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Question: *After all the fuss, what did you make of the election results in May, 2010?*

Answer: In one way, it provided something different to the average election result. In another way, it provided very much the same as before.

What we have had in British politics since 1997 is a blend of political smoothness which I find disappointing.

The result of all this palaver is that political differences between the parties are not based on principles or ethics or moral values, but simply on “what can we say that will appeal to the voters more?”

This process, and this is just one aspect of modern practices which offend, makes a mockery out of democracy. Rather than good, honest and principled political directions from the parties, we now have Blaircamercleggmiliballs.

Just look at them!



I have decided to coin a phrase! So remember that you read it in Magna first! Here it is:-

Blaircamercleggmiliballs.

I have printed it in larger type to help you read it.

Blaircamercleggmiliballs is what we have had for 20 years and still have in British politics. It is a mish-mash, a pot-pourri of “You tell us what our policies should be because we haven’t a clue” politics.

In the good old days, political parties stood for something. They developed policies which, when elections came along, they put before the public and made an invitation for people to vote for them.

It was a good system. It worked well. Sometimes you won, sometimes you lost. Either way, you knew where you were and so did everyone else.

Nowadays, politicians sneak out and about the country, inviting unsuspecting voters to say what they think about this policy or that aspect of another policy. Then they go back to Headquarters and tailor their policies according to what Joe Public said. Focus groups they are called. Horrendous!

They all look like mates, school chums, and not a cigarette paper could be put between them! All of them, apart from David Milliband, were educated at private, fee-paying schools and all of them have little experience of what it is like being poor in Britain today.

Ah, you noticed someone missing?

Yes, Gordon Brown!

I didn’t include Gordon Brown in the list because, as I am sure you will have noticed, he is quite different to the Blaircamercleggmiliballs. That explains why he was, when Prime Minister, so vilified by the press. He went to State schools and was a “son of the Manse”. He was a brilliant and long-serving Chancellor of the Exchequer, and he was a man who, because he didn’t fit the shape left by Tony Blair, was destined to be abandoned by the voters.

It is so odd that while people moaned about the “plastic” Tony Blair, they never warmed to the real human being following him as PM who was Gordon Brown. I suspect that the country may one day regret the election result of 2010.

Our loss.