

## **THE MONSTER RAVING TORY PARTY**

### **FIVE DAYS TO B-DAY**

**What is the point of the Tory (Irish for robber) Party? It long ago saw itself as conserving the stability of society. It is a traditionalist party. In other words it maintained social stratification. Yes, a few bottom rung people were allowed from time to time to climb a little of the ladder. That is necessary to avoid social disturbance. We can't have that. Overall, however, the rich man controlled the castle while the poor man sat at the gate.**

In the nineteenth century the Tories were especially adept at spotting signs of discontent and capturing them. Much of this was about dealing with pressure for widening the franchise. Robert Peel and later Disraeli were especially good at this. It meant that they could pose as reformers while actually watering down those reforms. They eased the pressure.

By the way, remembering school history lessons, the word 'reform' used to stand for good stuff. The likes of Blair and Gove in particular gave us deform but always remembered to call it reform. Most of our media continues to fall for that trick.

Disraeli even captured the working class. I can remember when half the MPs in Liverpool were Tory. Who voted them in? The working class did. Imagine voting to stay on the bottom rung of the ladder.

And now? Are the Tories themselves stable? May the fourth marks the anniversary of Thatcher becoming prime minister. Particularly from her second administration she set about destroying the Tory Party by getting rid of the 'wets'. Remember that word? In an interview with Womens Own she told us that there was no such thing as society. It was all about the individual. The result has been bad for society and now we have an extremely unstable Monster Raving Tory Party.

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