

# Theresa May: Speech outside Downing Street 3rd May

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I have just been to Buckingham Palace for an audience with Her Majesty The Queen to mark the dissolution of this Parliament.

The 2015 Parliament is now at an end, and in 36 days the country will elect a new Government and choose the next Prime Minister. The choice you now face is all about the future.

Whoever wins on 8 June will face one overriding task: to get the best possible deal for this United Kingdom from Brexit.

And in the last few days, we have seen just how tough these talks are likely to be.

Britain's negotiating position in Europe has been misrepresented in the continental press.

The European Commission's negotiating stance has hardened.

Threats against Britain have been issued by European politicians and officials.

All of these acts have been deliberately timed to affect the result of the general election that will take place on 8 June.

By contrast, I made clear in my letter to the President of the European Council invoking Article 50 last month that, in leaving the European Union, Britain means no harm to our friends and allies on the continent.

We continue to believe that no deal is better for Britain than a bad deal.

But we want a deal. We want a deep and special partnership with the European Union.

And  
we want the EU to succeed.

But  
the events of the last few days have shown that – whatever our wishes, and  
however reasonable the positions of Europe's other leaders – there are some  
in  
Brussels who do not want these talks to succeed.

Who  
do not want Britain to prosper.

So  
now more than ever we need to be led by a Prime Minister and a Government  
that  
is strong and stable.

Because  
making Brexit a success is central to our national interest. And it is  
central to your own security and prosperity.

Because  
while there is enormous opportunity for Britain as we leave the European  
Union,  
if we do not get this right, the consequences will be serious.

And  
they will be felt by ordinary, working people across the country.

This  
Brexit negotiation is central to everything.

If  
we don't get the negotiation right, your economic security and prosperity  
will  
be put at risk and the opportunities you seek for your families will simply  
not  
happen.

If  
we do not stand up and get this negotiation right we risk the secure and  
well-paid jobs we want for our children and our children's children too.

If  
we don't get the negotiation right, if we let the bureaucrats of Brussels run  
over us, we will lose the chance to build a fairer society with real  
opportunity for all.

The  
choice the country faces now is very simple. Because there are only two  
people who can possibly be Prime Minister after the 8th of June to negotiate  
Brexit.

It  
is a choice between me – and Jeremy Corbyn.

With  
me you will get strong and stable leadership, and an approach to Brexit that  
locks in economic growth, jobs for our children and strong finances for the  
NHS  
and the country's schools.

Or  
you will get Jeremy Corbyn with a hung parliament and a coalition of chaos.

Britain  
simply will not get the right Brexit deal if we have the drift and division  
of  
a hung parliament.

And  
so with Jeremy Corbyn negotiating Brexit we will all pay a high price.

If  
instead you want the best negotiation for you and for Britain, then you must  
make your vote count.

Every  
vote for me and my local candidates in this election will be a vote to  
demonstrate that unity of purpose.

Every  
vote for me and my local team will strengthen my hand when I negotiate for  
Britain in Europe.

Every  
vote for me will mean we can get on with delivering my plan for a stronger  
Britain.

For  
while the opposition parties look to refight the battles of the past or to  
paint a vision of the future that is filled with despair, I am ambitious for  
Britain.

Because  
I believe our best days lie ahead.

I  
believe that with dedication and hard work, we can make a success of Brexit,  
have confidence in our country and stand tall in the world once again.

I  
believe that we can build a stronger Britain, where our economic progress is  
secured and prosperity and opportunity is shared around the country.

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believe we can build a stronger economy that rewards all those who work hard, and creates secure and well-paid jobs for our children and our children's children too.

I believe we can build a fairer society with real opportunity for all, where everyone has the chance to get on in life – where every child gets a good school place and working people can buy a home of their own.

I believe we can build a more secure and united nation by taking action against the extremists who seek to divide us, and standing up to the separatists who wish to tear our country apart.

And I believe these simple values and aspirations are shared by ordinary working people everywhere – and that they can bring this nation together as a result.

