THE MANIFESTO
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The question of confidence in our present political settlement is surely one of the most pressing issues of our day. The 'Leave' decision of the 2016 Referendum against the strictures of the overwhelming majority of British and World politicians was an extraordinary expression of disquiet concerning the way we have done politics since the 1970s. Against the odds, the people were allowed Direct Democracy and - boy! - this genie, when out, has rocked our governing class to the core.

The steady decline in voter participation resulting in a third of the electorate choosing not to exercise their hard fought right to vote is symptomatic both of deep cynicism and apathy. Those who vote do so, often with a heavy heart, knowing the people they elect do not really represent their values and aspirations. When democracy is a sham then, rightly, the governed feel ignored and taken for granted.
The Democrats and Veterans Party (DVP) understands this disconnect. We are made up of ordinary men and women, both civilian and ex-forces, who love this country, and have proven their love for it with their service and dedication.

We, like many in the UK, have grown tired of self-serving careerists. We’re tired of seeing a country that many fought, died and worked hard to defend and prosper being callously mistreated by a degenerate political class who have no concept of service, duty or patriotism and who are growingly morally deficient.

We believe we must take their ‘toy’ away before they break it. Unlike them, we view Britain not as some object or area on the map, but as our home. We view our fellow countrymen not as pawns or walking GDP figures, but as our family. A good person defends, cares for and serves their family. They clean, protect and keep their home in good order. We believe the majority of Britons feel the same way.
We therefore believe it’s the British People, not our self-serving elite, who are best placed to make decisions. We have already mentioned Direct Democracy. Gone are the days when we sent an MP for three days by horse to parliament to make decisions on our behalf. We now have the means to guarantee real government by consent.

We have a plan to implement this system across Britain. It’s a plan based on bringing decent, patriotic people who want to serve their country together. It’s a plan based on serving local communities and those ignored by the people who are meant to serve them. It’s a plan that has a healthy distrust of the mainstream media, and instead aims to use our own methods to distribute information. It’s a plan based on using the technologies at our disposal to gauge what people really want – what they feel is in Britain’s best interests.

We hope our plan will demonstrate the democratic disconnect we suffer in Britain. In doing so, we will demonstrate there is a need and an appetite for change in how we (and hopefully many other countries in Europe and across the world) do politics. In bringing about that change, we hope to make Britain once again a fully independent, strong, free, righteous and prosperous nation state.

THE PLAN

1. Grow, identify, develop and resource talent within the party - DV Connect

2. Campaign victoriously on important national issues - DV Direct

3. Fund the party - DV Affiliate

4. Identify and coordinate campaign objectives that gain trust and win elections - DV Local

5. Seize control of the agenda with clear, compelling messaging - DV Media

6. Serve our local communities through DV Centres with parallel surgeries and drop-in assistance

7. Establish a Parallel Parliament to demonstrate democratic disconnect, to identify those who are friends of democracy, and to campaign for Britain to become a Direct Democracy.
03.
FUNDING DVP, SUSTAINABLY

For the Members, Not Owned by Donors.

Funding DVP, Sustainably

All parties have costs and, realistically, all parties need substantial amounts of money to fight elections effectively. While membership subscriptions can keep the party and its day-to-day admin ticking over - perhaps resourcing some office space and a very small handful of administrative staff salaries - it isn’t going to be enough to campaign in elections, provide the services we aim to provide for people, and to carry our message far and wide.

Most political parties solve this problem one of two ways. Either they use (and sometimes misuse) funds and staff allocated to those already elected, such as councillors, MEPs and MPs, or they have several generous rich donors who supply the party with the lion’s share of its funds.

This funding strategy has two very obvious drawbacks for DVP: 1. We are a new party that has yet to elect officials who can use their allowances and funds to help the people they serve; and 2. Reliance on large donors giving or lending us money means they can insist on decisions being made which may be preferable to them but not the majority of ordinary members. This means that we’ll never be in a position to have genuinely democratic decisions made, but will always have to run everything past this small handful of people and work within the limited scope of their will. This is reasonable on their part, it is their money after all, but it would be irresponsible on our part, would merely copy the mistakes of the other parties, and would tarry our independence.

We have a plan to start from a position that ensures we can be fully self-sufficient. Along with a model of organisation which is highly efficient with funds, we will achieve more without becoming a mini-plutocracy like the other parties.

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**DV Affiliate**

Business owners who are members of the party will be invited to submit their business details for inclusion in an attractive, user-intuitive, feature-rich, members-only business directory. People have already designed this directory and it is available to the party at no cost.

Participating business owners will agree to a discount scheme, typically worth 10% of each transaction. Half this discount will benefit the member buying the service, and the other half will accrue to party funds. This is an incredibly attractive option for business owners as it opens their services at no cost of advertising to a motivated, enthusiastic captive market of tens of thousands of members whose patriotism will ensure that utilising these businesses will be prioritised where possible, ahead of all competing alternatives.

**DV Affiliate** also achieves two further significant objectives: 1) It motivates some of the most influential people in communities - employers - to become active members of the party. And where an employer joins a given party, inevitably, many within his or her firm are often influenced to join up also, especially where the employer is a decent, trusted, fair and respected boss; and 2) It incentivises those on the fence who are regular users of some of the services provided by businesses owned by DVP members, to join up, as their subscription fees will very quickly be repaid by the savings they’ll make as beneficiaries of this discount scheme.

Making 5% on transactions from an ever growing list of businesses, as well as receiving additional subscriptions from the business owners, employees and business users that will likely join as a consequence of this scheme being publicised, will substantially increase party funds and help ensure that DVP becomes financially independent.

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At a time when many parties had a golden opportunity to redefine their mission to the British people ahead of the last General Election, and come out as the People’s Champion, guaranteeing that they would never give up the fight until the people had truly taken back control of their own destiny, they faltered. That was the time when Britain, bolstered by the result of our referendum on EU membership, should have begun to look at direct democracy - to carry on the tradition started then and to hand back power completely to the British People.

We do not want to appeal to a narrow band of voters with a list of poorly expressed proposals that wastes the opportunity to confront real issues that are of grave concern to everyone in Britain that hates the scourge of political correctness, wants to stand up for the innocent and the undefended, and is willing to fight for a fair, consistent application of civilisation-preserving law and order in our nation.

Opportunities are invariably wasted, irrevocably, when a small group of people usurp the authority of those relying on them to act in the best interests of everyone else. DVP will be in itself a Direct Democracy. This prevents us from being like the legacy parties which are democratic, but embody a form of not very representative ‘representative democracy’.

Instead, we believe our elected leaders should discover our will and ensure it gets honoured.

It is often the case in British Politics, however, that those with the power to consult us evidently have no intention of doing so. We believe the leaders of DVP must represent the will of the people they serve. In the same way, our nation’s government should represent the will of the people who elected them and pay their salaries.

DVP will therefore ensure that the will of the membership will be sovereign in the party and it will become the role of the leadership and other officials and officers to execute the members’ will.

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Direct Democracy

Direct Democracy will ensure that everyone in the party has a voice, and that everyone’s personal and professional experience and expertise are utilised to the greatest degree possible. A policy team will coordinate policy forums and debates to which experts and interested members from around the country will be invited to contribute. Topics scheduled for debate will be disseminated to members and published on the DV Direct website. Proposals that are not covered by these debate topics may be initiated directly from the membership.

