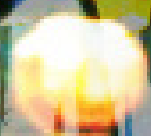


SPEAKING IN GREY



THE BOOK OF THE DEAD



TEN YEARS

Since the Tories reentered Downing St in 2010, the political landscape of the UK has shifted intensely. There has not been a more divisive decade in Modern British politics for a long time, and the spectrum of values and morals within our country has split families and friends apart. Food bank usage is at an all time high, class division is rampant across every town and city, and it can be argued that Johnson and his team are there to fend purely for themselves and their banker mates. Their reign over the United Kingdom has produced socio-economic issues that will take years to undo, but they still stand tall with a landslide majority of 80 seats. So why are they still in? Think back to 2016. Former Tory chief of operations David Cameron reignites the conversation on what we come to know as 'Brexit', as he jokes about the possibility of a referendum on leaving the EU with the Lib Dems benchers. It's almost hard to believe that a laugh between the cabinet members leading a wishy washy coalition government led to one of the most intense political debates in history. This debate between Cameron and the benchers forced him to go in whole hog and form a mandate on whether a referendum was needed, and then the fighting talk began. The Leave campaign emerged and was brought up by figureheads of the hard right, as a way to filter their oppressive regimes into the British public - many caught onto this but some were persuaded by the larger than

life tale of lies they told surrounding leaving the EU 'for good'. The Tory party decided to market themselves as the party that would provide Brexit with a deal, and their made up facts and figures won over the public, as Vote Leave won by a 4% majority. A joke that spawned into a hellish political war would not be too bad of a description for the modern Tory party, however, critical errors were made by Labour and the left in fighting against Brexit, that was always destined to tear things apart. From my own experience during the most tense moments of the referendum, I saw that many people in my working class town felt ignored by the system, and saw Brexit as a way to make some sort of change, bad or good, for themselves. It was a decision that they themselves got to make, after years of being left for dead by previous governments, and the rhetoric that the Leave campaign created was spread across working class areas like wildfire. They managed to convince millions of people who were disadvantaged the the Tory government that they were having their livelihoods taken from them by refugees and the EU, and it worked massively. People who had voted Labour all their lives saw that the party was completely split and were fumbling around trying to decide their position, and this gave time for the Brexiteers to swoop in and lie to good working people. The consequences were

WHO'S NEXT?

