

Is Boris Johnson trying to revive the nasty party?

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According to [Boris Johnson](#):

If you listen to the aspirations of the young people I meet around the world, you will find there is not a single successful global economy that would dream of implementing the semi-Marxist agenda of McDonnell and Corbyn of nationalisation and state control.

Which is pretty strange because Corbyn is proposing state owned railways, which are common the world over. And state owned utilities, which are similarly common. And low tuition fees. No state owned housing. Which are hardly radical: just look at Singapore if in doubt. And modest tax rates, lower than in most EU states. Plus some encouragement for alternative business structures, like co-ops, which many other countries encourage. And banking reform so that we might look just a bit more like Germany.

In fact, what's so noticeable about Corbyn and McDonnell is that they think British railways should be run by British state owned railways companies and not foreign state owned railways companies, like those of the Netherlands and Germany.

And that British power stations should be built by British state owned companies rather than French ones.

And on, and on.

To say Johnson was talking the sort of nonsense that inspires contempt in people on the street because they can see through it in an instant is to understate how crass this comment, and much of the speech, was.

And when he came to flat taxes, people will instinctively know (and rightly so) that only the wealthy might gain from these.

It's as if he wants to revive the nasty party. If that was the aim he was going the right way about it.

What's fascinating to watch is how a party, so recently so confident can have so badly lost its way.