Those unable to attend debates and presentations will be able either to submit their contributions in writing by post, or via their local Direct Democracy representative, or for those unable to attend meetings and who use the Internet, via a user-friendly policy development and voting website that we have already overseen the creation of, and which has already been fully paid for.

Except for funding one appointment, ongoing costs of running DV Direct are negligible. Most votes on policy will be handled at local level, and moderation and administrator maintenance roles will largely be overseen by part-time elected volunteers. It is envisaged that there will be only one full-time appointment of a Direct Democracy Director who will work closely with the Policy Forum to ensure that membership engagement is maximised, and that proposals that pass successfully are integrated intelligently into the manifesto.

Policy Development

Phase 1

14 Days

Phase 1

28 Days

Phase 2

6 Weeks

Phase 2

3 Months

Phase 3

28 Days

Voting

Assent & Amendments

Arguments for & against submitted using various media

Spokesman & Team

Dynamic Manifesto

Policy Forum

Think Tanks & Experts

Members
05. MESSAGING

If DVP Becomes Relevant the Mainstream Media Will Inevitably Hate Us

Frail people who don’t like being attacked must count the cost, because if DVP takes up the mantle of fighting effectively against the Establishment, as we hope, we will be attacked mercilessly. The mainstream media will distort our message and lie about us with total impunity. We will declare our intentions to do great things for this country that will make a real difference in the lives of those we care about, and yet we’ll be misquoted, slandered and libelled.

It is understandable that some will of course grow tired of being lied about and discredited and secretly hanker for a party that will go with the flow and will avoid tackling issues that will get us into trouble with the Establishment. But if we do this, we cannot present any meaningful solutions to the nation. This country is racked with debt and our resources are effectively being siphoned into the hands of transnational offshore interests; people who want to oversaturate our labour market and drive down wages, people who don’t care that our national debt is fast approaching £2 trillion, as long as their own profit margins continue to grow while their competition is eliminated by their bureaucrat friends in high places.

When DVP fights for the interests of British citizens, when we fight to open trade with the world, to arrest uncontrolled immigration, to facilitate organic wage growth, to obtain energy independence, to facilitate the creation of small businesses and more jobs - we will directly threaten those whose prosperity is predicated on their closed clique relationships with controlled lawmakers in Europe and Westminster, who want to stifle any kind of growth that impacts on their own narrow interests.

And when this happens, they will hit us hard. They will call us every evil name they think will stick, in the hope of stigmatising and marginalising us. Therefore, if we are going to engage our political enemies - every person and entity that hates democracy and despises our ancient Constitution - then we have to act quickly to gain the upper hand on messaging. We need to be putting out our own media content, direct from the horse’s mouth. This content needs to be professional, prolific and pervasive. We need to saturate social media channels, and influence impartial influencers, to the degree that the mainstream media’s distortions quickly become exposed as dishonest attempts to discredit the only organisation that represents real hope for Britain politically.

We have a comprehensive plan and several people in mind who have experience generating compelling content that will penetrate the minds of voters nationwide, and to put out this messaging 365 days a year, relentlessly.
DV Media will more than adequately counter the attempts to damage DVP that we must inevitably anticipate being directed at us from the mainstream media. Moreover, once we have an efficient media production process, happening both at national level with the leadership, and soon at local level as media creation skills are imparted down to branch level via the mobile training team that we will assemble, the negative press that we receive from the mainstream media will actually serve to drive the anti-Establishment cause that we will embody and spearhead, because when we’re attacked, people will demand answers and in the process of finding these answers, they will discover the truth.

The mainstream media will soon become an incredibly valuable advertising resource for DVP. We’ll receive national coverage at no cost. And the people will stop believing the lies because we’ll have a comprehensive media dissemination strategy that competes internally, inter-branch, for positive exposure in local newspapers and sympathetic national and international media outlets. Additionally, we’ll create our own independent, non-affiliated media outlets and use our online membership to drive search engine optimisation and traffic to where we want honest, open-minded Brits to find truthful, objective information. Indeed, we are already close to completing one such outlet.
Electoral Success

In most cases, both locally and nationally, success at elections is a consequence of how hard party members work locally to make a difference in people's lives, and to what extent the national messaging put out by the leadership resonates with the nation.

Many of us have already canvassed several thousand doors and spoken face to face with many voters. The response we have received has been consistent: the British people do not trust politicians. They see politicians as self-serving and insincere, and they cite as evidence for this position the undeniable fact that in the vast majority of cases politicians ignore the people for the greater part of five years and only turn up a few weeks before an election, in the hope of garnering votes by pretending that they care and that they want to make a genuine difference. The British public are not stupid. They can see straight through the polished exterior, the fake smiles and fake expressions of concern.

DVP will only start winning elections if these two elements are very successfully in place: meaningful, confident, consistent messaging from the leadership nationally, but perhaps even more critically, full-time work being done locally in communities throughout the nation.

Our business is to serve as many people as possible, and to the greatest possible degree; to fight for and serve as many people as possible in our communities, and if we do this, we won't have to worry about votes. They will follow.

People won't vote for people they don't know and they don't trust. And for them to trust us they need to understand our intentions. We cannot trust another's intentions by words alone, but only ever by actions. For DVP to win elections we need to win trust, and to win trust we need to act in a way that proves that we care. We need to change people's lives.

But a remote leadership that spends most of its time in meetings and on phone calls and covering thousands of miles on British roads, however sincerely it wants to understand the problems that afflict ordinary people and which most merit our attention, can never discover these issues from within the context of small meetings with a handful of like-minded people.

The only way we can ever reliably know what the people want us to do for them, is if we ask them. We have conceived **DV Local** to do precisely this. Both by harnessing the principles of ‘Flat Pack Democracy’ - which allowed 17 independent candidates recently to displace the incumbents and completely take over the local council in Frome, Somerset - we want DVP to be the most...
intelligently equipped campaigning machine in Britain. Data collected from non-overtly affiliated canvassing teams will be analysed to establish trends in local attitudes. From this data we’ll formulate local campaign initiatives, and will attract qualified support towards these campaigns using the discussion functionality of DV Direct, and the local talent that we identify through DV Connect (discussed below).

Campaigning year-round on local issues that we already have evidence are the issues of greatest concern to local people, we’ll fight to keep open under-funded football clubs that are keeping youths off the streets, we’ll fight to raise awareness and provide support for veterans that are homeless, we’ll fight to provide support to the lonely, silent pensioners who endure bitterly cold winters without companionship; we’ll show up the keyboard social justice warrior culture as the destructive hypocrisy that it is. And we’ll start recruiting decent, patriotic people to our cause.

The damage done by mainstream media that we expect will all be overcome when the people making the greatest difference in local people’s lives will be seen to be those of our party. Support for us will grow inevitably; not because we’ve become cynical, slick manipulators of public opinion, but because whatever anyone may ever say about us, people will come to understand beyond any doubt that we are the party that cares and that knows how to confront the corrupt Establishment, and to fight for the little guy.

