

Gordon Brown Premiership has been mainly characterised with some appointments of Conservatives as government advisors. Assuming people are not naive enough to actually believe there is no political motive behind these appointments, it may be worth looking at the massive u-turns that have taken place in Labour thinking on these two individuals, now welcomed with open arms.

One of the Conservative MP's appointed by Brown is John Bercow, who was once national chairman of the then ultra-right Federation of Conservative Students, with none other than Norman Tebbit pulling the plug on the FCS for its riotous vandalism of Loughborough University. Later a political advisor to the disgraced Jonathan Aitken, Bercow, was once described by Tony Blair as "nasty and ineffectual in equal quantity."

The second MP to be appointed by Gordon Brown is one Patrick Mercer who was sacked in March 2007 by David Cameron for comments about racism in the Army. At the time the Labour Armed Forces Minister stated; "Racist abuse can have no place in any walk of life, and it is appalling and inappropriate for any politician, never mind a senior Tory MP like Patrick Mercer, to suggest this is just the way it is in the Army."

Why these two individual have joined the Brown team, albeit on the margins, is for them to explain. But it is bad start for Brown who seems pre-occupied with political manoeuvrings, with a dose of real New Labour hypocrisy as shown above, rather than addressing the massive problems facing this country.

The fanfare that also greeted the political defection to Labour, some months ago, of the unlikely Quentin Davies, certainly took me by surprise, as embarrassment would have been a much more appropriate reaction. I cannot think of a greater compliment to David Cameron, for having attended many Conservative Party Conferences I used to look and listen to Quentin Davies and wonder how I occupied the same planet as him, let alone the same political party. It is also very interesting to read what Davies once said about his new-found friend Gordon Brown, then Chancellor; " ..he is not prudent and responsible and not a person to be entrusted with the management of anybody's finances, let alone the country's..." .

The ever-available Davies was once described by a national political journalist as " one of the most abjectly unimpressive of a pretty abjectly unimpressive bunch.." Those Labour activists, who still claim to be radical or socialist, yet who also gloat at these additions to Brown's "team," should instead start asking themselves the same question I had to face, namely; " how on earth am I in the same political Party as Quentin Davies? "

It is their problem now and I for one was pleased and relieved to see his type feel at home in their Party and not mine.

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