

The Rt Hon. Ed Miliband MP
Leader of Her Majesty's Most Loyal Opposition
(Labour, Doncaster North)
Majority 10,909



Born 24th December 1969
Educated Bachelor of Arts in Philosophy, Politics and Economics at Corpus Christi College, Oxford. Master of Science in Economics at London School of Economics
Partner Justine Thornton (Barrister at 39 Essex Street)

Political

1993 Speech Writer and Television Researcher for Shadow Secretary of State for the Treasury Harriet Harman.
1994 Speech Writer for Shadow Chancellor of the Exchequer Gordon Brown
1997 Appointed Special Advisor to Gordon Brown
2004 Appointed Chairman of HM Treasury's Council of Economic Advisers
2005 Elected as MP for Doncaster North
2006 Appointed Parliamentary Secretary to the Cabinet Office
2007 Minister of the Cabinet Office and Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster
2008 Secretary of State for the Department of Energy and Climate Change
2010 Elected Leader of the Labour Party

Other

Intern for Tony Benn MP as a teenager
Reviewed plays and films on LBC Radio's Young London Programme
2003 – 2004 spent a year's sabbatical at Harvard University to study and lecture at Harvard's Centre for European studies.

The Miliband brothers grew up in north London (Ed was born on Christmas Eve 1969), the sons of one of Britain's leading Marxist intellectuals, Ralph Miliband and his academic wife Marion Kozak, survivors of the Holocaust.

Ed Miliband Despite being credited with writing it, was deeply critical of Labour's 2010 election manifesto, telling his brother at one hustings: "How can you possibly say you're going to stand on every aspect of our manifesto? We lost the election."

A self-confessed maths “geek”, his number-crunching skills were highly prized by Brown at the Treasury. He also gained a reputation as a diplomat. It is said that he would often be despatched from the Brown camp to make peace with Downing Street.

He rejects the description of himself as a “Brownite”, claiming to be one of the least tribal MPs.

He has spoken of the need to move beyond the Blair/Brown era and has called for an end to the “factionalism and psychodramas” of Labour’s past.

Commentators have pointed to Ed Miliband's personable character and communication skills, seen by many as in sharp contrast to his brother's more academic approach.

Although essentially cast from the same centrist, New Labour mould, he positioned himself firmly to the left of David during the leadership race, campaigning for a "living wage" higher than the minimum wage and a High Pay Commission to control top salaries.

Despite David Miliband gaining more votes from his party’s membership (18.135% to 15.198%) and the MPs and MEPs (17.812% to 15.522%), Ed Miliband won the Labour Party Leadership contest by 1.3% of the vote due to the reallocation of the votes cast to Ed Balls seeing far stronger support from the Trade Unions and affiliated members given to Ed Miliband. (19.934% to 13.4%)