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Dear Sir Christopher

I felt I had to write to you about how depressed, demoralised, dis-  
tressed, frustrated, angry and saddened I am about the continual de-  
terioration of standards not only in Parliament, but in practically  
all the public services in this country. I am ashamed to be British  
and ashamed of having worked in the NHS. Many people feel like me;  
M.P's appear to have learnt nothing at all from their expenses scandal.  
They think themselves above the law but if justice is not done, public  
confidence will be lost if it is not already. The electorate are extremely  
angry about what has happened especially when M.P's are costing us so much;  
for what? They are not fit for purpose and not value for money. They  
ought to be facing a court of law, otherwise it is one law for them and  
another for us.

There are far too many M.P's, (we have the highest number of legisla-  
tors in the world, at least half should go.) Also they do not represent  
us in any way. Once they are elected, they follow their own agenda; they  
are supposed to be servants of the people. How do they expect the public  
to have any respect for them? I have not any, M.P's should have to earn  
respect.

I suggest:

- a) M.P's should have experience of life and been in business before being  
elected.
  - b) They should have some sort of qualifications.
  - c) If they fail to come up to standard, including Government Ministers,  
they ought to be dismissed like anybody else. This should make them far  
more accountable and raise standards. The former is completely lacking.
  - d) They should not be allowed to have second jobs because they should be  
attending Parliament regularly at all times, otherwise their pay should  
be cut.
  - e) They should not be allowed to decide their own pay, pensions, expenses  
or holidays. Who else is allowed to do this??
- The majority of M.P's and Government ministers are completely detached  
from reality treating the public as if they are fools or children or both.

In every sphere of public sector, taxpayers are treated with complete  
and utter contempt. e.g. The BBC blatantly abusing licence payers money  
holding a retirement party which cost £1,000's; why? There is always money  
for M.P's for whatever they want but as for us, the public, it is a com-  
pletely different ball game. Everything has become so terribly unfair with  
ever increasing taxes for the poor and middle classes but not the wealthy.  
We are subsidising people far better off than ourselves; ( I am a pensioner.)  
There are no standards now in this country, Britain having the worst record  
in Europe for practically everything that is bad. e.g. infections in hospi-  
tals, children detained in prison, highest teenage pregnancies and being  
encouraged, highest number of binge drinkers, etc., etc.

I think it is quite appalling; what messages and standards are M.P's giving  
to our younger generation? Anything goes. The quality of an M.P. has greatly  
deteriorated; all they are interested in is winning votes at any cost and  
in it for themselves, not us. They so obviously do not care about us or the  
country. Our quality of life has deteriorated

I feel desperately sorry for the younger generation in this country, ( I am glad I have no children,) they have nothing to look forward to only debt, ever increasing competition due to the ever ballooning birthrates at the same time water supplies are diminishing and food prices rocketing. It is nothing short of utter madness and idiocy. All our enjoyments of living are gradually being snuffed out due to unprecedented tax increases by Governments, due to the incompetence in particular of this Labour administration. They are completely and utterly hopeless and useless. They have no idea of standards or quality and would be incapable of even running a pixies teaparty, our freedoms are also being eroded thanks to Brussels, i.e.EU.

By writing to you, I am hoping and praying that you can make a difference and a big improvement for all of us. Surely things cannot get much worse; currently this country is like a third world country. If things do not improve, I can foresee thousands of people emigrating; people we can ill afford to lose.

Yours sincerely

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