

Snap response to Starmer Vs Sunak debate



Green Party

4 June 2024

Responding to the head-to-head debate between Sunak and Starmer, Green Party Co-Leader Adrian Ramsay said:

“This election debate needed to be better.

“It would have been better if the other leaders of other political parties were stood alongside challenging the cosy consensus of Starmer’s Labour and Sunak’s Conservatives.

“Our NHS is creaking, the cost-of-living crisis is hurting us all – and the need to protect our environment has never been greater.

“But all we got from the stage tonight were promises that amounted to little more than fiddling while Rome burns.

“This election should be about our chance, as a country, to express real hope and real change to a different kind of future.

“People clearly want a change from the Conservatives, yet Labour’s timid approach just won’t deliver the change our country needs.

“That’s why we need more Green MPs in the next Parliament – to push the new government to be bolder and take the action needed, to restore our NHS, to build more affordable housing – and to create a healthy environment for us all.”

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Greens slam “dodgy salesman” Farage



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“Nigel Farage is not just a dodgy salesman. He is a crook and a conman. He will package his brand of hate filled politics in a way that is populist and that he thinks he can sell to an electorate who are understandably fed up with mainstream politics.

“Frankly though, we’re not buying it.

“The latest organisation he latched himself onto, “Reform UK”, is another smokescreen. Set up to take money off people without offering them membership like any other established political party.

“Greens can see through these smokescreens and his jovial façade and see the divisive hate that pulsates through his politics.

“His politics belong on the extreme fringes not at the heart of Clacton, let alone on prime time TV.”

He continued, “Through sheer arrogance, what Farage fails to comprehend is that the great British public can also see him for what he is.

“7 failed election attempts later you would think he would have got the message but evidently not.

“I’m hoping that the good people of Clacton make this very clear to him on July 4th and instead look for a party that is offering real hope and real change.

“The Green candidate Dr Natasha Osben was born and bred in Clacton and I know will put the people of Clacton first, not just use them as a stage on which to stand to boost her own ego.”

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Greens call for real change to deliver

energy security



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3 June 2024

Responding to Labour's announcement on energy and security, Green Party co-leader Adrian Ramsay said:

"The road to national energy security must lead to real change – a turn away from fossil fuels and a massive investment in renewable energy generation and energy saving programmes like home insulation delivered through local authorities right across the country.

"Anything less – and Labour is offering much less – will leave people with higher bills and do nothing to solve the climate crisis that is leaving communities up and down the land vulnerable.

"It is Labour's lack of ambition and refusal to make the real change needed that is leaving us all less secure.

"Compared to Labour's original commitment to spend £28bn a year on green investment, Labour plans to spend just £8.3bn over the course of the parliament.

"That is nowhere near enough to deliver energy security.

"Labour's targets focus on the electricity supply. However, to achieve net zero we need to see the electrification of home heating. This aim was ditched when Labour cancelled its £28 billion investment pledge."

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Green Party condemns 'tough on immigration' rhetoric



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“Keir Starmer is falling into the same trap that the Conservatives have.

“Stoking division and adopting the anti-migrant rhetoric of Nigel Farage and Natalie Elphicke instead of welcoming the important role people choosing to work in the UK play.

“People coming to live and work in the UK play an invaluable role in our health and care sectors.

“Those who peddle this divisive rhetoric ignore this and instead feed a false narrative that it’s migration, not a chronic underinvestment in public services, that are stopping you from getting a GP appointment, a hospital bed, or the surgery you need.

“This is just not true”.

He continued,

“Greens in contrast reject this false divisive rhetoric.

“We are offering real hope and real change at this election.

“Only the Greens offer the investment in jobs, infrastructure and public services fit for the future to fix our broken frontline services.

“Voters know that the Greens will never blame people from other countries for the years of underinvestment and economic mismanagement by the Conservative Government.”

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Great British Energy – not the real change we need



Green Party

30 May 2024

Reacting to Labour’s announcement on Great British Energy, Green Party co-leader Adrian Ramsay said:

“We need real change if we are to meet the demands of the climate crisis. These Labour plans do not deliver it.

“Compared to Labour’s original commitment to spend £28bn a year on green investment, this announcement of just £8.3bn over the course of the parliament looks tiny and is nowhere near enough to deliver Labour’s promise of ‘clean electricity.’

“Labour’s targets focus on the electricity supply. However, to achieve net zero we need to see the electrification of home heating. This aim was ditched when Labour cancelled its £28 billion investment pledge.

“Domestic energy security is vital, but that must begin with energy efficiency. That means providing the national programme of home insulation delivered by local authorities that will ensure warm homes and cut bills. This was another victim of Labour’s ditching of its original £28 billion

investment pledge.

“We want to see community owned assets and schemes that genuinely benefit people, not the private companies seeking to use public funds channeled through Great British Energy to continue profiteering while the planet burns and people’s bills remain too high.

“Where is the support for local area heat networks which would make a real change and offer great long-term investments ideal for community ownership?

“Labour has spent too long listening to the pleadings of energy companies for public investment in unproven technological solutions like carbon capture that simply won’t deliver the immediate real change we need.

“The Green Party is committed to democratically controlled community ownership for a greater share of the energy market and a faster transition to Net Zero over the next ten years.

“We would invest the money so that communities could take ownership and see less income in the hands of companies that have made excessive profits from fossil fuels or run our water companies into the ground.”

NOTES TO EDITORS

1. An Initial Green analysis of Labour’s plans shows:

‘An initial capitalisation of £8.3 billion over a Parliament, paid for by a proper windfall tax on oil and gas giants.’

‘The £3 billion GB Energy local power plan alone will generate 8GW of clean power within five years, the equivalent to...’

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Derisking and Corporate Partnership

There are doubts about both technologies. They might both be needed but it is not clear how much and the other clear opportunities for this country.

Derisking the investments of unproven technology might not be in the interests of a government trying to defend the NHS.

Labour’s engagement with this technology is worrying, who are they listening too?

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