

The British crisis

Jan 13, 2019, where is Cromwell?



Warnings of crisis

STOP BREXIT AT YOUR PERIL: Top Tory warns of 'extremist politics' in UK if exit is blocked

BREXITEER Cabinet minister Chris Grayling has warned that the UK's departure from the EU could "open the door" to "extremist politics" in the UK.

END OF DEMOCRACY? 'It's game over for Brexit' as MPs plot 'COUP' to stop UK leaving EU

THE UK could plunge into a full-blown constitutional crisis next week, with MPs plotting to take control of the Brexit process and potentially reverse the referendum result of 2016.

What presages revolutions

when it is impossible for the ruling classes to maintain their rule without any change; when there is a crisis, in one form or another, among the “upper classes,” a crisis in the policy of the ruling class, leading to a fissure through which the discontent and indignation of the oppressed classes burst forth.

For a revolution to take place, it is usually insufficient for “the lower classes not to want” to live in the old way; it is also necessary that “the upper classes should be unable” to live in the old way;

(Lenin)

Not since 1914

Last occasion that the ruling was faced with this was the split over Home Rule in 1914

Historians speculate that it would have led to civil war had WWI not broken out

Crisis among the upper classes

There is complete paralysis of the political system

The two main parties are split

There is no effective parliamentary majority for the government

The parliamentary rules are being bent to displace centuries long rule that the government controls parliamentary time table

Disconnect from the population

The political establishment did not want Brexit,

Was horrified by the result, did not know how to act

Now openly conspiring to overturn referendum result

Labour paralysed

Majority of labour members are pro remain

60% of labour constituencies voted leave

tory/lab marginals nearly all leave voting

Corbyn's quandry

If he pleases his members and calls for cancelling article 50 then

- May can call election on 'who respects the referendum'
- Good chance that she will win over leave voting labour marginal seats
- So he is loath to come out for remain

Mays dilemma

May has negotiated an agreement that is unacceptable to a large fraction of her own party because of the backstop, and because of the EU defence integration

Another smaller section of her party want to halt or delay leaving altogether

'Discontent and indignation of the oppressed classes'

School holidays leave 3 million children at risk of hunger, report says

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Rising misery now

Stagnant or falling real wages

Rising rents

Privatisation of former common assets (housing, utilities etc)

Population pressure

Falling life expectancy and real hunger

Rising violent crime

Before 1644

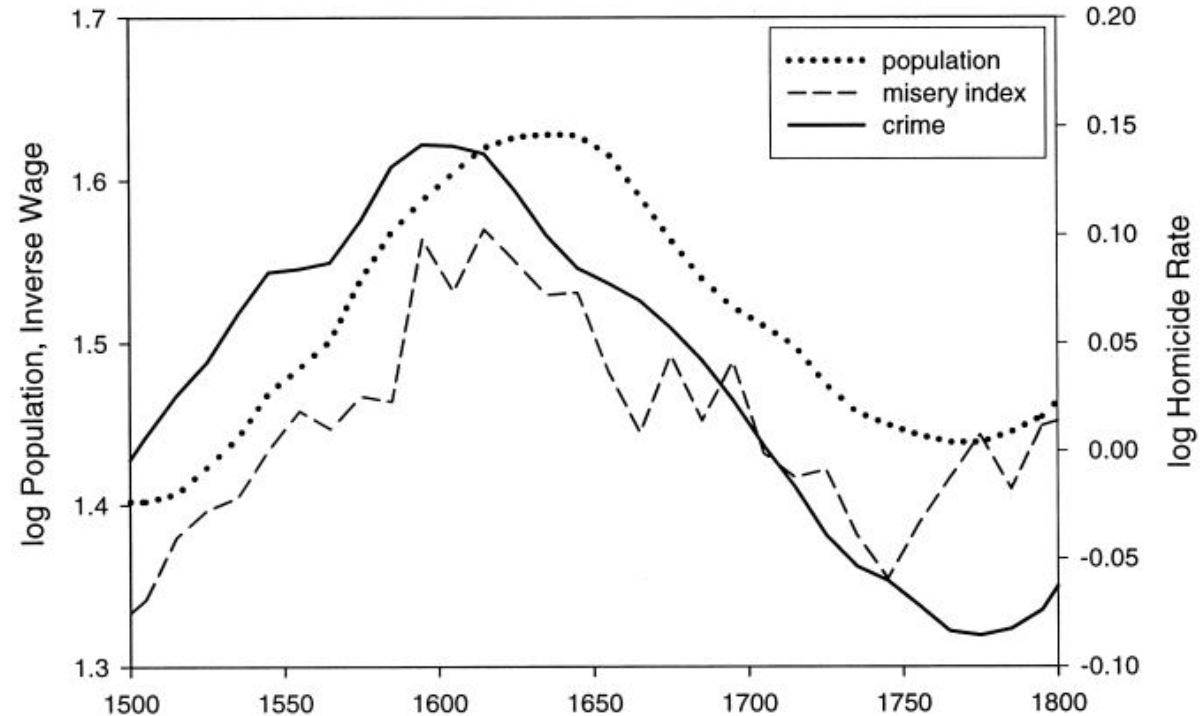
Declining real wages

Enclosure of common lands

Rising pressure of rents

Population pressure

High rate of homicide and crime



Missing element

The ruling class is split, the people are in misery

As yet no Cromwell or Carson

No member of the political establishment yet willing to take the next step

But issues of democracy and national independence have historically driven nations to the brink of conflict

In 1914 home rule crisis loyalty of the army wavered

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BREXIT BATTALIONS Armed Forces 'on standby to help police keep order in case of No Deal Brexit'

The military could help with public order, NHS supplies and traffic problems if we crash out of the EU without a deal

Who knows what the next month will bring

But it is the most intense crisis for at least a century