

What is there to say in the day after it became apparent that the Tories are intent in foisting Boris Johnson on us as prime minister?

Let's leave personality aside here. What appeals to some may not appeal to others. Let's just stick to facts and policies.

There are two facts above all others that are relevant. He is a liar. His past employers have said so. His Tory bosses have said so. He lied in the referendum campaign and has never apologised.

So, question 1. Do we want a liar as PM?

Then there is the second fact. He is incompetent. He failed in London. The Garden Bridge is the best example, but there are ample others, and he failed again as Foreign Secretary. His staff and support ministers say so. And that we are in a Brexit mess is also proof. He was Foreign Secretary, after all.

So, question 2. Do we want someone who has only ever failed as prime minister?

Then let's move to policy. The man says he'll renegotiate Brexit by 31 October. The EU and his Tory colleagues all say this is impossible. But, I suggest he is not lying. He is deluded instead.

So, question 3. Do we want someone who is deluded as prime minister?

We should then note he is adamant we will leave the EU on 31 October if we have No Deal. The civil service say we are not ready for this and business says it will cause untold harm. But he ignores all the advice, irrespective of the harm it will cause.

So, question 4. Do we want a man as prime minister with such proven ability to ignore sound advice?

After Brexit with No Deal Johnson then says he will then break our international commitment to the EU to pay our outstanding budget contributions. He is, then, contemptuous of the importance of honouring undertakings given.

So, question 5. Do we want a man as prime minister who so willingly ignores commitments voluntarily given, and the risk that this will create for the UK's reputation when it will need all the help it can get?

Last, Boris has said "fuck business". This was, of course, to dismiss their opinion when they suggested his judgement as to his own best interest when compared to theirs might be wrong. I suspect it's not just business that he holds in contempt in this way.

So, question 6. Do we want a man as prime minister whose only concern is his own well being?

My own answer is unsurprising. But I defy anyone of reasonably sound mind (by which I mean anyone but a Tory MP fearful for their job or a Tory party member of retirement age and independent means) to think otherwise.

And so, question 7. How did we come to this?