

How far can Labour descend?

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The Labour Party has apparently [got another new MP](#), Natalie Elphicke, the Tory MP for Dover who succeeded her husband in holding this seat after he resigned as a result of accusations of having committed sex offences, for which he was later sentenced to prison, has defected from the Conservatives and crossed the floor of the House.

Elphicke has apparently claimed that she felt it necessary to depart from the Tories because of their ruinous policies. To that limited degree, I understand her position.

What I do not understand is why the Labour Party has accepted her application for membership. She has a history of making nasty attacks on migrants seeking entry into the UK after they have been given no choice but to do so by crossing the Channel in small boats when all other legal routes available to them have been blocked.

She is also, according to Jacob Rees-Mogg, one of the most right wing members of the Conservative party.

She has witnessed this through persistently supporting the nastiest of Tory legislation, without any apparent coercion from the Whips being required, based upon the observations that she has made.

She has also been suspended from the House for attempting to influence senior judges in November 2020 in her husband's sentencing appeal after his conviction for sexual assault.

The Labour Party now has an appalling track record of expelling its natural, long-term supporters who have had the slightest association with causes normally associated with the Party, including support for all oppressed people and the promotion of peace, as well as reconciliation between people living in any society. It is very hard to see how a great many of these expulsions could reasonably have been justified on the basis of behaviour that almost any person of left-wing inclination would have thought entirely reasonable. Now, however, it has accepted into membership a person who I, and many other reasonable people of no political persuasion, might think to hold deeply right-wing

views.

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