



# INDEPENDENTS FEDERATION UK MANIFESTO

## "POWER TO THE PEOPLE"

### **Our aims include:**

Reforming our democracy to change the people's relationship with the state by holding referendums on:

- The status of the UK within the EU (UK Electorate)
- Setting up an English Parliament (English electorate)
- The status of Scotland within the UK (Scottish electorate)
- Giving the Welsh Assembly similar powers to the Scottish Parliament (Welsh electorate)
- Reducing the number of MPs by a third (from 650 to 433)
- Changing Commons elections to proportional representation
- Requiring referendums on petition by 5% of the electorate

Legislating for the following policies and then having an authorising referendum before they become law:

- Limiting government borrowing to 10% of expenditure
- Protecting bank customer deposits from casino banking
- Limiting benefits to 80% of the after tax minimum wage
- Sentencing violent criminals to "army style" punishment
- Limiting UK troops in Afghanistan to the NATO average
- Requiring private medical insurance for non-EU citizens
- Establishing 10 year residence requirement for UK Citizenship
- Requiring stores to let customers leave excess packaging

### Strengthening Parliament:

- MPs to be free to vote in line with their best judgment on issues not in their manifesto
- MPs to be paid according to civil service pay scales
- MPs to serve for only three full terms of five years
- Elected Representatives (Prevention of Deception) Act to be passed

- Independent Politicians Complaints Commission to be set up
- Cap donations to political parties
- Members of Select Committees to be elected by MPs
- Gold-plating of EU directives to be stopped
- General elections to take place every five years

#### Improving the Running of Government:

- The House of Commons to elect the Prime Minister
- Prime Minister to appoint junior ministers jointly with Cabinet Ministers
- Departments to be run by a Board
- Government statistics to be published by an independent body

This is of course not a traditional Party Manifesto, where the Parties already represented in parliament generally publish a 40-50 page document detailing all the new legislation and changes to current legislation that they will introduce if they form the Government. Needless to say the Independents Federation is not aiming to form a Government in its own right. Our aim is to replace dishonest MPs, Career Politicians and Party Hacks with people who not only have a much wider and deeper experience of industry, commerce, the professions and voluntary organisations, but are dedicated and committed to the principle of serving their communities and the country, instead of increasing their own personal wealth.

The "Manifesto" above is therefore a list of the ways in which we genuinely believe our present system can, and needs to be improved, and all the Independent MPs that you elect will discuss these issues with all the other parties, and try to reach a sensible consensus on what is in the best interests of the country as a whole.

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