When this happens, we prepare for victory at local and national elections.
It has always seemed incredible to us that political parties allow so many of their members to stagnate, lying dormant, with their incredible skills, passion and experience largely untapped. Instead they concentrate on promoting a few insiders, members of the ‘boys club’, people they know are easily controlled or easily bought.

We have conceived a plan to identify talent throughout the entire membership of DVP and unify the membership around campaigns which attract the support and dedication of those of like mind. We call this programme **DV Connect**.

**DV Connect** will create a directory of as many of the party’s entire membership as are willing to get involved in any way whatsoever with the work of the party. Every member will be asked to complete a form detailing their interests and work background, their skills and their willingness to serve the cause of the party, either in elections, or as an activist in support of campaign initiatives or other candidates, and to hand this form to their local Direct Democracy representative. Those members who enjoy access to the Internet will be able to complete and manage and update their own directory listing themselves directly on the dedicated website that we’ve already designed.

Every member will also be asked to rank themselves across a broad spectrum of campaigning skills including the following:

1. Leaflet Distribution
2. Door to Door Canvassing
3. Writing to Newspapers
4. Internet Research
5. Use of Social Media
6. Leaflet Design
7. Graphic Design
8. Website Updating
9. Blogging / Article Writing
10. Basic Website Design
11. Website Coding
12. Opposition Research
13. FOIA Request Applications
14. Photography
15. Video Capture
16. Video Editing
17. Compiling Press Releases
18. Media Interviews
19. Writing Policy
20. Speech Writing
21. Public Speaking
22. Debating

Candidates who do not possess skills in certain areas will inevitably possess skills in other areas. Every member of the party will be useful and will be able to be used in the way that they think their own time and skill set will most efficiently and effectively be spent.

At the touch of a button members with Internet access will be able to bring up an interactive map that will detail the proposed local meeting locations (local pub or restaurant, etc) of every one of our participating members. If in Bolton, for example,
we decide to campaign to open a day centre for homeless veterans, and we need someone to write a press release, someone else to create a video to promote the work, someone else to build a simple website, and someone else to promote our online resources on social media, we’ll be able to filter our search criteria to look for members with these skills as close as possible to Bolton.

DV Connect harnesses the technological intelligence that the most efficiently run international businesses use to make as much money as possible for their owners. The techniques usually only used by those motivated to drive profit will now be used to build what will soon likely become the fastest growing party in Europe, and we may soon expect to achieve results that would have been unthinkable just a few years ago.

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Why Wouldn’t We Want a Level Playing Field?

Other political parties have long run a strategy of deliberate suppression of information. Why would they do this? To ensure that they remain in control of outcomes. They don’t want a level playing field. They don’t want a meritocracy that would allow a previously unknown candidate who may have worked very hard for several years behind the scenes, on no party salary, to gain equal prominence to that of someone more controllable who will likely guarantee the continuation of the roles of those already in positions of leadership. This is cronyism and something that DVP should embrace a strong position against, because no organisation will thrive and make significant gains unless it is run on the basis of a meritocracy.

DVP will be a meritocracy in which hard-working people are elected to roles on the basis of their ability to convince the electorate of their passion and their competency, not on the basis of their ability to ingratiate themselves with a small clique that pulls the strings and will always do everything it can to maintain tight control over all outcomes. In our party, Assembly Member lists and regional leadership roles will be put to a vote of members, and every effort will be made to maximise the extent of available information that is able to inform intelligent decision-making on the part of the members.

Too often a party’s self-identifying intelligentsia generally has the attitude that the members are too uninformed and not sufficiently media-savvy to make informed, reliable decisions in their own best interests, and that they themselves are God’s gift to the party to protect us members from our own stupidity. And yet, offered the means to provide all necessary information to the membership to adequately inform our choices, they consistently reject this opportunity. We disagree. We know nobody is better informed than the men, women and veterans who form our ranks.
A Vision for DVP

This manifesto began with the acknowledgement that in the minds of the British people, British Politics has lost its way and has no useful purpose. For DVP to counter this and begin the process of earning the public’s respect, trust and confidence and to contend the role of government in Britain, the people need to understand why DVP exists and what it wants to achieve.

Our vision of DVP is to take control away from the corrupt elites that govern us and hand this control to the British people. We have a workable plan for achieving this.

Until this mission is achieved, anything we do is of little value. However hard we campaign for an issue, at election time all that will happen will be that some more established, more viable party that’s more likely to form the next government than we are, will simply feign to embrace this issue and voters will vote for them instead of us. We’ll have wasted all the gains we made, all the millions of man-hours spent campaigning and getting flak in the media, because once the larger, more established party gets elected, they’ll renege on this election promise, they’ll break their manifesto pledge, and will simply go on with business as usual. And the British public will be able to do nothing to punish them for this broken promise, as we can do nothing to hold them to account. Our present system relies on their honour. And they frankly don’t have much to rely on.

No, the only way that the British public will ever get outcomes they want is if they obtain direct control of outcomes themselves. So, how do we do this? Electoral reform? No. Those in power will never vote for an alternative system of getting themselves elected, if the present system was what got them elected into power in the first place. So, if we’re faced with a democratic impasse in which nothing will ever change significantly, because we are relying on the will of those who benefit from retaining the status quo to change the status quo, what can we possibly do?

We have a plan. It’s simple, logical and will work.

The present status quo is only able to exist as long as our political class is able to maintain the illusion that the outcomes they deliver in Parliament actually reflect the will of the people. If we can prove that this is not the case, we’ll see that the Emperor actually has no clothes, and the people of Britain will come to realise that they are being sold a lie: representative democracy is a con in which people that have no interest in representing us actually represent their own interests and those of the
people who insist that they toe their party line.

So, how do we prove that the way that our Parliamentarians are voting in Westminster does not reflect our will?

We do a number of things. Firstly, we create a Parallel Parliament in which we feed all bills passing through Parliament into an online Direct Democracy voting system. We have no interest in competing with the petition website that the government already administers. Effectively, this has very little useful function. It primarily serves to arm the government with an insight into the nature of the public opposition to legislation that it may anticipate in the event that bills affected by corresponding petitions are passed. And it delivers the illusion that the government takes the will of the people seriously, while actually having no legal value or ability to influence legislative outcomes.

And with the transfer of powers from the political class to the people being at the forefront of DVP’s aims, the concept of Direct Democracy - communicated relentlessly through our DV Media programme - will come to dominate the national debate. Since we live in a democracy in which it is understood that it is the role of government to seek to understand the people’s will and deliver it, provided we succeed to make the case that the system to be implemented will be secure, it becomes impossible for the government and Establishment mouthpieces persuasively to argue that Direct Democracy is not a logical and necessary next step in the evolution of Parliamentary democracy in Britain.

The controversy that this discussion will create will create will continuously direct ongoing widespread attention to the project, and as DVP will be the only party pushing for the political class to be stripped of decision-making powers, every genuine democrat who does not believe in the innate intellectual and moral superiority of our so-called leaders to run our lives for us will be strongly compelled to consider joining our movement, and contributing to our Parallel Parliament, even if they choose not to join our party.

