

## Tony Blair's Former Propagandist: "Referendums Are Dangerous in a Parliamentary Democracy"

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In an interview with Hala Gorani of <u>CNN</u>, the man who served as Tony (the war criminal) Blair's Director of Communications from 1997 to 2003, Alastair Campbell, denounced referendums as a danger to democracy. Campbell is clearly enraged that the British people had the audacity to vote against the wishes of the establishment; and his remarks are the epitome of elitist thinking – which holds that ordinary people are too stupid to make important decisions on their own.

We pick the conversation up just after Campbell discusses the surge in working class people who voted for Brexit in the UK, and are supporting Donald Trump in the US:

*Gorani*: "Is that a failure of the establishment in not having responded for decades to real concerns of how globalisation has hurt common, ordinary workers?"

*Campbell*: "Absolutely it is. But the point is... this is why referendums... I said this the day after the last general election; I was on BBC Question Time and the first question was will Britain leave the EU? I said I hoped not, because I hope the British people will save the politicians from themselves; and I said then and was howled down for being antidemocratic: referendums are dangerous in a parliamentary democracy."

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*Gorani*: "Why is that?"

*Campbell*: "Because we've had a referendum in one of the most ill-informed, lying debates that I can ever recall anywhere in the world. We've been like a banana republic in the last few days; this has been a joke."

So in Campbell's view, the Brexit referendum is "dangerous" because the people of Britain had been lied to by the leave campaign in the run-up to the vote. This is coming from the man who was a pivotal figure in disseminating the tsunami of lies, fear and war propaganda in order to convince the public that Britain had to launch the most destructive war of the 21st century: the illegal invasion of Iraq in 2003. The man who was an integral part of pushing the slogan that the West was 'bringing democracy to the Middle East;' believes a democratic vote in Britain is "dangerous."

Campbell was responsible for circulating the two fraudulent dossiers – the September and the Iraq – into the mainstream media in order to convince the British people that Iraq had 'weapons of mass destruction.' It was revealed in 2010 that Campbell had ordered the September dossier to be <u>altered</u> to fit more in line with a speech from George (the war criminal) Bush in 2002, after Bush stated that Iraq would be able to build a nuclear bomb within a year, whereas the initial draft of the British dossier said it would be at least two years.

Campbell is also regurgitating the Orwellian propaganda line that is being spread throughout the Western media: that somehow a democratic referendum is undemocratic. Just because the vote flew in the face of the British establishment, the presstitutes are engaging in intellectual jujitsu in order to demonise the leave vote. Would they be doing so if Britain voted to remain in the EU? I think not.

The Guardian (which was pro-remain) is at the forefront of pushing this narrative. This is evident in their article titled: <u>Can we have our parliamentary democracy back please?</u> The article actually quotes former British PM, Clement Attlee, who said referendums have too "often been the instrument of Nazism and fascism." It's just ridiculous; this is spin on steroids – trying to associate a democratic referendum with fascism.

Considering the fact that Britain commits incessant crimes overseas in the name of democracy, it is abhorrent that the democratic wishes of the British people are being marginalized by the establishment.

The establishment is terrified of direct democracy, and giving the people votes on issues that actually matter. The majority of parliamentarians in the UK are in the pocket of special interests, and represent the interests of the people in no way, shape, or form.

In Britain's 'great parliamentary democracy,' the people were taken into a war (despite widespread public opposition) that killed and destroyed the lives of millions of innocent people in 2003. Britain's 'great parliamentary democracy' has brought the people a surveillance state beyond the Stasi's wildest dreams, in addition to involving Britain in Libya, Syria and countless other abominations. How can the people do any worse than our great parliamentarians?

The Western elite are terrified of democracy, and they view the wishes of the people as a danger to their rule. If the British people voted in favour of remaining within the EU, the establishment would not be demonising the vote as "dangerous" and fascistic.

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