For as we face this critical time for our country – five years that will determine the course of this United Kingdom for generations to come – we must do so together.

With a unity of purpose to make a success of Brexit and to build a stronger, more secure country too.

So in the weeks ahead, I will travel to all corners of this United Kingdom with a positive vision for Britain and a determination to earn your vote.

And I will do so with a clear message:

If, like me, you believe in Britain...

If, like me, you want our country to succeed...

If, like me, you believe in putting division behind us, in looking to the future and getting on with the job of building the stronger, more secure country that we need...

Then fix your sights on the future, and in this unique and crucial election for our country...

Give  
me your backing to lead Britain.

Give  
me your backing to speak for Britain.

Give  
me your backing to fight for Britain.

And  
give me your backing to deliver for Britain.

A  
stronger Britain, where our economic progress is secured and prosperity and opportunity is shared by all.

A  
Britain that works, not just for the privileged few, but for every single one of us.

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## Theresa May: Speech in Harrow 8th May

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“Thank  
you very much everybody. It’s great to be here in Harrow today and it’s great to be with you all this morning. As we move into the next phase of this vitally  
important general election campaign the local elections are now behind us and we must now focus on the critical general election and we cannot take a single  
thing for granted. Now we’ve certainly not taken anything for granted as regards our team because we’ve brought together a fantastic team of local candidates for London and the South East, and my message to people in London and the South East is that I need this team behind me, to be in a strong position to ensure we get the best deal for Britain from Europe. And this is the team that will be going out on the streets and taking out on those streets  
our positive message, which is a message of strong and stable leadership in the  
national interest. Of strengthening the UK’s hand in the Brexit negotiations, of building a better future.

Now  
yesterday, a new French President was elected. He was elected with a strong

mandate which he can take as a strong position in the negotiations. The UK, we need to ensure we've got an equally strong mandate and an equally strong negotiating position. And if we vote for me and my team it will strengthen my hand in those Brexit negotiations. And the alternative is to risk making Jeremy Corbyn Prime Minister and just imagine try and picture him sitting at that negotiating table with the collective might of the European Commission and 27 other European countries against him. And we know as Patrick [McLoughlin] said, other parties are lining up to prop him up in a coalition of chaos. The Liberal Democrats, the Scottish nationalists and others. A vote for any other party is a vote to be a step closer to Jeremy Corbyn sitting at that Brexit negotiating table. We must not let that happen and we must in not letting that happen we can do that by winning support here in London and the south east. And we must also make sure that we point out the nonsensical policies that Jeremy Corbyn and the Labour party are putting forward, they simply don't add up because they would wreck the economy and render all their promises totally undeliverable.

Now by contrast we're putting together credible and deliverable policies. Policies that are in the national interests, policies like protecting workers pensions against irresponsible bosses, like capping energy prices to support working families, bringing in new mental health laws to end injustice. Those are the positive messages that you will be taking out on the streets over the next few weeks. And when I say taken out on the streets I mean taking them out on the streets. As I said, we must take absolutely nothing for granted and it is only by working flat out between now and the 8<sup>th</sup> of June that we can gain the trust of the British people and gain the support of the British people. And we must go out there, leave no stone unturned, no street un-walked down, no door un-knocked on as you go out there, because every vote counts, every vote counts, because every person counts and every community counts.

And I've been a Member of Parliament for 20 years now, had the privilege to be an MP for 20 years. And I've learned how important it is to get out there to speak directly to voters and to listen to their concerns. And that's my instruction to candidates at this election is to go out there and to earn the support of the British people. I've also learnt over the years that you can't predict election results, the polls got it wrong in the 2015 general election, they got it wrong

in the EU referendum and Jeremy Corbyn was a 200/1 outside chance to win the Labour leadership. So take nothing for granted, as I say go out there take our positive message to people, earn the support of the British people, show that they can trust you, that they can trust me and my team in taking those Brexit negotiations forward and getting the best deal for them. That is the positive message that we must take out on the streets in the coming weeks. And if we do that, and if we win their support, if we show that every vote for me and my team is a vote for strong and stable leadership in the national interest, that every vote for me and my team is a vote for strengthening our hand in these Brexit negotiations, for getting the best possible deal for Britain from Europe, that every vote for me and my team to lock in economic security for a better future across the whole of the United Kingdom. If we do that and win the support of the British public then together we can strive for Britain, together we will fight for Britain and together we will deliver for Britain. Thank you."