As the profile of this work continues to grow and participants in votes start running into the millions, two things will happen: 1) Any democratic disconnect that exists between Parliament and the people becomes undeniably visible, and 2) Parliament becomes constrained against its will to consult the outcomes of voting on the Parallel Parliament. At this stage, as with UKIP’s leveraging the Conservative government into giving the nation a referendum on our membership of the EU in 2016, the government of the day will realise it now has only two choices: either implement Direct Democracy at national level themselves, or else prepare to be defeated by a party offering something so unarguable, so empowering, so incontrovertibly democratic, that - provided it has obtained a reputation in the interim for being incredibly professionally, efficiently and democratically run, and capable of disseminating messaging that resonates with the British public - it will inevitably win, and become the government.

...
OUR PLAN TO PUT YOU, THE PEOPLE, BACK IN CHARGE

1. SERVING YOU
   We establish an office in every constituency to serve and listen to you.
   - We aim to open 650 CONSTITUENCY HUBS
     - For ‘Start-Up’ Constituency Hubs
     - For ‘Established’ Constituency Hubs

   We use space kindly allotted and/or donated to us in existing premises for meeting, events and surgeries.
   We open our own centres with drop-in services for veterans, parallel surgeries and video production facilities.

2. DEMONSTRATING BRITAIN’S DEMOCRATIC DISCONNECT
   We establish a Parallel Parliament. Members of the Parallel Parliament (MPPs) shadow MPs, as well as canvass and campaign in their constituencies.

   - 1. Bills being debated in Parliament are identified by the Parallel Parliament.
   - 2. Our MPPs campaign and argue using various media.
   - 3. They canvass their constituents to get their views on the issue.
   - 4. A vote takes place for each MPP’s constituency.
   - 5. The result for each constituency is sent to the respective MP one hour before the vote.

3. IDENTIFYING FRIENDS AND ENEMIES OF DEMOCRACY
   Using the Parallel Parliament, we identify which MPs vote according to their constituents’ wishes and which do not. We invite those that do to join us. Those that do not, we seek to replace.

THE FUSILIERS ARMS
We use space kindly allotted and/or donated to us in existing premises for meeting, events and surgeries.
We open our own centres with drop-in services for veterans, parallel surgeries and video production facilities.
Direct Democracy at National Level

If we have Direct Democracy functioning at national level, won’t voters get ‘voter fatigue’? Won’t they resent having to do the work of politicians who are supposed to do politics for them? Won’t they largely be uninterested in most of the bills going through Parliament, because frankly, so much of legislation seems hardly to affect so many of us?

These concerns are very easily answered by anyone who understands what we are actually pressing for. When Direct Democracy is implemented at national level, people will not be obliged or even expected to vote on anything they have no interest in. People will not be sent ballot papers. People will not be hassled in any way. Only those people who happen to care about and understand bills that are passing through Parliament will vote on these bills. However, it will become the responsibility of politicians to simplify the process of legislation and to communicate to the people, in ways that ordinary people understand, the consequences of voting one way or another.

And neglectful politicians who make no effort to educate, convince or persuade those in their constituencies will easily be outdone by local campaigners and national campaign groups who care about these issues and are motivated to secure the outcome that they believe is in the nation’s best interests - just as the combined forces of Vote Leave, Leave.EU, Grassroots Out and other parties did in June 2016.

What if Only a Small Number Vote on a Bill?

If an insufficient number of people vote on a bill, Parliament will retain the prerogative to determine the outcome themselves as they do at present. A minimum participation threshold will be required to be surpassed in order for the people’s votes to determine the outcome. In Switzerland, with fewer bills being voted on and a seven hundred year history that has at times featured elements of Direct Democracy, though with a substantially more cumbersome range of engagement methods than those proposed by us, participation averages between 30 and 40%. It is therefore envisaged that an appropriate minimum participation threshold for national Direct Democracy in the UK will be around 10-15% of the eligible electorate.

Although only a given percentage of bills will ever be passed as a consequence of the people voting,
rather than our parliamentarians, the effect of having this system in place will be that every bill debated in Parliament will be framed with reference to the fact that it will need to survive the scrutiny of the electorate, and that if Parliament attempts to exceed their bounds, they will be reined in by an indignant public. The onus however, will be on the part of campaigners to increase voter engagement by explaining the consequences of outcomes of votes. In response to the possibility of campaign groups outdoing the work of politicians, we will have a healthy state of competition, balance, and a degree of accountability that has never been achieved in Britain to date. The public will have a far more active interest in legislation once they have direct control over how their taxes are spent and evidence from another successful Direct Democracy, Switzerland, indicates that outcomes are likely to tend towards being fiscally and socially conservative. Wastage, inflated public servant salaries, and unnecessary borrowing for vanity projects all quickly get cut in a Direct Democracy. And arbitrary agendas promoted by lobbyists intent on eroding our national values will be defeated.

... How Will People Vote?

Once we have Direct Democracy, every person in Britain who is eligible to vote will be sent a voter identification card. If they wish to vote on a bill there will be several ways for them to do this. They may either go to a National Lottery station and ask for a voting card - which will be a similar size and format to a lottery card; they may vote at their bank’s ATM; at one of many approved e-Polling stations that will be installed in cafés and restaurants around the country; or they may vote online. All voting methods will use encryption software that is actually superior to what UK-based banks currently use, and more akin to what is used by the US National Security Agency and the InfiniCortex global network of super computers.

The key technologies that underlie the Internet at present, Transfer Control Protocol and Internet Protocol (TCP/IP) are nearing the end of their useful life cycles, and many banks and stock exchanges, as well as the US Department of Defense, are already moving away from TCP/IP to more modern, efficient and secure systems; the leading contender amongst these currently being Infiniband. Timings for the general process of upgrades, that are happening worldwide anyway, mean that a UK National Direct Democracy programme that handles data generated by banks, e-Polling stations, and Internet transactions will mean that the system will be able to be more securely encrypted and around 86% cheaper to run, and more reliable, than if we had tried to implement Direct Democracy just a couple of years ago.

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11. NATIONAL CAMPAIGNS

How We’ll Know What to Fight For

A small handful of relatively affluent politicians, whether DVP or otherwise, sitting together for a few hours in a room somewhere in London, if required to determine what’s important on behalf of the entire nation, will have necessarily limited success when compared with the outcome of systematically consulting thousands of people from around the country.

**DV Direct** asks every member both to contribute campaign ideas that are close to their heart, and to vote on issues proposed by other members, in order to determine which issues we, as a party, should be prioritising.

Once we have clear evidence that a given campaign objective merits the widespread support of a significant majority of our active members, we will have the confidence to fight inexorably for this agenda at national level, regardless of whatever flak we face when we do so.

Many of the other parties have flip-flopped recently on a number of issues, rapidly changing direction when confronted either by an indignant membership on the one hand, or an aggressive mainstream media on the other. If we continue to randomise our agenda by deferring to the judgment of small cliques or focus groups, we’ll be malleable and weak and never gain the respect or confidence of the electorate.

