

# 20 promises the Tories have broken since being elected two years ago

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**1 Promise :** We will balance the books by 2017 and then run a budget surplus.

**Reality :** The deficit is still £50billion a year and will not even be closed by 2020.

**2 Promise:** We will not increase VAT, Income Tax or National Insurance Contributions.

**Reality :** Chancellor hiked NICs in first Budget before being shamed into a U-turn a week later.

**3 Promise :** We will work to end child poverty.

**Reality :** Child poverty is on the rise and forecast to get even worse when new welfare cuts kick in.

**4 Promise :** We will deliver a strong NHS.

**Reality :** Waiting times have soared, A&E is in meltdown and medics were forced to strike.

**5 Promise :** We will cut net migration to below 100,000 people a year.

**Reality :** Migration is running at 273,000 a year.

**6 Promise :** We will safeguard British interests in the EU single market.

**Reality :** Theresa May is pulling us out of the single market as part of her plan for [Brexit](#) .

**7 Promise :** We will protect schools funding.

**Reality :** Funding is being cut by 6.5% with many inner city schools facing even bigger losses.

**8 Promise :** We will boost mental health funding.

**Reality :** Only half of mental health trusts say they received a real-terms increase to budgets.

**9 Promise :** We will scrap the Human Rights Act and introduce a British Bill of Rights.

**Reality :** Theresa May abandoned the plan after becoming PM.

**10 Promise :** We will abolish long-term youth unemployment.

**Reality :** Latest stats show 80,000 aged 16-24 have been unemployed for more than 12 months.

**11 Promise :** We will electrify main North rail routes.

**Reality :** Project was “paused” two months after the 2015 election and is now well behind schedule.

**12 Promise :** We will recover £500million a year from migrants who use the NHS by the middle of the next Parliament.

**Reality :** Barely half of that is being recovered.

**13 Promise :** We will give workers the right to three days’ volunteering leave a year on full pay.

**Reality :** It never happened.

**14 Promise :** We will increase British exports to £1trillion by 2020.

**Reality :** Now admit target will not be hit.

**15 Promise :** We will ban wild animals in circuses.

**Reality :** Tory MPs blocked the Bill in Parliament.

**16 Promise:** We will ensure the NHS has enough staff to meet patients' needs.

**Reality:** NHS has a staffing crisis while pay rises for key workers are still pegged below inflation.

**17 Promise :** We will clamp down on dangerous extremists with new Extremism Disruption Orders.

**Reality :** Counter-Extremism Bill never appeared as lawyers failed to agree a definition of "extremism".

**18 Promise :** We will improve welfare with the new Universal Credit system.

**Reality :** It was delayed yet again in 2016.

**19 Promise :** We will introduce a new Victims' Law to enshrine key rights for victims of crime.

**Reality :** It never happened.

**20 Promise:** We will cap residential social care charges from April 2016.

**Reality:** The plan was delayed until 2020.