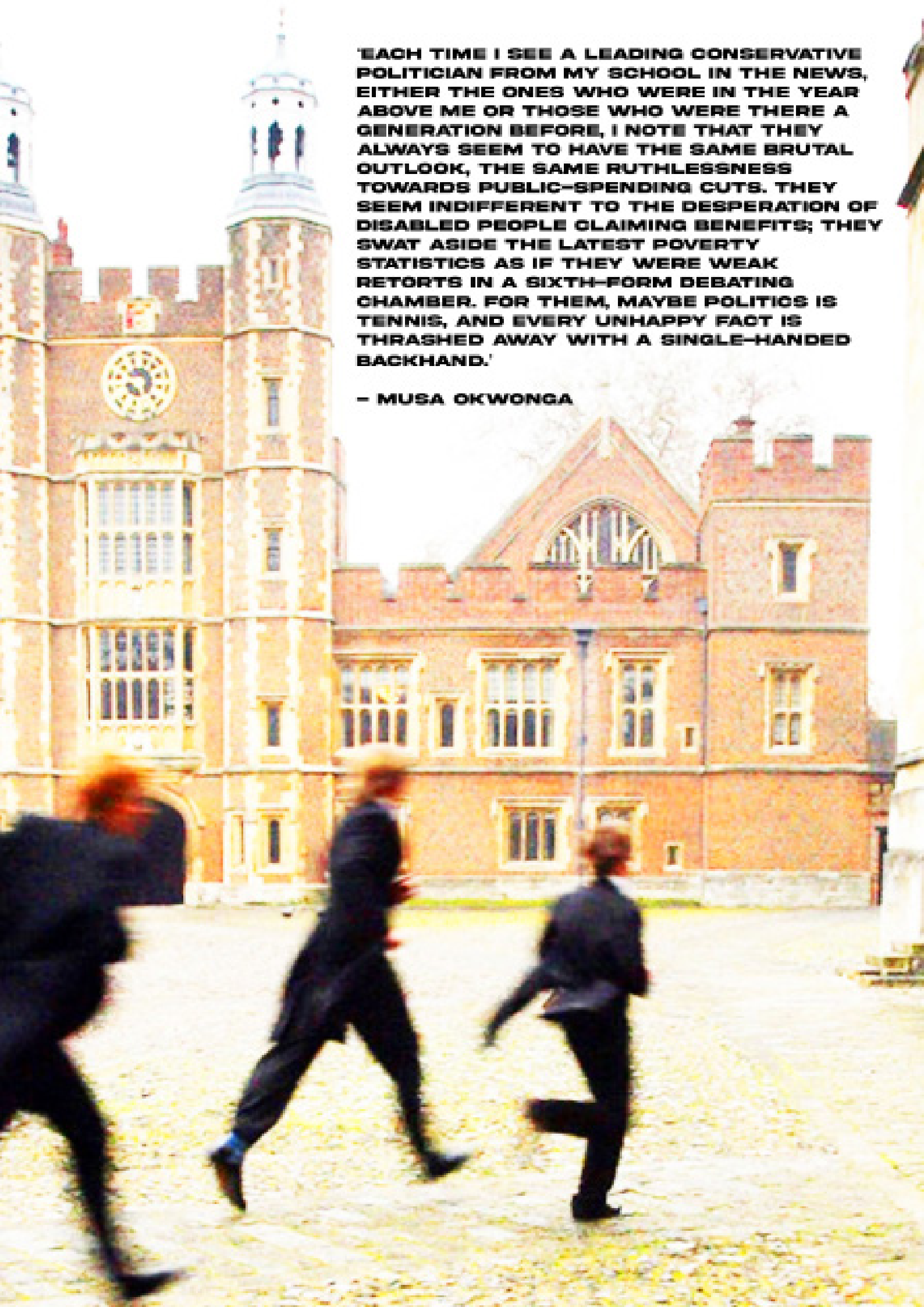
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IT HAS BEEN A YEAR FULL OF THOUGHTS, PRAYERS, AND HOSTILITY IN THE POLITICAL LANDSCAPE OF OUR COUNTRY. MANY OF US HAVE FOUND NO WAY TO DIFFERENTIATE FROM SOME OF THE MAIN PARTIES BUT ALL WE CAN RECOGNISE IS THAT SOMETHING IS FUNDAMENTALLY WRONG WITH HOW OUR COUNTRY IS RUN. THE PANDEMIC HAS BROUGHT THIS ABOUT GREATLY, AS EVERYDAY MORE FLOOD TO FOOD BANKS AND INDIVIDUALS BECOME DEHOUSED CONSISTENTLY THROUGHOUT EVERY AREA OF THE COUNTRY. THEREFORE WE BEGIN TO ASK OURSELVES, HOW ARE THINGS GOING TO CHANGE?

THE FACTS AND FIGURES SPEWED FROM THE GOVERNMENT ARE UTTERLY MIND NUMBING AND CAN EASILY BE DEBUNKED, AS THEY ARE USUALLY PRODUCED MANUALLY FROM A TINY ROOM FULL OF FLAT TONED BUSINESSMEN WHO WANT TO CONTINUE TO PULL IN DONORS FOR THE TORY PARTY. THE WAY YOU SHOULD JUDGE YOUR OWN POINT OF VIEW IS THROUGH WALKING AROUND YOUR LOCAL AREA. TRY AND POINT OUT AS MANY THINGS AS YOU CAN THAT HAVE WORSENERD IN THE PAST TEN YEARS - PERHAPS AN OLD PUB THAT YOU USED TO FREQUENT THAT GOT RECYCLED INTO AN ARTISAN COFFEE SHOP OR SOMEONE YOU USED TO KNOW STRUGGLING WITH MASSIVE ISSUES SUCH AS DRUG OR ALCOHOL ABUSE. IT'S EXTREMELY LIKELY THAT YOU PERSONALLY WILL FIND SOMETHING THAT HAS BEEN NEGATIVELY AFFECTED BY THE ECONOMIC DOWNTURN CAUSED BY THE CURRENT GOVERNMENT, AND WE HAVE ALL IN ONE WAY OR ANOTHER BECOME COMPLACENT TO

