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A City View Of Corbyn And Cooper



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Labour leadership contenders Jeremy Corbyn and Yvette Cooper have attracted attention from the City of London. Last week, the commuter freesheet *City A.M.* **reported on** both Corbyn's business policies and Cooper's boardroom policies. Surprisingly, Corbyn's are nowhere near as bad as New Labour supporters would have us believe, but unsurprisingly, Cooper's is the usual feminist idiocy.

Here is what Corbyn proposes:

- Small business rate freeze and a modest increases in corporation tax
- A National Investment Bank
- Digital infrastructure investment
- Support for self-employed equivalent to the same security recieved by employees
- Rent controls for business premises
- A National Education Service
- Devolved power over transport infrastructure
- Increase disposable income through raising minimum wage
- Clamp down on corporate tax
- Green energy investment

It reads well, certainly for small businesses, but there are two major flaws with it: he wants to raise the minimum wage *and* clamp down on corporation tax. The former, he believes, will increase disposable income. And the latter? By both forcing companies to pay their staff more *and* confiscating more of their profits through predatory taxation, he will be squeezing them at both ends. It is truly amazing how this total idiocy is perpetuated unceasingly; if you do not understand why raising the minimum wage is so bad, check [this](#) out. And check out the only [real solution](#). On the other hand, if Corbyn's plan of [QE for the people](#) were put into place, that might just achieve something.

What does Yvette Cooper propose? Although she comes from a far from privileged background, Cooper has never had a proper job. After earning a masters degree in economics she spent some time in the States including working for Bill Clinton, which raises an interesting speculation, but best not go there.



Yvette Cooper (Image Credits: Steve Punter)

Here, she became active in Labour politics and is in fact married to Ed Balls, who has worked in the Treasury. And her solution to our current malaise? Women. Unfortunately, [in the boardroom](#)

rather than the bedroom. She believes women suffer discrimination, a strange thing to say in view of her own prowess, and she wants to overcome this mythical discrimination by...you guessed it, discrimination, only she calls it positive discrimination.

As well as pushing women into the boardroom, she wants to further empower working women by advancing free universal childcare. Wait a minute, isn't this the woman who has a Masters in Economics? If so she should have learned the first lesson: sunshine is free, everything else comes with a price tag.

In a recent speech, Cooper lambasted the white men who run the country (and the world); it's time for a change she said, which could mean a female Labour Prime Minister. She was careful to stress Labour Prime Minister, because doubtless Margaret Thatcher was in the back of her mind.

Finally, she wants sex education to begin in schools at the age of seven. That might not be a bad idea, let's teach kids in particular the dangers of the homosexual lifestyle. As a mother of three including a son, she must surely agree with that. No? Back to the drawing board then.

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