

I believe the vast majority of people when judging their political leaders are not remotely concerned where that person lives, how much money they have got or where they went to school. The voters of this country did not have the slightest of intention of electing as their Prime Minister, William Hague, Iain Duncan Smith or Neil Kinnock, not due to their education or financial background, but because all three were perceived as unsuitable material for the job.

The recent immature, class-based, personalised attacks on Mayor of London Boris Johnson and the victorious Conservative candidate in Crewe and Nantwich Edward Timpson, along with those directed at David Cameron himself, suggests that these issues are still a big hang-up for a number of people within the Labour Party. Yet many of those who shout loudest, ironically, went to private schools themselves and have much more money in their bank accounts than your average citizen.

A shame this because I thought those days of spite were long-gone and I gave Tony Blair a good deal of credit for this. However hypocrisy and double-standards once again prevail in the Labour Party under Gordon Brown, the sure sign they are turning nasty and negative when the going gets tough.

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