**DV Direct** will elicit the attitude of members on issues; **DV Affiliate** will ensure we have the funds to fight for these issues; **DV Connect** will identify the voluntary human resources capable of driving our agenda; and **DV Media** will communicate our message to a public with whom we will already be sure that our message will resonate. Equipped with these programmes and the organisational professionalism and structure capable of making significant gains in raising awareness of these issues and recruiting support for our causes, we’ll be able to advance agendas that are critical to the health and survival of our nation’s unique identity and character, such as the following:
Be sure that the globalist elites and vested interests will not give up the fight until we have a second referendum in Britain that delivers what they consider to be the ‘right’ result, or until the government has succeeded surreptitiously to deliver a Brexit in name only, that continues to allow free movement of labour, our inability to control our border, suppressed wages for workers, and the illegal imposition of foreign laws on our nation. DVP has a great deal of campaigning work to do right now to counter the will-eroding effect of all the negativity and fear that the Establishment is going to project over the next two years onto the electorate.

Britain’s membership of the EU was never legal, in the sense that the European Commission had a legal duty to ensure the constitutional compatibility of the proposed member-state prior to its accession to the European Union. They failed to do this in Britain’s case and deliberately overlooked the fact that the imposition of any law in Britain that is held by any foreign judiciary is constitutionally illegal under the still-extant Bill of Rights that states that ‘No foreign prince, person, prelate, state or potentate hath, or ought to have any jurisdiction, power, superiority, pre-eminence or authority within this realm.’

Britain’s membership of the EU was fraudulent in the same way as if a person with a heart-defect had been sold a gym membership by a dishonest salesman who knew perfectly well that the customer would not be allowed to use the gym equipment; or in the same way that a self-employed person were sold a payment protection insurance policy that was valid only for employees. In these cases the entire value of the subscriptions and premiums would be repayable to the person who was mis-sold the membership or policy. Far from paying an absurd ‘divorce bill’ to dissolve a marriage that was illegal in the first place, we assert that Britain has grounds to sue the European Commission for the return of our EU-membership subscriptions which to date have totalled some £450 billion.
We recognise the advantages of retaining excellent trading relations with countries in Europe. However, a DVP government acknowledges the unique national identity and respects the democratic autonomy of each member state within the European Union, as well as the legal obligations of those countries to reach democratic decisions on the behalf of those who elect and pay the salaries of their public servants, and thus would propose directly trade terms to the governments of those nations, with the onus being on these governments to negotiate with the EU themselves, their rights of access to the UK market. Under a DVP government, the UK will not negotiate with any organisation that is not elected democratically by its own electorate to negotiate on its behalf.

The strategy of the elite transnational globalists that desperately want Britain to stay in the European Union, is to work with our renegade government to impose a campaign of fear and anxiety on us and demonstrate that Britain lacks sufficient negotiating leverage to secure a satisfactory deal from the EU. Their plan is that if we obtain a Brexit at all, it should be one in name only.

To counteract this treachery, DVP needs to be active and instrumental in proving to the nation that a Britain that walks away with no deal from the Brexit negotiations walks away potentially far more prosperous than a Britain that allows itself to be dictated to by a corrupt foreign cabal.
Throughout Britain, there are veterans with limbs missing, and others sleeping on the streets, whose family lives have been destroyed because of traumatic psychological injuries for which there is no cure. These men and women all but sacrificed their very lives because they swore an oath of allegiance to our Monarch, and to her heirs and successors. And yet the leader of the Labour party can casually intimate that after the passing of Her Majesty into eternity, he will be pressing for a republic, and will willingly destroy the greatest and safest safeguard against a more complete and pervasive hijacking of our democracy by vested interests, than we suffer at present.

The fact that every bill passed by Parliament requires Royal Assent limits the power of our corrupt political class and arrests the deliberate process of the degradation-by-design of the moral fabric of our nation by anti-family, anti-sovereignty transnationals who want a big state, and the destruction of every ancient and good institution that competes with the state for our loyalty.

This matter is deadly serious. Dismantling the monarchy is treason. And the expression of the will to do so is sedition, which carries heavy and grave penalties. Our party needs to take a stand right now to defend Britain’s ancient, trusted Constitution and Monarchy.
Ahead of all else, government’s primary duty is the defence of the realm. And our government is failing Britain miserably in this regard. Surrounded by seas, Providence has equipped us with a border that is substantially easier to defend than the porous periphery of Europe.

Those that do not respect our right to defend our territory should not expect to enjoy the benefits that accrue to those that arrive here legally. The party should use our combined resources via DV Connect and DV Media to demonstrate the failings of government and apply pressure to the government to address this critical issue.
Immigration should serve primarily the interests of the host country. It is acknowledged that certain industries cannot recruit sufficient volumes of UK-resident staff and they should be permitted to apply for work permits ranging from 3 months for seasonal workers, to 5 years for highly-skilled contractors. Data obtained from work permit applications will inform our education policy, with identified industry deficiencies being addressed by changes to vocational training bias, with grants and bursaries being awarded to those accepting places on vocational courses that address proven skills shortfalls that are the basis of UK industry’s present ongoing dependency on immigration.

Illegal immigration is a criminal offence and should be dealt with as such. Under a DVP government, those found to have entered illegally will be incarcerated briefly, and the national administrations of which they are citizens approached for cooperation and deferred financial assistance in repatriating them.

Under a DVP government an approved list of countries from which we are willing to accept asylum seekers would be created, by consultation with appropriately qualified security experts and the consent of the British people, via the national Direct Democracy system that we will establish. The British people will vote on the volume of refugees that they wish to assist.
Far from having one law for all in Britain, a parallel system of legislation has emerged in our nation, with many communities effectively living under the jurisdiction of Sharia law. Many mosques in Britain are funded by Saudi Arabia and those that pay generally have the say on what is taught. This is leading to an increase in the growth of radical sects of Islam in Britain, sects who believe in the concept that Islam should be imposed on any nation whose Islamic population exceeds a sufficient threshold. In areas where Muslims are in the majority, Sharia patrols on evenings supersede those of our own police force, curfews for young women are imposed, and dress-codes are enforced.

While apostasy carries heavy penalties in Islam and can ruin the family, professional and social life of a convert, our own government is encouraging active proselytisation to Islam in Britain, with reports of some Christian children being placed with Muslim parents, being told they may not wear crosses or eat bacon, and being required to learn Arabic and read the Quran, while Christians known to teach Christianity to their own children are being denied the right to adopt on the grounds that they have no authority to impose their own value system on those in their care.

The British government’s addiction to overspending has led to a situation in which we now depend on Sharia bonds to finance many of our public buildings, including some of our military infrastructure. At least five buildings in Whitehall are funded by Sharia bonds and in the Admiralty the consumption of alcohol is now forbidden, as a condition of this type of funding.

We are seeing a gradual growth in the influence and effect of Islam on Britain. The mainstream parties are frightened to speak out on this issue. DVP must lead the way and be willing to say what others are too fearful to say, if we are to have any hope of preserving our national legacy, freedoms, values and culture.
Political correctness and moral cowardice on the part of our government has been responsible for the creation of 'no-go areas' throughout Britain, with police being told by their superiors to avoid certain areas of the capital when in uniform, for fear of their lives. Those who live in these areas have no hope of help from the law when they need it most.

Our police are required to waste much of their time on diversity training and pointless bureaucracy, when they should be focussed on preventing and detecting crime, and protecting people and property.

