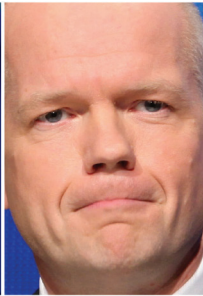


Conservative – key players and policies



Left to right: **David Cameron** (leader), **William Hague** (foreign affairs), **Baroness Sayeeda Warsi** (community), **George Osborne** (finance)

■ **Economy:** Will hold emergency budget within weeks of taking office. Harsh spending cuts in first year to reduce forecast £167 billion borrowing, without endangering economic recovery. **Create guarantee scheme to underwrite lending from banks to businesses. Protect health spending**

■ **Taxes:** Reverse Labour's planned National Insurance increase for those earning under £45,000. **Cut main rate of corporation tax from 28% to 25%**

■ **Banking sector:** Split retail and investment arms of banks – no bank should be allowed to become “too big to fail.” **Global insurance levy on banks to offset costs of future financial crises**

■ **Afghanistan:** Sustain current troop levels. **Establish war cabinet, which will include members of opposition, to oversee Britain's increasingly unpopular war**

■ **Social issues:** Tax breaks to married couples to promote family unit. Raise state pension age to 66. **Give police greater powers to search suspects, crack down on alcohol sales to under-age drinkers**

■ **Electoral reform:** In favour of cutting current 650 MPs to make parliament more effective. **Against proportional representation to replace first-past-the-post system**

■ **International aid:** Boost spending from current 0.56% to 0.7% of GDP