THIS. A LOT OF VOTERS WILL SIMPLY CAST THEIR OPINION JUST BASED ON THEIR INNER CIRCLE OF POLITICAL THOUGHTS, BUT I WOULD ENCOURAGE ANYONE TO BRANCH OUT THEIR THINKING TO FORM THEIR VOTE. WATCH THE TONE OF THE RICH TORY BUSINESSMEN WHO CHOOSE TO IGNORE THE PEOPLE WHO ARE WORKING 60+ HOURS A WEEK JUST TO PUT MINIMAL FOOD ON THEIR FAMILIES TABLE. THE PEOPLE AT THE TOP OF THE TORIES, NO MATTER HOW RELATABLE THEY TRY TO BE, WILL NEVER CARE ABOUT THE STRUGGLE OF THOSE BELOW, AND THAT IS EXACTLY WHY WE AS A PEOPLE CAN FORCE IN ANYTHING BUT THEM.

THIS BRINGS ME ONTO THE NEXT QUESTION, WHO ELSE? I HAVE FOUND THIS QUITE HARD TO EVEN CONCLUDE MYSELF, BUT IT WILL ALWAYS RETURN TO THE MAIN POINT. WE LIVE IN A COUNTRY WITH A TWO PARTY SYSTEM, AND WHICHEVER SIDE WILL FORCE OUT THIS CORRUPT GOVERNMENT MUST BE THE ONES WE CHOOSE. THE CURRENT STATE OF THE LABOUR PARTY IS DREARY AND UNINSPIRING, HOWEVER, THEY HAVE MEMBERS SUCH AS ANGELA RAYNER, WHO UNDERSTAND BEING A PART OF THE WORKING CLASS AND GENUINELY WANT TO PUT UP A FIGHT, AND THIS IS SERVING AS SOME SORT OF HOPE. THIS GLIMMER OF HOPE IN THE PARTY COULD BE THE PUSH TO GET THEM INTO DOWNING STREET AND TEAR UP THE POLICIES THAT HAVE CRIPPLED THE LOWER CLASSES FOR YEARS. I ENCOURAGE EVERYONE TO SUPPORT THIS FIGHT BACK AGAINST WHAT WE KNOW, AS A WAY TO LIBERATE YOURSELF AND OTHERS AROUND YOU, AND TO LEAD TO A BETTER LIFE FOR ANYONE IN BRITAIN.



'EACH TIME I SEE A LEADING CONSERVATIVE POLITICIAN FROM MY SCHOOL IN THE NEWS, EITHER THE ONES WHO WERE IN THE YEAR ABOVE ME OR THOSE WHO WERE THERE A GENERATION BEFORE, I NOTE THAT THEY ALWAYS SEEM TO HAVE THE SAME BRUTAL OUTLOOK, THE SAME RUTHLESSNESS TOWARDS PUBLIC-SPENDING CUTS. THEY SEEM INDIFFERENT TO THE DESPERATION OF DISABLED PEOPLE CLAIMING BENEFITS; THEY SWAT ASIDE THE LATEST POVERTY STATISTICS AS IF THEY WERE WEAK RETORTS IN A SIXTH-FORM DEBATING CHAMBER. FOR THEM, MAYBE POLITICS IS TENNIS, AND EVERY UNHAPPY FACT IS THRASHED AWAY WITH A SINGLE-HANDED BACKHAND.'

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SO LET'S BEGIN.

**BORIS IS A TW^T FOR THE THIRD TIME THIS
WEEK,
NEW RECORD.**

**STARMER SITS ON A FENCE FOR A BIT LONGER,
SAYS HE FINDS IT "QUITE COMFY".**

**THE POOR GET SHAFTED BY SOME BIG PINK
MAN IN A HUGE CHAIR WITH MORE MONEY
THAN SENSE.**

PIERS MORGAN SCREAMS INTO A VOID AGAIN.

**RICHARD BRANSON IS ON HOLIDAY
SOMEWHERE, REQUESTING POCKET MONEY TO
HELP HIM SHIP SOME OF HIS CASH OFF TO THE
MOON.**

**PRITI PATEL JOINS A HORDE OF ANGRY
DWARVES TO BEAT UP INNOCENT BABIES WITH
A STICK.**

**MEGHAN MARKLE DID SOMETHING INCREDIBLY
NORMAL! 'WHAT A COW!' MAN SITTING IN A
PUB SAYS.**

**MATT HANCOCK DRINKS PINT, LOOKS LIKE A
KNOB.**

THAT SHOULD COVER THE FRONT PAGES.



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