Laws that have been on our statute books for 30 years and which protect innocent young girls from cruel mutilation by those entering our country with no desire to respect our laws, customs and culture, are not being enforced. While the police are capable of incredibly sophisticated intelligence gathering and detection work in the case of catching paedophiles using resources such as the Child Exploitation and Online Protection Command (CEOP), in the case of Female Genital Mutilation no such sophisticated measures exist, and no criminals have ever been prosecuted for this offence, in spite of estimates that this crime occurs some 15 times per day. The reason for this neglect is clear: FGM is the preserve of ethnic minorities and the government fears provoking 'racial tensions'. In a media-sensitive Britain the innocent remain undefended from the most callous abuses if it’s not politically correct to be seen to address them.

Our police force has the ability to restore order throughout the nation, and to enforce the law equitably and justly, if only the political will exists within government to back them up and defend their efforts. DVP would campaign to highlight these issues and to leverage the will of the people to apply pressure to the government to act and protect those most at risk.
Our armed forces are required to do an incredibly complex and risky job maintaining peace and security whilst following orders handed down to them from politicians in Westminster, many of whose primary concern is safeguarding their own careers and public image.

In conflict, eventualities occur that cannot accurately be anticipated, and in circumstances of great danger young soldiers are sometimes required to make split-second instinctive decisions to ensure the survival of their peers, often working with very limited information.

Our soldiers are relied upon to defend us against threats that many of those within the political class who formulate their orders, would cower away from. Our military cannot be expected to think like politicians and with hindsight it is easy to criticise decisions that were made in the heat of battle or under great duress. Britain has the finest, most highly trained military in the world and their ongoing effectiveness in defending us depends upon their ability to act decisively and with confidence.

Where there is clear evidence of deliberate wrongdoing and abuse within the military, justice must be administered swiftly, with the court martial verdict delivered within nine months of the alleged offence.

Our soldiers must know that the country has their back and that they are safe from being stabbed in the back by two-faced politicians looking to advance their own careers. The Democrats and Veterans will therefore campaign to put an end to all historical investigations of troop conduct, with special emphasis on Northern Ireland.
The failed European Project was predicated on the principle that if independent nation states could be stripped of their ability to produce for themselves and defend themselves, they would become reliant on their neighbours, and future attempts at independence would become impossible.

Since the British people declared their desire to regain our sovereignty and independence in June 2016, the government has been accelerating its attempts to undermine our ability to defend ourselves and is currently in the process of quietly and swiftly closing bases around the country. This is being done in order that Britain should become reliant on the planned merger with the European Army. We believe that the government will attempt to hide this agenda until they have succeeded in weakening our military capabilities to the extent necessary to ensure that a Project Fear 2.0 will be more effective than pre-referendum attempts to frighten us into relinquishing our autonomy and independence.

The Democrats and Veterans will resist this dangerous betrayal and will campaign to keep open the bases that are earmarked for closure, as well as pressing for an expansion of our military to levels that last existed in 1980.
The Democrats and Veterans recognize that Britain is being undermined by an elitist, globalist class that is committed to undermining the principles of national sovereignty and identity, as well as any established structures such as family and faith groups which function as effective safeguards against the arbitrary imposition of a value system that renders all citizens servile minions of the corporate-controlled state.

Our political class has in large part sold out to the values of Cultural Marxism and Fabianism that drive this anti-family agenda. If not resisted, our society will soon become unrecognizable and the concept of British values will become archaic.

As well as attempting to fragment families by indoctrinating our youth in schools with bizarre new ideologies that confuse and misdirect them from pursuing happy, productive lives, the neo-Establishment is actively hostile to our elders, those not only responsible for raising us, but who worked to maintain our nation’s prosperity, paying into the same system that today’s young are becoming dependent on in growing numbers.

The Democrats and Veterans will fight vehemently to defend and preserve the family, and to ensure that our nation is able to honour our elders. We will campaign to ensure that our pensioners receive an annual increase on pensions equal to average earnings growth, inflation, or 2.5% - whichever is the greatest. And we will fight to maintain the winter fuel allowance.
Our nation’s indigenous population is shrinking at a rate of 10.5% per generation, while our overall population continues to grow by nearly 1% every year because of mass uncontrolled immigration. Much like the ideological aims of Coudenhove-Kalergi, the person credited with being one of the greatest influencers of the European Union’s founding doctrine, if things continue in this way in Britain there will eventually be no dominant identifiable language or culture.

The Democrats and Veterans are committed to campaigning to obtain the nation’s approval for a policy set that will substantially reduce immigration to Britain, through the use of limited-term work permits that address temporary industry shortfalls that our education system will swiftly be configured to resolve, and in promoting organic population maintenance that will rectify the present demographic imbalance in which our elderly outnumber our young, by encouraging families through incentivising legislation, to restore birth rates from the current level of 1.81, to beyond the minimum population maintenance threshold of 2.1 births per mother.

With respect to the fact that our nation owes a tremendous debt to our elderly, both in moral and economic terms, and the benefits of encouraging family growth beyond present immigration-dependent levels, the Democrats and Veterans will fight for free public transport both for children and pensioners.
While the government turns a blind eye to 5,000 cases of female genital mutilation every year, children of Christian parents are being taken from them in secret courts throughout Britain, and placed anonymously with families hundreds of miles away, on grounds that the parents have left a mark when smacking their children.

The economic consequences of family breakdown in Britain are calculated to increase our annual taxation requirements by £47 billion. Rather than supporting single parents and those in challenging circumstances, the government is far too readily instrumental in the dismantling of families.

While the traditional definition of a family may have evolved, strong, stable families are the building blocks of low-crime, civilised, prosperous societies. DVP should campaign to expose the hypocritical and destructive attitude of government towards the family, and to destroy the construct of secret courts in Britain.
DVP believes that, since our nation’s Constitution inferentially asserts that all people are created equal under God, our government has a moral responsibility to facilitate equality of access to opportunity in so far as the electorate generally agrees it is reasonable to do so, while in no way undermining the free will of any individual in seeking to achieve substantial inequality of outcome.

DVP acknowledges only two genders: male and female. Those choosing to identify themselves as something other than these should enjoy freedom of conscience in the matter, but the State should only recognise original birth genders.
Everyone entering this country to live here should understand what it means to be British and, unless visiting temporarily, should undertake to respect and honour our national identity and values as a condition of their residence.

Our national curriculum should require that in addition to tuition in literacy and numeracy, students should be taught the elementary principles of democratic government and the constitutionally accorded rights and liberties that belong to every British citizen.

Those applying for citizenship in Britain are already required to make the following pledge:

“I will give my loyalty to the United Kingdom and respect its rights and freedoms. I will uphold its democratic values. I will observe its laws faithfully and fulfil my duties and obligations as a British citizen.”

For those obtaining residency but not citizenship, DVP should campaign to require that this pledge be given:

“As a resident of the United Kingdom I will respect its rights and freedoms. I will uphold its democratic values. I will observe its laws faithfully and fulfil my duties and obligations as a resident of the United Kingdom.”

11.14
Preserving our Culture and Values
The Democrats & Veterans will be broadly libertarian in character, and will campaign fearlessly to uphold the rights of free speech and liberty of conscience to say and think anything that is not seditious and does not incite violence.

DVP will defend the right of religious adherents to criticise openly the beliefs and practices of adherents of other religions, both in public places, and in media.