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## Theresa May: Speech in Bristol 2nd May

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"It's great to be with you here in Bristol this evening. Now, this great city and communities across Britain face a crucial choice, who will lead Britain through Brexit and beyond? Will it be me and my team showing the strong and stable leadership that our country needs? Or will it be Jeremy Corbyn at the head of a coalition of chaos as we've just heard made up of Labour, the Liberal Democrats and the SNP. So much depends on getting the next five years right, our future prosperity, our place in the world, our standard of living and I have determined to earn every vote I can because that will strengthen my hand in the Brexit negotiations and help us to secure the best deal for Britain.

And these negotiations will not be easy, the 27 European member states united in their determination to get the deal that works for them. We must show the same

unity of purpose here at home to ensure that we get a deal that works in our national interests too. Every vote for me and my local team will show that unity of purpose, it will strengthen my negotiating position, it will help us to secure the best possible deal for families and businesses across the United Kingdom. And it is a chance for the country to come together, for us to put the old divisions behind us, to move beyond the language of leave and remain. That's one of the reasons why I oppose parties like the Liberal Democrats because they stand ready to prop up Jeremy Corbyn's coalition of chaos, to see the Brexit process stall and to reopen the old battles of the past. And remember it may say Liberal Democrat on the ballot but it's Jeremy Corbyn who will get the benefit.

At the last election the South-West made the difference between a strong majority government and a weak unstable coalition. The other parties are lining up to prop up Jeremy Corbyn and disrupt our Brexit negotiations, and that would be a recipe for drift and disaster over and over what will be very crucial years for this country and that's why this election is so important. We need to secure the leadership the country needs, leadership, stability, doing the right thing for Britain and that is what you get from a Conservative party in government and we have shown that in government. And if you just think back to just under a year ago when I took over as Prime Minister, people predicting that there was going to be immediate financial chaos, economic danger, what we've actually seen is record numbers of jobs, consumer confidence remains high and growth has been beyond all expectations.

At that time when I took over, people were saying the country was divided it would never come together again. But what I now see is a unity of purpose in this country for us to get on with Brexit and make a success of it. And when I took over as Prime Minister what the country needed was a clear vision and a strong government to deliver on Brexit, to get that process going and that's what the Conservative government has delivered. So that is the certainty you get from and the security you get from a strong and stable government, I think it's actually what leadership looks like.

So



as I say there is a very clear choice at the next election between me and my team providing that strong and stable leadership in the national interest, or Jeremy Corbyn heading that coalition of chaos. And make no mistake, that is what the other parties are lining up to do. We hear it we see it from the Liberal Democrats and we see it from Nicola Sturgeon's Scottish nationalists too. They want to disrupt the Brexit negotiations, to frustrate and undermine the task ahead, to stop us from leading Britain forward. And don't think it can't happen, the opinion polls got it wrong at the General Election in 2015, the opinion polls got it wrong at the referendum last year and Jeremy Corbyn himself has said he was a 200/1 chance for the Labour leadership in 2015 and look what happened there.

So

we must not be complacent, we must go out and work for every single vote because this election will be won by real people casting their real votes on June the 8<sup>th</sup>. And what we need is to ensure that we can provide that strong and stable government that is going to lead our country through into the future, that is going to see us get the best possible deal for Brexit and that's a deal that works for all parts of the United Kingdom, the North and South, for East and West, for town and city and country, for people across the whole United Kingdom. And you know Brexit isn't just a process, this isn't just about getting Brexit right, it is about taking our country into the future and beyond Brexit. Because I think we have a once in a generation chance to change this country for the better and make sure it is a country that works for everyone and not just the privileged few.

