

BACK CORBYN: START THE FIGHTBACK NOW

There is now a straight fight for Labour leader between Jeremy Corbyn and Owen Smith.

Despite talk of being as 'radical as Corbyn' Smith has previously backed NHS privatisation and never came out clearly against the illegal war in Iraq, a war that cost hundreds of thousands of lives.

In contrast Corbyn clearly opposes Tory austerity and privatisation, backs the trade unions and campaigned against the Iraq war.

He has stood up against the new Tory leader Theresa May's attempts to use racism and scapegoating to divide our side.

Labour

Whether you are a Labour Party member or not this is an important fight for everyone.

It's not just about Corbyn as an individual – it's about the policies he represents.

The question is will the Labour Party fight for a better society or retreat to the days of Blair and Brown, when the party loved up to big business and the warmongers.

Some say Corbyn is unelectable.

That's rich coming from people like the former Labour leader Ed Milliband who led the party to electoral humiliation last time round.

If working class people are going to vote Labour in big numbers it will be because the party has policies that will change their lives for the better.

The fight for the future of Labour can't be carried out behind closed doors. Corbyn and his team are at



Crowds flood into Parliament Square to oppose the coup launched by the Parliamentary Labour Party Photo: Guy Smallman

their weakest inside the Parliamentary Labour Party – and they are strongest as part of the movement outside Westminster.

So while the fight for Labour leader goes on over the summer it's crucial that the movement against the Tories is also growing.

That means we all need to build for the demo at the Tory party conference

in Birmingham on 2 October called by the People's Assembly.

And it means backing every strike and protest – like the big Black Lives Matter demos that have swept across Britain in recent weeks.

But it also means learning the lesson that if and when Jeremy Corbyn is reelected as leader, the real power to stop the Tories will still be outside parliament.

It's a long time until 2020 and the next general election. We can't afford to wait until then.

Strikes

The national strikes planned by teachers and lecturers for the autumn must be the start of an escalating fightback by our side.

Theresa May and co want to ram through more cuts and austerity, whatever they say about defending working class families.

But the Tories are bitterly divided, and we can break them. Backing Corbyn is one part of this wider fight – to kick the Tories out, and mobilise our side to end austerity for good.

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The Socialist Workers Party works with everyone who opposes austerity, racism and war. We defend Jeremy Corbyn against the Labour right. But we believe the real power to get rid of this lousy system—capitalism—lies outside parliament. Our power is in the workplaces, the colleges, in working class communities and on the streets.

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