DVP will defend the right to express antipathy to the culture, values, lifestyle and philosophies of others.

DVP will campaign to challenge the inclusion of words in our statutes which are deliberately vague and open to widespread interpretation and which have in the past allowed convictions that clearly prohibit freedom of speech and liberty of conscience, such as the use of the word ‘insulting’.
Britain’s national debt is fast approaching £2 trillion. It costs us around £48 billion a year just to pay the interest on this debt. That’s around £2,500 per household. This means that on average each household spends an entire month every year just working to earn enough to pay the interest on our national debt.

DVP does not believe that our nation should live outside its means or pass on debt to our children. We will therefore publish a balanced alternative national budget within the first three months of assuming office, and will seek through the Direct Democracy voting system that we will establish, the consent of the nation to implement this budget. While we will eliminate our annual deficit within our first year of government, we will subsequently aim to surpass Germany’s current annual surplus of some £200 billion within 5 years. Thereafter we will look to eliminate our entire national debt within a further 7 years.

The government continues to spend around £70 billion each year more than it receives in taxes. DVP will cut waste by recommending to the people the repeal of swathes of legislation whose primary purpose is effectively to justify the continued employment of teams of civil servants whose education and ability could otherwise contribute to the wealth of the nation if employed in capacities that generate revenues rather than consume them. DVP should campaign to educate the British public on the consequences of overspending and continued borrowing, and should work urgently towards formulating an alternative budget that cuts waste, stimulates trade with the developing world, and slashes income and company tax rates.

Through the DV Media programme, we should produce a series of videos and animations that simplify the issues related to our nation’s economy, with calls to action that harness the concerns of the electorate and apply pressure to the government. DVP should press for an increase in the flow of information related to government spending and far greater transparency in this area.

Interest rates are today historically low and are forecast to rise in mid-2018. Rising interest rates will increase the cost of borrowing and the burden on the tax payer. The situation should be considered critical right now.
Politicians are good at spending other people’s money, and notoriously bad at generating it, except for the vested interests of those who advise them how to legislate, which wars to wage, and which vanity projects to build.

Once DVP delivers greater transparency and clarity over government spending, and presents our alternative budget, we should call into question every significant proposed misuse of public revenues, and should present alternative spending choices to the nation.

For instance, we were originally told that HS2 would cost £33 billion. The figure is now some £56 billion and will probably continue to rise. Rather than simply campaigning against such relatively useless vanity projects that benefit vested interests and lobby groups, DVP should present alternative, more cost effective solutions, such as upgrading existing rail infrastructure and restoring access to remote, economically depressed areas of the country. DVP should invite the public to vote on how their money is spent through our Parallel Parliament project; in this example, whether by going ahead with HS2, upgrading the rail network, or saving the money altogether.

Direct Democracy in Switzerland - where the country runs a national surplus nearly every year - has taught us that when tax payers have a direct say in how their money is spent, they spend it more carefully. When applying pressure to the government here in the UK by engaging the public to vote on spending choices, it becomes increasingly difficult for them to get away with wastage and poorly advised decision-making.
The NHS costs us £116 billion a year to run - £6,000 per household. As such it is acutely in everyone’s interests that the nation be as healthy as possible and that the NHS be efficiently run. Policy making will be joined-up and holistic, with policy heads liaising closely between their respective manifesto divisions and consulting experts from a wide range of disciplines.

Proposing policy that pertains only to healthcare will generate similar failures to those we’ve suffered in the past: cutting in one area and resourcing another, and making relatively small changes that create the impression of activity but achieve no improvement of any great significance.

Physical inactivity is reckoned to be the cause responsible for 17% of all health conditions that lead to premature deaths in Britain, and which require expensive hospital procedures to treat. Furthermore, there is an inverse correlation between frequency of physical exercise and incidence of disease, especially heart disease, diabetes and cancer - the most expensive conditions treated by the NHS. Reducing the burden on the NHS must therefore involve much more than increases in efficiency of operation through structural reform.

DVP should actively campaign simultaneously to improve the health of the nation, and the health education of our people. It is a common complaint amongst NHS workers that many people use the NHS for maladies that are treatable at home using simple, traditional remedies, and which do not benefit from GP consultation and pharmaceutical medication. This fact should inform our national curriculum, and we will ensure that, to this end, policy division heads for Health and Education will work together to ensure compatible and coherent policy-making that extends behind the constraints of their own manifesto division.

Similarly, traffic on Britain’s roads, especially in built up areas, has an impact on respiratory diseases, while wasting productivity time for workers. DVP will therefore oversee the cooperation of heads of Business, Environment and Transport, and will drive the process of policy development that promotes methods of transport that minimise congestion on roads while improving the nation’s health. For instance, DVP will encourage debate on initiatives that would incentivise employers to facilitate a greater number of their employees in travelling to work by bicycle or public transport, while offering benefits to participating businesses such as business rate or tax concessions, or enrolment in schemes that will facilitate a greater volume of trade from other participating businesses.
It is estimated that every night 13,000 homeless veterans sleep on our streets. Many of these have suffered family breakdown as a consequence of traumatic mental injuries sustained while serving our country and defending our freedoms. The people of Britain owe a very great debt to these people and it is unjust that we allow them to suffer in silence while our nation’s depleted resources are prioritised in favour of those arriving into this country illegally, in search of a better life for themselves.

With DV Media working in conjunction with DV Connect, the party will create a national campaign initiative that will highlight the plight of our veterans and appeal for widespread support of the public, while applying pressure to the government to legislate that housing allocations be made in favour of veterans with PTSD, and that day care centres be funded to provide camaraderie and advice to veterans throughout the country.

Another group that suffers silently and merits priority within DVP’s campaigning schedule are those who have often worked hard most of their lives, paying into the system, and who now may live alone, often with few or no friends or family nearby, and who lead lonely, difficult lives. Many of our pensioners live in conditions that few of their neighbours would believe possible in modern Britain, with failing sanitation that is too expensive to repair and insufficient financial resources to heat their homes properly throughout the winter.

DVP will campaign to raise awareness of the suffering of those of our pensioners who live in the most difficult circumstances and will work towards the creation of voluntary support teams that visit pensioners and provide companionship and help with simple but vital tasks that make a real difference to the lives of those who especially deserve our appreciation and respect.

DVP also aims to initiate debate via DV Direct towards outside-the-box solutions that simultaneously address multiple issues. For example, within this context, we have a shortage of homes for the homeless. And yet in the case of many pensioners they live alone, lacking the ability to perform essential repairs within their homes. One such scheme we will debate would be the practicality of inviting pensioners who live alone to open their homes to homeless veterans to house-share on the condition that the new tenant agrees to be responsible for limited essential maintenance tasks.
Britain’s education system is skewed towards academia and there’s no logical justification for this. The obsession of successive governments to keep our youth in education for as long as possible has much more to do with the agenda to massage downwards unemployment figures than to act in the best interests of tomorrow’s workforce.

The reality is that around 50% of graduates work in jobs that do not require degrees and a more realistic reflection of the proportion of jobs required to be filled by university graduates will be closer to 25% than the government’s present target of 50%.