And

it is our party that has the plan for a stronger Britain to do just that. It is our party that has the strength and stability to deliver for people and that means delivering for ordinary working families across the United Kingdom. That's what our plan is about and that is who I am in this for. So it means getting the right deal abroad for ordinary working families, for Britain. That means ensuring that we get the Brexit deal that we need, that we bring back control of our borders, of our laws, of our money, the decisions that matter to Britain are made here in Britain. It means that we build a deep and special partnership with our European allies, it means striking deals for exporting British goods and services around the rest of the world as well.

It

means leading the world in preventing terrorism and in fighting modern slavery, it means building Britain as the strongest and most secure country in Europe. And it also means what we provide for ordinary working families here at home.

Building that stronger economy, an economy that rewards hard work, an economy that creates secure and higher paid jobs where we see prosperity and growth spread across the whole of the United Kingdom. It means providing opportunity for all, ensuring we're building enough affordable homes, that we're providing

a good school place for every child. And it means building a secure and more united nation, that's about taking action against the extremists who want to divide us and standing up to the separatists who want to break up this great United Kingdom of ours.

It is the Conservative Party that has the plan and the vision to lead this country into a brighter and better future. And that is the case that I and others will be making as we go around the country over the next few weeks, taking a positive message and a positive campaign to people about what we can achieve together in the future. And I am looking forward as I have been doing in recent days to getting out and about in different communities hearing people, talking to them, hearing what their concerns are and putting my message across. Putting our message across. And we have a very simple case, it is that it is only the Conservatives that have the plan and the vision to lead this country forward. It is only the Conservatives that have the leadership we need for the future but it is only you the people who can give us that mandate. So vote for five years of strong and stable leadership, give me the mandate to lead Britain, give me the mandate to speak for Britain, give me a mandate to fight for Britain and give me the mandate to deliver for Britain."

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## Theresa May: Speech in Lancashire 1st May

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"Thank you for that welcome everybody and it's fantastic to be with you today here in Lancashire. You know since the beginning of this campaign I've been travelling across Great Britain, making the case for strong and stable leadership in the national interest. With great cities like London and Leeds, Aberdeen and

Newport, to proud towns like Bolton, Dudley, Banchory, Bridgend, all across England, Scotland and Wales I've been pleased to meet communities and that reflects a very important truth about this election because on the 8<sup>th</sup> of June, every single vote will count. It isn't about, it won't matter who you voted for before, it won't matter who is traditionally that is strongest in your area, this election is about securing the leadership we need for our country's future and every voter will have the chance to help Britain stand taller in the world. Because across communities and communities across Britain, every vote for me and my team will strengthen my hand as I sit at that negotiating table with the Presidents, Prime Ministers and Chancellors of Europe.

Every vote for me and my team will help to secure a better deal for the future, because we are stronger when we stand together united. United as a nation, united as a people working together for a better future. And I want to see every community in every part of our United Kingdom, having that better and brighter future. I want to see us build a stronger, a stronger more secure and better nation for our future, and that is only possible with strong and stable leadership and that is what this election is about. It's about stability, it's about leadership, it's about securing a stronger and brighter future for our country. And that will only come with a Conservative government.

Because we've shown that's what Conservative governments do and if you just think back when I took over as Prime Minister, immediately after the referendum there were predictions of immediate financial crash, predictions of economic danger, but infact, we've seen record numbers of jobs, we've just heard from Seema [Kennedy] about jobs here in South Ribble, across the whole of the United Kingdom we've also seen consumer confidence remain high, we've seen economic growth which has been beyond all expectations. When I took over as Prime Minister people said the country was divided, it couldn't be brought back together again, and yet what I now see, what I hear from people is a real unity of purpose. They want government to deliver on Brexit and make a success of it and when I took over as Prime Minister, what was needed was a clear vision and a determination to deliver on Brexit for all people and that's what we have delivered. And that's the security you get with a strong and stable government, I think it's what leadership looks like.

