



10 DOWNING STREET

Good evening.

I am overwhelmed with emotion as I stand here this evening to address the nation for the first time as your Prime Minister. Being here, as the newly elected leader of Coalition!, I am both humbled by the faith my party has placed in me, and enthusiastic for the challenges that lie ahead.

I would like to thank my party members, who have supported me and my vision for our future. I was one of the founding members of Coalition!, and I have been privileged to have served as Deputy Leader since its inception. They have given me their confidence to act as leader of our party, and at a time where it also means they are giving me their confidence to be leader of the country, and for this I am grateful.

I would be remiss if I did not extend my gratitude to our outgoing Prime Minister, Sir /u/TomBarmaby. While his tenure as Prime Minister was not as long as many expected, his leadership during the inaugural weeks of Her Majesty's 30th Government, and indeed, his entire career as a politician, is a masterclass in dedication, hard work, and diplomacy. I have learned much from my Right Honourable Friend, and I hope to continue his legacy during my tenure.

Under my leadership, I am confident that this government will continue the good work that we have started, and that any missteps will be left in the past where they belong. I am supremely pleased to be surrounded in government by so many capable and experienced politicians, and I look forward to growing my working relationship with my coalition partners. The leaders of the Conservative Party, the Liberal Democrats, the Northern Ireland Independence Party, and the Freedom & Liberty Party are each admirable politicians in their own right, and I look forward to us learning from each other as we work together to achieve our shared vision for the United Kingdom.

Ours is a coalition of many ideologies, and while some members of the press may attempt to use that as a wedge between us, I believe this strengthens our government as we can truly represent the diverse needs of our many constituents. Where previous governments have merely been an echo chamber for one way of thinking, ours is one that is filled with many voices and ideas, and together we are stronger when we cooperate. I am ready to lead this government, and in cooperation with my coalition partners, to continue to work to improve relations between all parties, so that we can all work together to make the United Kingdom a better place for all.

Thank you, and may God Save the Queen!

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PRIME MINISTER