Learning from our experiences in other countries, we will work to promote party support for a system of education in Britain that ensures that every youth leaving education, at whatever age they exit, will be equipped to apply directly for a job or create one for themselves, and will combat the notion that there should be tacit emphasis on academic subjects.

DVP will drive the agenda to provide tuition to students with interest and ability in running businesses; to learn how to register themselves as self-employed traders; to create basic templated websites that feature their businesses; to maintain their accounting books; to pay their Class 2 National Insurance contributions; and to advertise their services on physical media and the Internet.

DVP will campaign that students who are diverted from an academic career towards business or trades, while majoring on their main vocation, will continue with lessons in basic literacy and numeracy, with students respecting the fact that all tuition received has direct relevance and application to their chosen career path.

DV Media will create awareness of the dissatisfaction and failure of current education policy by showcasing through video productions the experiences of those whom the system has failed, and will work with mentors to demonstrate how the acquisition of suitable training and encouragement can make the difference between a life of frustrating inactivity, petty crime, and substance abuse; and a rewarding career that achieves financial independence.
A DVP government will introduce the **Walk It** scheme, in which teachers will volunteer on a roster basis to accompany veterans on daily walking patrols, with routes and pick-up timings being supplied to parents. The scheme will reduce morning rush hour traffic, commuting times and air pollution, and improve the health of our youth, and with inactivity being the leading cause of coronary heart disease, cancer, and type 2 diabetes, **Walk It** will substantially reduce the burden on our NHS.

Further, a DVP government will introduce the **Pursuing Excellence** scheme, whereby veterans will oversee after-school competitive sports activities, inculcating in our youth qualities of self-discipline, teamwork, and camaraderie; identifying and tackling bullying; reducing the childcare burden for working families; and further improving the health of the nation and lowering costs to the NHS. A disturbing proportion of Britain’s youth on leaving school become sedentary and suffer substantial reduction in social interaction. The **Pursuing Excellence** scheme will run a competitive national league with several sports being represented across multiple divisions. Imminent school leavers will be encouraged to continue attendance. This measure will reduce obesity and incidence of mental health issues in school leavers, increase employability, and combat anti-social behaviour, alcoholism and drug abuse.
On 24th June 2016, the government of the day should immediately have announced their plans to send delegates throughout the world with a view to tentatively agreeing trade deals in anticipation of Britain’s exit from the European Union. Instead they did nothing for months, and simply waited while the rest of world wondered what kind of prospects lay in store for us. The result of this indecision and inactivity on the part of our government was that confidence in Britain’s trading future waned and the value of Sterling descended lower than necessary.

The fact of our having a relatively weak currency today, however, is that in addition to our excellent credit rating and national reputation for reliability and honouring deals, it is an especially enticing time for other nations to establish new trade deals with Britain.

Trade with the European Union continued to dwindle even before it looked likely that we would leave. The logic of our previous bias towards trade with European nations is actually far from obvious, with manufacturing and labour costs being relatively similar to our own. Britain stands to gain substantially more in terms of profit margins and lower living costs from a shift in priority towards developing countries who would absolutely welcome strengthened trade with us - and proven reliable trading partners that are experiencing rapid technological advancement, such as Brazil, Russia, India and China.

By identifying qualified expertise within the party through DV Connect, DVP should conduct an assessment of realistic manufacturing potential within Britain and should create a total national business plan that details preferential target nations for the most cost-effective importation of resources unable to be obtained in-country. DVP should then campaign to apply pressure to government to initiate special trading relationships with these nations, and should reach out to senior trade negotiators within the governments of these countries to facilitate these relationships with Britain.

Through DV Media we must showcase the anticipated gains of opening up Britain to trade with the world, and must demonstrate the extent of enthusiastic cooperation offered by the developing nations that will be key to our ambition for Britain to become the world’s third most wealthy nation.
Immediately on assuming the role, and conversely with failed UK administrations that have exhibited a bizarre preoccupation almost exclusively with our geographically proximal and economically-similar neighbours, a DVP government, having already conducted an assessment of domestic manufacturing capability and projected mid-term capacity, will send delegates to the administrations of in excess of 200 nations around the world to invite competition both in costs and standards, for imports of products that we do not manufacture ourselves, while at the same time advertising the benefits to each respective trade ally of importing the products and services that are acknowledged to be world-class, that Britain produces.

In support of these developments to stimulate trade, drive down UK living costs, and to ensure standards compatibility, DVP will launch the Prosperity Partnership scheme, whereby UK nationals with proven business acumen who wish to establish businesses abroad for which there is no current market opportunity within the UK, and whose business plans are approved by a Prosperity Partnership panel, will be awarded start-up incentives that reflect the size of the emigrating family. Approved Prosperity Partnership businesses established abroad will be offered bespoke import tariff-free status for products and services detailed in the original award agreement, being those that do not compete with our own domestic manufacturing sectors.
The ratio of the number of staff employed to turnover generated is much higher for small businesses than for large corporations and yet, ironically, government always cites the presence of big businesses in Britain as examples of their prowess in stimulating trade and creating jobs. They get away with this because few of us pause to reflect that where market share becomes arrogated into the hands of large corporations, inevitably small businesses end up closing down and the number of workers employed within that industry is reduced.

And while we do not argue with the shrewdness and stewardship of a tax-efficient strategy when operating business internationally, nonetheless, the growth of transnational corporations with efficient tax arrangements and the consequent reduction in the number of small and medium sized businesses incorporated domestically in Britain, inevitably means that combined total amounts of income and company tax that remain within Britain are correspondingly reduced.

It does not therefore make economic sense for the British government to go on legislating in favour of the growth of large corporations over small businesses. And the British public needs to be made very well aware of this fact.

Using DV Media, we will make use of video animations to present research, to simplify relevant facts, and to present to the nation the economic case for prioritising the growth of small businesses in Britain by offering temporary tax breaks and business rate concessions to stimulate growth, and by cutting away swathes of red tape that unreasonably applies equally to small businesses as it reasonably applies to large corporations.

We hope to have many business owners within our ranks who understand the implications of bureaucracy and who can consult on intelligent policy that will remove unnecessary obstacles to growth and job creation. We hope, therefore, that DVP will be equipped to be the only credible champion in Britain for small business owners, the people who are key to our nation’s future enhanced prosperity.
12.

INSANITY:
SAME PEOPLE
AND METHODS,
AND WE EXPECT
DIFFERENT
RESULTS?

This manifesto is not comprehensive. It is merely the starting point. You, the good people who will hopefully become the members who will make our party, will be the people who make it comprehensive. The party will be under your control.

Britain really has only two options. The first has several variants; people in parties who, although with different emphases, still want to pretend to listen to you, the people, while pushing their own agenda and furthering the interests of themselves and their friends at the Nation’s expense.

The second is what we have set out. We have a plan to make it so the British People set that agenda from hereon. It’s one that won’t allow the parties to steal good policies, pretend to implement them, then spend four or five years doing something completely different. It’s one that will demonstrate how these people do exactly that. It is one that will embarrass and shame those that belittle the people they are elected to serve and dismiss democracy as a minor inconvenience to be suffered.

We will serve - both in political office and out - the British people. We will be fearless in the face of the media, and create our own. We will bring radical reform, one that ends with us changing the way we do politics in this country forever.

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