

# Owen Jones is deserving left wing thinker of the year -...

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Readers of [Left Foot Forward](#) have voted Owen Jones, academic and author of “[Chavs: the Demonisation of the Working Class](#)”, as the most influential leftwing thinker of the year 2010/11. He came ahead of Caroline Lucas, Tom Watson and Polly Toynbee to take the top spot.

The full results are listed below:

- 1) Owen Jones (Academic, author and commentator)
- 2) Caroline Lucas (Leader of the Green Party)
- 3) Tom Watson (Media campaigner)
- 4) Polly Toynbee (Journalist)
- 5) Paul Krugman (Economist and opinion journalist)
- 6) Naomi Klein (Author and journalist)
- 7) Richard Murphy (Tax expert and blogger)**
- 8) Ed Miliband (Leader of the opposition)
- 9) Ken Livingstone (Mayoral candidate)
- 10) Mehdi Hasan (Journalist)
- 11) Nick Davies (Guardian media journalist)
- 12) Ed Balls (Shadow chancellor)
- 13) Will Hutton (Author and commentator)
- 14) The Disability Rights Community

- 15) Barack Obama (US President)
- 16) Peter Tatchell (Human rights campaigner)
- 17) Nicholas Shaxson (Author, researcher and campaigner)
- 18) Maurice Glasman (Academic, author and lord)
- 19) Alex Salmond (First Minister of Scotland)
- 20) Tony Blair (Middle East peace envoy)
- 21) Andrew Simms (Policy director of New Economics Foundation)
- 22) Vince Cable (Business Secretary)
- 23) Neil Lawson (Chair of think tank Compass)
- 24) Anthony Painter (Researcher and theorist)
- 25) Bernard-Henri Levy (Philosopher and commentator)
- 26) Dani Rodrick (Academic and tweeter)
- 27) Elizabeth Anderson (Philosopher)
- 28) Deborah Mattinson (Pollster)
- 29) Lane Kenworthy (Sociologist and blogger)
- 30) Jacob Hacker (Academic and author)

Congratulations to Owen and many thanks to those who voted for me.