</li></ul>
Liberal Democrats	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• “Improve control of arms exports, including by introducing a policy of ‘presumption of denial’ for arms exports to countries listed as Human Rights Priority Countries in the Foreign and Commonwealth Office’s annual human rights report.”</li><li>• Continue to spend 2% of GDP on defence in line with NATO recommendations.</li><li>• Recruit STEM graduates to be armed forces engineers and give them joining bonuses of up to £10,000</li><li>• “Maintain a minimum nuclear deterrent while pursuing multilateral nuclear disarmament”</li></ul>
Green Party UK	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Replace the Ministry of Defence with a Ministry for Security and Peace.</li><li>• Make the promotion of peace a “key foreign policy objective”.</li><li>• Introduce a public interest defence for breaching the Official Secrets Act.</li><li>• “Close down” the arms sales activities of the government.</li></ul>
The Independent Group for Change	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Maintain strong alliances with our ‘closest European and international allies’ against terrorism.</li></ul>
The Brexit Party	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• “Ensure that the UK maintains its commitment to NATO and meets its commitment to spend 2% of GDP on defence as an absolute minimum.”</li><li>• Give defence contracts to UK based companies.</li></ul>

# CRIME

Conservative	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• A new court order to target “known knife carriers”, making stop and search processes easier.</li><li>• “Tougher sentencing” for the worst offending criminals.</li><li>• Life sentences without parole for child murderers.</li><li>• 10,000 more prison places added.</li></ul>
Labour	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Recruit more police officers, community support officers and police staff.</li><li>• Re-establish neighbourhood policing.</li><li>• Aim to “eliminate institutional biases” against black and minority ethnic communities.</li><li>• “Ensure better police training” on domestic abuse and coercive control offences.</li></ul>
Liberal Democrats	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Adopt “a public health approach to serious violence: restoring community policing and youth services and supporting them to work together with other services to reverse the spread of violence.”</li><li>• “Invest £1 billion to restore community policing, enough for two new police officers in every ward.”</li><li>• “Transform prisons into places of rehabilitation and recovery by recruiting 2,000 more prison officers and improving the provision of training, education and work opportunities.”</li></ul>
Green Party UK	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• “Significantly reduce” numbers of short-term prison sentences, replacing with restorative justice.</li><li>• “End the war on drugs”, replacing prohibition with “legalised, regulated” drug control.</li><li>• Make misogyny a hate crime across the UK.</li><li>• Increase the police’s capacity to deal with domestic violence and misogynistic hate crime.</li></ul>
The Independent Group for Change	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• “Victims and witnesses of crime to be supported more proactively in court proceedings.”</li><li>• Sentences tailored to the offence with a “stronger deterrent effect, for instance, bans from driving or from social media”.</li></ul>
The Brexit Party	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• “Increase police numbers — more visible policing, ensure focus on combating violent crime, robbery and burglary rather than enforcing restrictions on free speech.”</li><li>• “Target the menace of County Lines drug dealers, gangs and the growth of knife crime.”</li></ul>

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