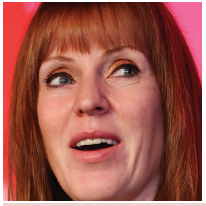
# How Labour could remove Keir Starmer as PM

**British Prime Minister Sir Keir Starmer is facing unprecedented pressure over his leadership after Labour's stunning loss in local elections, with a consensus building that he is unlikely to lead the party into the next election**



## LEADERSHIP CHALLENGE





- Potential challengers to prime minister seen as former deputy PM ***Angela Rayner*** *(above left)* and Health Secretary ***Wes Streeting*** *(above right)*
- **Any challenger needs 81 MPs to publicly give them support**
- Labour backbench MP ***Catherine West*** *(right)* pulled back from leadership challenge but still calls on Starmer to quit by Sep 2026



## PRIVATE PERSUASION

- Senior Labour MPs may try to convince Starmer to step down – former Conservative leader ***Iain Duncan Smith*** and Liberal Democrat ***Charles Kennedy*** were quietly ousted in this manner

## MINISTERIAL REVOLT

- Starmer reportedly urged to set resignation timetable by ***Ed Miliband*** – energy secretary accused by Sir Keir's allies of preparing way for leadership bid by Greater Manchester mayor ***Andy Burnham*** *(right)*



- Ministers could quit en masse – as happened to ***Boris Johnson*** in 2022 – when resignation of 30 ministers made running government all but impossible

## CONFIDENCE VOTE

- Motion in House of Commons, most commonly tabled by leader of the opposition, could trigger vote forcing government to resign or general election to be called
- **Given Labour's huge majority in Commons – holding 403 of 650 seats – vote would be unlikely to pass**

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