The Conservative and Unionist Party Manifesto 2017

Forward, Together
Our Plan for a Stronger Britain and a Prosperous Future
"The next five years are the most challenging that Britain has faced in my lifetime.

Brexit will define us: our place in the world, our economic security and our future prosperity.

So now more than ever, Britain needs a strong and stable government to get the best Brexit deal for our country and its people.

Now more than ever, Britain needs strong and stable leadership to make the most of the opportunities Brexit brings for hardworking families.

Now more than ever, Britain needs a clear plan.

This manifesto, Forward, Together: Our Plan for a Stronger Britain and a Prosperous Future will meet the great challenges of our time, beyond Brexit.

With this plan and with a strong hand through Brexit, we will build a stronger, fairer, more prosperous Britain, for all of us."
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5 Big Challenges

1. The need for a strong economy
2. Brexit and the changing world
3. Enduring social divisions
4. An ageing society
5. Fast changing technology.
1. A Strong Economy That Works For Everyone

Theresa May’s Conservatives will deliver

- A strong economy

  This will be built on good public finances.

  Lower taxes.

  Better regulation

  And free trade deals with countries around the world.
• A new deal for working people

To give them a decent living wage

And new rights and protections in the workplace.
• Governance of public companies

This will be built on new rules for when a company takes over another company.

Looking into executive pay

And getting workers to be part of company boards.
• Growth across the country

This will be through our modern industrial strategy

Investment in **infrastructure**

Road

Rail

Airports

And broadband
Investment in skills

And research and development.

- Cheaper energy costs

  This will happen after a new and fair look into the cost of energy.

- Wealthy towns and cities

  Making sure we have government offices and national museums all over the UK
2. A Strong and United Nation in a Changing World

Theresa May’s Conservatives will deliver

- The best deal for Britain

  We will get the best deal we can as we leave the European Union.

  This will be done with a smooth and orderly Brexit.

- A strong and stable Union

  There will not be a Scottish referendum at this time.
• A United Kingdom Shared Prosperity Fund

Money we get back from leaving the EU (European Union) will be spent on all 4 nations. The 4 nations are England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland.

• Global leadership on development

This will be done by spending 0.7 per cent of our national income.

And with new rules on how to spend it.
Strong defence

By meeting our **NATO** target of at least 2 **per cent** of **GDP**

And increase spending by at least **half a per cent** more than inflation every year.

**NATO** means **North Atlantic Treaty Organisation**. This is a military agreement of 28 countries.

**GDP** means **Gross Domestic Product**. It measures the total value of all goods made and services provided during a set length of time.
• Security from crime and terrorism

We will have a new national police force to deal with serious crime.

A stronger response to **white collar crime**.  
This is a non-violent crime  
It is a way to get money  
For example: Fraud

A world-leading counter-terrorism strategy.
3. The World’s Great Meritocracy

**Meritocracy** means you will have a fair chance to get as far as you can with your skills and hard work. It is not about how much money you have or your social status.

Theresa May’s Conservatives will deliver

- **More good school places**

  End the ban on selective schools

  Ask universities and independent to help run state schools.

  Change unfair rules so new Catholic schools can open
• World class technical education

New institutes of technology
They will have the same freedoms that make our universities great.

• A government not afraid to confront unfairness

Look at the pay gap between men and women

The unfairness because of where you are from, your religion or gender

Provide a free school breakfast for every child in Primary school
The stigma of mental health

And disability discrimination.

- **Protections for victims of domestic abuse in law**

  A new landmark Domestic Violence and Abuse Bill.

- **Fairer markets for consumers**

  Cut the cost of living
  
  Put a price cap in place to stop energy customers from getting large rises in bills.
Control migration

They will lower the level of migration from 273,000 people a year to tens of thousands.

Migration means people coming from outside of Britain to live, work and study here.
4. A Restored Contract between the Old and Young

Theresa May’s Conservatives will deliver

- Good public finances

  This will be done by better money management.

  And a balanced budget by the middle of the next decade.

- Annual increases in the state pension

  This is through a new **Double Lock**

  It will start in **2020**.

**Double Lock** means that pensions will go up in line with the earnings that pay for them.

Or in line with inflation.

This is decided on the highest amount.
• Respect and safety in old age

A long-term solution for elderly care to protect people’s savings.

The poorest pensioners will continue to get help with their bills.

• Great healthcare

They will give the **NHS (National Health Service)**

More money

Better buildings

And more nurses, midwives, doctors, carers and other health professionals.
• Homes for all

This will include a new type of fixed-term council housing.

It will be linked to a new Right to Buy plan.

We will provide specialist housing where it is needed.

This could be housing for older people.

• Great childcare

There will be thousands of new nursery places a year.
5. Success and Security in a Digital Age

Theresa May’s Conservatives will deliver

• The world’s most dynamic digital economy

Help digital businesses get the money, skills and people they need to succeed.

• Safety for people’s data online

There will be a new data protection law.

• Safety for children online

New rights to make social media companies delete information about young people as they turn 18.
• Digital government and public services

To use data and digital technology to change school choices, local services and issues like planning and social care.

• New rules for the digital economy

This will be supported by a national ruling and an international partnership.

• Security online

There will be a lot of money spent on cyber security and stronger cyber standards for government and public services.
Conclusion

This is our plan for a stronger Britain and a successful future.

This is what we see for the future

A nation united

Shared opportunities

Safe, vibrant and sustainable communities
A Great **Meritocracy**

This is where everyone, in every part of our country, is given the chance to go wherever their skills will take them.

This is a period of great national change.

We will only reach our goals if we have strong and stable leadership.

**Theresa May** and her team will get the best possible deal with the European Union.
They will plan a course to a new global future.

Now is the time to show our strength as a nation and the character of our united people.

We shall succeed, if we go forward, together.

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