

# Theresa May is now a PRINO – Prime Minister in Name Only

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The PRINO, Prime Minister in Name Only, leaves 10 Downing Street CREDIT: PETER NICHOLLS/ REUTERS

You may be familiar with BRINO, Brexit in Name Only. Plunged into deep gloom as I listened to Theresa May hold forth in the Commons on “the backstop to the backstop” (I didn’t understand what the first backstop was...), I suddenly thought of another acronym: PRINO. Prime Minister in Name Only.

“How can she talk for so long without saying anything?” demands a mystified friend. Truly, this is one of PRINO’s skills, some might say her only skill. To chunter verbiage by the mile like some demonically possessed printer which keeps expelling pages while you scrabble in vain for the Off button.

Hang on, you think, wasn’t it PRINO who agreed to the backstop in the first place, the same backstop she’s now pretending to object to?

“LET ME BE CLEAR.” Oh, please no. Not “let me be clear” again. That’s the phrase she drops in periodically, a piece of meaningless punctuation before the printer resumes its relentless spewing.

You can see it in the eyes of all her colleagues, even the ones who are supposedly loyal. How long before they can cart her off to the vet to put everyone out of her misery?



German Chancellor Angela Merkel and Britain's Prime Minister Theresa May arrive for an informal meeting of European Union leaders in Salzburg CREDIT: LISI NIESNER/REUTERS

Ever since she showed her Chequers plan to Angela Merkel before her own Cabinet (a British PM getting her homework marked by a GERMAN Chancellor!), she’s been finished. But this protracted endgame, this market-stall Alexa where a leader should be, this farcical failure to deliver Brexit while pretending you are. It’s excruciating.

Cometh the hour, cometh the man. That’s the theory. Instead, we got PRINO.

Sir Christopher Meyer, former British ambassador to the United States, summed it up on [Twitter](#). “As an ex-negotiator I despair. We have gratuitously yielded to EU negotiating positions as if they were holy writ; let the Irish tail wag the UK dog; committed to paying vast sums of money; and traduced the referendum result. Shameful.”



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Yes, shameful. Gratuitously yielded. Let Sir Christopher negotiate on our behalf with Brussels! Lord Owen! Anne Robinson! [Simon Cowell](#)! Bleep and Booster! Michael Fish! Valerie Singleton! [Harry Kane](#)! Brenda from Bristol! Tim Henman! [Mary Berry](#)! The Brighthouse and Rastrick Brass Band!

Anybody, dear Lord, anybody but PRINO.

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Our democracy is a joke.

In 2010 the Tories stood with a pledge to reduce mass immigration, it got worse.

They promised again in 2015, still terrible.

They promised to honour the referendum (I suppose we should marvel at the miracle that the referendum was allowed).

Mrs May gave her Lancaster House speech which basically outlined a genuine sincere Brexit as had been campaigned for by Vote Leave.

All the Tory candidates in 2017 stood on the Tory manifesto that reiterated the Lancaster House position.

Then once elected 2/3 rds of those A holes magically morph back into EUphiles that don't want to honour Brexit.

Then Mrs may decides to usurp Cabinet government and has Olly Robbins and associates negotiate a secret deal behind that back of the Brexit cabinet Minister!

To top it off she and the Tories have the brass neck to carry on with the sham of their being a Brexit Minister once David Davis resigned.

Mark Rowley 16 Oct 2018 9:20PM

She is epically useless, and I say this as someone who was initially supportive. Her premiership has been a car crash and there is no way back for her. She needs to go.

John Williams 16 Oct 2018 9:16PM

Absolutely. WTF are the mainstream Conservative MPs doing? Get rid now!

Harry Sands 16 Oct 2018 9:20PM

Smack on. The woman is a devious fraudster. She must lie awake at night chuckling over how feeble her leave adversaries are.

Simon Bell 16 Oct 2018 9:12PM

Wasn't it Major who was described as "in office, but not in power"? Just before the end.