

Support Tony Blair!

Leftist Oliver Kamm is **supporting Tony Blair by voting Conservative** for the first time in his life.

Those of **us** who can are **supporting Tony Blair by voting Labour** for the first time in our lives.

UPDATE: Due to the historic nature of this event we thought it appropriate to present the following evidence of our intention.





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I was also intending to vote

I was also intending to vote Labour to show support for Blair's handling of the war. But I thought it best to check first that the candidate wasn't a stopper, so I wrote to him saying that the war was a fundamental issue for me and that I thought Blair deserved immense credit for his whole approach over it. I went on to ask the candidate, if had he been in Parliament at the time, would he have voted for war and if so did he still support it.

That was last week. Having heard nothing I wrote again. When nothing happened again I wrote to the regional office. They said they would forward my note, but I still didn't get a reply. I've written again this evening, but don't hold out much hope of a response.

The polls open in about 8 hours. Who do I vote for?

by Christopher Price on Wed, 05/04/2005 - 23:00 | [reply](#)

How to decide

There are several web sites devoted to analysing MPs' voting records and other attributes. [Here's](#) one where you can look up your own MP. For those who don't know who their candidates are, you can find out [here](#), for instance. If the candidate you want to know about is not the outgoing MP, you can almost certainly still ascertain their opinions on key issues by searching the web.

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And being called Dave Jones he is not the easiest person to google. At the moment Im thinking despite Blair I cant vote for him coz he is such coward. I mean what sort of a candidate wont tell his electors his views on the biggest issue going?

by Christopher Price on Thu, 05/05/2005 - 00:01 | [reply](#)

What does it mean?

Now that it's over, can someone who understands british politics explain what happened? I keep hearing that it's a victory and a defeat for Blair, etc.

Gil

by **Gil** on Fri, 05/06/2005 - 16:06 | [reply](#)

Re: What does it mean?

The best thing one can say about it is that it could have been a lot worse.

But it was a bad night. In the words of **Oliver Kamm**:

The election overall has been a bad one for liberalism in its broadest sense. In individual constituencies, there is much more to regret than to welcome.

[...]

Overall, I am afraid there is no escaping the conclusion that Tony Blair irrevocably damaged his political standing by committing troops to the Iraq war; had the war not taken place, we can reasonably assume that he would have enjoyed a substantial - and given its unprecedented character in Labour politics - triumphant third election victory. Many, probably almost all, Labour supporters would regard this as an indictment of the PM. I regard it as a measure of the man's political stature.

Indeed.

by **Editor** on Fri, 05/06/2005 - 16:41 | [reply](#)