

Politics Higher Resource Sheet

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To what extent is the leadership of Jeremy Corbyn the reason for the fall of the Labour Party?

Lord Ashcroft

Jeremy Leadership

"Some Labour MPs will never accept me"

YouGov Poll best Prime Minister
Theresa May 64% Corbyn 15%

Iraq

Million March.

Guardian Article Clause four at 20.

Tony Blair changes the Labour Party Constitution
Blair stated at the time "Let no one say radical politics is dead. Today a new Labour Party is being born."

Telegraph - Gordon Brown failed us all. Will anyone miss him
"Gordon Brown did not save the world from the banking crisis in reality, his misregulation of the financial industry went a long way in precipitating it."

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~~With~~ The shock announcement from 10 Downing Street earlier this week calling a snap election signals for the Conservatives and Labour battling it out to become fake office, as the government of the United Kingdom, but with Labour sitting at 27% in the opinion polls for the first time since the dark years of Michael Foot and the 80s who is responsible for the decline of this political giant. The current leadership of the Labour party have ~~a~~ many ~~answers~~ questions to answer for ~~but~~ they are not the only reason for the demise of ~~the~~ the Labour party. The image of Gordon Brown, the economy, the abolition of Clause 4 and taking Britain into the Iraq War are all ~~major~~ significant factors for the fall of the party's popularity. It is my belief that the aftermath of the abolition of Clause 4 was the defining ~~factor~~ nail in Labour's coffin.

After Ed Milliband resigned as the
 Leader of the Labour Party in
 2015, 200/1 outsider Jeremy
 Corbyn won the shock leadership
 election that followed. Since that
 moment Jeremy Corbyn has been
 side tracked from his role from
 leader of the opposition and
 had to try and sort out
 the ideological war inside his own
 party. Labour MPs have tried to
 get rid of him even just
 in year into his leadership of
 the party another leadership contest
 was called in 2016 which he won
 comfortably. Labour MPs just are not
 respecting backing their leader which
 is causing the electoral collapse of
 the Labour party. This is shown
 as Jeremy Corbyn told the Guardian
 "Some Labour MPs will never accept me"
 This study is an admission
 that he cannot lead his party,
 and this is directly shown.
 Another reason why Jeremy
 Corbyn is contributing to the fall
 of his own party is that
 the public don't see him as
 prime ministerial. In a time
 where image and public approval
 is right at the forefront of
 our vain society citizens want

the leader of the country to
 look the part and Jeremy Corbyn
 just does not look the part
 with his scruffy jumper and slicks
 not doing his party any favours
 in addition to this Jeremy
 Corbyn's leadership is put in
 doubt as he does not agree
 with his own party's stance on
 Nuclear energy which is ^{strongly} ~~strongly~~ ⁱⁿ ~~in~~ ^{Labour}
 wood industries of that many Labour
 supporters work in ~~trade~~ and was
 probably the main factor for Labour
 losing the coalfield by election was
 Blair's leadership on Nuclear his
 image and personality is having
 a clear effect on votes opinions
 on his effectiveness as a prime minister.
 This is shown by a YouGov poll
 published in April 2017 which asked
 who would make the best prime
 minister out of all the party leaders
 only 15% said ~~to~~ Jeremy Corbyn
 Jeremy Corbyn is directly contributing
 to the fall of the Labour
 party for failing to have the
 public backed attributes to be
 prime ministerial and to simple
 lead his divided party.

Gordon Brown is also another leader of the Labour Party who has to take some responsibility for what the Labour Party remains now. Gordon Brown was the leader of the Labour Party who had to tackle the 2008 economic ~~crash~~ crash which the country is still recovering from today. The economic crash ~~part~~ painted the image again of the Labour Party that they simply could not manage the economy. This had largely damaged Labour's electoral performance as the 2010 and 2015 elections focused on the economy. The public view of Labour's handling of the economy during the Brown years was shown when ~~Brown~~ by an article in the Telegraph which was entitled Gordon Brown failed us all will anyone miss him. The article went on to say that Gordon Brown did not save the world from the banking crisis. In reality his misregulation of the financial industry ~~was~~ a long way in precipitating it. Labour's image of the economy is a large painful legacy for the party and his still in the minds of the electorate however this is not helped at all by the leadership of Jeremy Corbyn and his far left.

agenda. Some argue that Labour strategies in the lead up to elections is a massive reason why the are failing in their and ~~electoral~~ falling in significance as a party.