At this next election there will be a very clear choice, it will be a choice

between strong and stable leadership under me and my team, or a coalition of chaos led by Jeremy Corbyn. And make no mistake about it, the other parties are lining up ready to prop up Jeremy Corbyn, you've heard it from the Liberal Democrats, we've heard it from Nicola Sturgeon's Scottish nationalists. What they want to do is actually disrupt our negotiations to frustrate and undermine the task ahead and stop us from taking Britain forward. And don't think that it couldn't happen, remember this, the opinion polls were wrong at the general election in 2015, they were wrong about the referendum last year and as Jeremy Corbyn himself has said, he was a 200/1 chance for the Labour leadership in 2015 and look what happened there.

So this election will be won by real people casting real votes on June the 8<sup>th</sup> and we need to ensure that we are casting those votes for the strong and stable government that this country needs as I say to secure that brighter and better future for us. And it's important that of course we strengthen our hand in getting the Brexit deal that we need, the right deal for this country. But Brexit isn't just a process, it's an opportunity. It's an opportunity, we have I think a once in a generation opportunity to change this country for the better and make this country truly a country that works for everyone and not just the privileged few. And if we are going to do that, what we need to ensure that we can do that is a plan and a clear plan for the future and it is me and my team that has that clear plan. And of course part of it is about ensuring we get the right deal abroad, it's about ensuring that we get a good deal from our negotiations for a deep and special partnership with our European allies. But we get a Brexit deal that ensures that we take back control of our borders and our laws and our money, so that decisions that matter here in Britain are taken here in Britain.

It also means striking deals so that we can export British goods and services around the rest of the world. It means leading the world in standing up against terrorism, it means also fighting against modern slavery and it means building this country as the strongest and most secure country in Europe. But it's also

about the deal and what we provide ordinary working people here at home. That's about building a stronger economy, an economy that rewards hard work, where we create secure and higher paid jobs. An economy where prosperity and growth truly are spread across the whole of the United Kingdom. It also means providing opportunity for all, ensuring that we are building more affordable homes, that every child has a good school place and it's about building a more secure and united nation. It's about taking action against the extremists who want to divide us but also standing up to the separatists who want to break up this great country of ours.

But securing that won't just happen, it will take focus and it will take a clear determination and it will take the right leadership in order to deliver that and it will take a clear plan and a clear vision, and that's what I and my team have. And that's the case that we will be taking, we are taking and will continue to take out across the country in the coming weeks and I'm looking forward to it. It's a positive message about the future of our country and we will be fighting a positive campaign and I look forward to going out and about across the whole country, meeting communities, talking to people, hearing their concerns but putting my case to them and as I say I think that case is clear. It is me and my team who have the vision and the clear plan to build a stronger future for this country. We have the plan, we have the vision, but only you the people can give us the mandate. So my message is clear, give me the mandate to lead Britain, give me the mandate to speak for Britain, give me the mandate to fight for Britain and give me the mandate to deliver for Britain."

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## [Theresa May: Speech in Aberdeenshire](#) [29th April 2017](#)

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"It's great to be here in

Aberdeenshire today as we approach the most important election the United Kingdom has faced in my lifetime – an election in which every single vote will

count. And my message to the people of Scotland is clear – every vote for me and my team will strengthen my hand in the Brexit negotiations. That will strengthen the union, strengthen the economy and the UK and Scotland together will flourish, because if Scotland is flourishing, the rest of the United Kingdom is flourishing too. And that's really important, because as Prime Minister

for the United Kingdom, I want to see every part of our country succeed. I want

businesses here in Aberdeenshire to succeed and to thrive just as I do businesses across the rest of the United Kingdom. I want young people in the northeast of Scotland to have a secure job and a bright future, just as I do for young people in the south west of England. I want to see every single part of our country thrive and succeed.

