

# Sir Keir Starmer



■ **May 2015:** Elected to House of Commons as MP for London constituency of Holborn and St. Pancras.



Labour leader **Jeremy Corbyn** (above), appoints Starmer shadow home secretary

■ **Apr 2020:** Starmer elected Labour leader, winning **56%** of vote

■ **Mar 2021:** Starmer plans changes to Labour rules governing how party elects leaders by cutting influence of left-wing membership

■ **Sep:** Labour Party's 2021 conference in Brighton votes on Starmer's rule changes, which are roundly opposed by left within trade unions and constituencies.

Although he wins with margin of just **54-46%** of delegate votes at conference, Starmer emerges triumphant with tighter grip on party

■ **Jul 4, 2024:** Sir Keir Starmer leads Labour Party to landslide victory in General Election and is set to become new UK Prime Minister

■ **2007:** Marries **Victoria** (inset). Couple have son and daughter and live in North London

■ **2008-13:** Appointed **Director of Public Prosecutions (DPP)** and head of the **Crown Prosecution Service (CPS)** by then Labour government

■ **2010-12:** Starmer oversees prosecution of MPs for abusing their expenses, journalists for phone-hacking, and rioters involved in 2011 unrest across England

■ **2014:** Knighted by **Queen Elizabeth II** for his service to law and criminal justice. It is usual to honour DPPs after completing their tenure

■ **Sep 2, 1962:** **Keir Rodney Starmer** born in London, England. One of four children of **Rodney** and **Josephine Starmer**

■ **Education:** Reigate Grammar School

■ **1979-80:** Attends London's Guildhall School of Music, plays flute, piano, recorder and violin

■ **1985-86:** Graduates from University of Leeds with law degree. Postgraduate bachelor of civil law degree at St. Edmund Hall, Oxford

**SOCIALIST**   
**ALTERNATIVE**

■ **1986-87:** Starmer jointly edits Marxist magazine **Socialist Alternatives**

■ **1987:** Starmer begins practising as barrister at London's Inns of Court

■ **1990:** Co-founds **Doughty Street Chambers** legal practice. Promotes human rights and civil liberties in UK and abroad



■ **2002:** Appointed **Queen's Counsel (QC)** and member of **Foreign and Commonwealth Office's** death penalty advisory panel

■ **2003-08:** Serves as human rights adviser to **Northern Ireland Policing Board**