Labour Campaigning strategies over the past elections have only shown their frailty. The Conservatives and the SNP north of the border have far more effective campaigning strategies than the Labour party and this is the main reason Labour lost their constituencies. This was shown in 2010 when Conservative party chairman at the time Lord Ashcroft pursued a margin seat offensive and had a strategy to take marginal seats off the Labour party. His strategy involved the conservatives starting their campaign in marginal constituencies years in advance and getting Conservative volunteers and putting up their local communities and help out for example by painting the fences in parks etc. This proved a popular tactic and appeared to the electorate and created a positive image of the Conservative to the electorate in contrast to Labour poor Campaign in 2010 at the

Gordon Brown coming into people families living rooms did not create a great image of himself or his party, although however the image of Labour, comprising strategy today is only a clog in the Labour block right now has their image as a party contributing directly to the fall of the party.

The image of the Labour party and the ideological struggle within it was partly caused by the abolition of Clause 4. Ever since 1918 it had been apart of the Labour constitution since 1918 drafted up by members of the Fabian Society. Sydney Webb's Clause 4 was Labour's commitment to common ownership of industries that were all use such as coal steel the railways etc. although in 1995 Tony Blair felt that Clause 4 was a factor for the fall in the Labour Party's electoral performance and a reason why they had not been in power since 1974. When Blair changed this he moved the whole Labour Party from a left leaning political party to a party of

Centre ideologically. This was ~~like~~ like a new Party and although he had moved the Party individuals within it such as members of Parliament Jeremy Corbyn were still left leaning members of the Labour Party and Labour's time as in Government was simplicity a short term silence for the left leaning men and women of the Party. An article from the Guardian sums up the significance of the abolition of Clause 4 in the words of ~~former~~ leader Tony Blair at the time in 1995 in the article entitled Clause 4 at 20 Tony Blair at the time stated "Let me one say radical politics is dead. Today a New Labour Party is being born." This for me was a short term bliss and signalled the short term victory but the implications for vocal Labour was with the Party as a hugely significant factor in the fall of the Labour Party today. This factor is addition is also contributing to the struggle of Jeremy Corbyn's leadership as he has to deal with men who are

in his book who are so called called
'Blairites':

Tony Blair is not only to blame for
the splitting of his own party but
also created a bad image of
himself and the Labour Party
by sending British troops to Iraq
in 2003. This action was
highly divisive and forced protests
out on the streets. Almost one
million members of the public went
to the streets to join the
in my name ~~parade~~ in London.
As a result of the action
in Iraq it has led to
caused more violence and instability
in the region and for example with
the rise of rebel groups and the
so called Islamic State. This has
too directly contributed to the fall of
the Labour Party has although
Labour did not face any short
term political ~~conflict~~ loss due
Iraq Iraq primarily due to
the opposition at the time of the
conservatives breaking his military
action in the long term legacy
had severely damaged the
Labour parties electoral
and certainly contributed to their
demise and unpopularity ~~in~~ as

a whole, but especially in areas such as Scotland which as the whole largely disagreed with the conflict.

In conclusion, the Sharp fall in the Labour Party cannot simply be put down to one factor although it is my belief that although Jeremy Corbyn's leadership or lack of effective leadership is a huge factor why the Labour Party as a whole is starting to crumble I believe that Tony Blair's decision to abolish Clause IV is still being causing huge division and within the party and I believe that this ideological war caused mainly due to his decision is the most significant factor for the fall of the party and has not helped Jeremy Corbyn lead his party into the next election it is for that reason why I only think Jeremy Corbyn's leadership is only partly the reason for the fall of the Labour Party.