And of course as I say,

every vote for me and my team will be a vote to strengthen our hand in those Brexit negotiations. And my commitment is to ensure that we get the right deal

from those Brexit negotiations, and that's what is important. As I say, every vote for me and my team strengthens my hand in those negotiations. Every vote for me and my team is a vote for 5 years of strong and stable leadership to take us through Brexit and beyond. Every vote for me and my team is a vote for

strong and stable leadership in the national interest, and that is what this election is about. It's about leadership, it's about stability, it's about doing the right thing for Britain, and you'll only get that with the strong and

stable government that the Conservatives can provide, because that is what we have shown in government. If you just think back, when I first took over as Prime Minister just after the referendum, the predictions of immediate financial crash, of economic danger, but actually because of the strength the government has shown, what we've seen is consumer confidence remain high, we've

seen that there are record numbers of jobs and overall growth has been beyond all expectations. When I took over as Prime Minister, people said the country was divided. They said it would never come back together again, but actually today I see a unity of purpose as people want the government to get on with Brexit and make a success of it.

And when I took over as

Prime Minister, what was needed was a clear vision and the determination to get

on with that job of Brexit, and that's exactly what the government provided. And that's the security that strong and stable government can provide. I think

it's what leadership looks like. So at this general election people will have a

very clear choice. Between 5 years of strong and stable leadership with me and my team, or a coalition of chaos led by Jeremy Corbyn. And that's what's on offer of course, because if you look at the other parties, they're lining up to prop up Jeremy Corbyn. We see it from the Liberal Democrats and we see it from Nicola Sturgeon's Scottish Nationalists.

And what they're doing is they want to disrupt our Brexit negotiations, undermine the task ahead, stop us from taking Britain forward, and every SNP MP who's elected to Westminster puts a step closer Jeremy Corbyn getting in to Downing Street. And they want to disrupt our Brexit negotiations by disrupting this election. And make no mistake, it could happen. Just remember this, the opinion polls were wrong in the 2015 general election. They were wrong in last year's referendum. And Jeremy Corbyn himself has pointed out, he was a 200-1 chance as Labour leader in 2015 – look what happened there.

No, this election is going to be won by real people voting on June 8<sup>th</sup>, real votes on June 8<sup>th</sup>, and it's important that we get that strong and stable government that will only come under the Conservatives. Because we want to build a stronger future for this country. Because we want to ensure we get the right deal for Britain in Europe. A deal that works for every part of the United Kingdom – England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland, for North and South, for town, for city, for countryside – that's what the Conservatives have a plan for. That is what our vision is. And you only get that with a strong and stable government. And we want to provide that stronger future by ensuring we build a stronger economy, an economy where hard work is rewarded. An economy where we see secure jobs, well paid jobs.

An economy where we see people able to get on through their own talents. It's what our modern industrial strategy is about – ensuring that we help firms grow and prosper across the whole of the United Kingdom. That's why the strategy here in Scotland would continue to support the oil and gas sector, making the most of future opportunities. It's why we will ensure that we support and give a brighter future, a better future, for Scottish fishermen, by coming out of the common fisheries policy. And we want to support Scottish manufacturing, including in the vital defence sector and the great Scottish shipyards. But also we want to build new markets for Scotland's world leading food and drink products. And we want to ensure that we build a more secure and united nation. And that means taking action against the extremists who would divide us, and

standing up against the separatists who want to break up our country.

There is only one party that is committed to the union. There's only one candidate for Prime Minister who will stand up and defend the United Kingdom. And my commitment is clear, that if you strengthen my hand in those Brexit negotiations, I will work to ensure that Scotland and the UK flourish together. So on June 8<sup>th</sup>, vote for 5 years of strong and stable leadership. Give me the mandate to lead Britain. Give me the mandate to speak for Britain. Give me the mandate for Britain, and give me the mandate to deliver for Britain."

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