



# Johnson's brother quits as election campaign kicks off

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*As Boris Johnson prepares for a likely election campaign the British Prime Minister was dealt a blow Thursday when his elder brother quit as an MP and minister saying he was torn between 'family loyalty and the national interest'.*

BRITISH PRIME MINISTER, BORIS JOHNSON, SAYING:  
"We must come out of the EU on October 31st."

1. British Prime Minister Boris Johnson kicked off what is - in effect - \_\_\_\_\_  
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2. But that was all overshadowed \_\_\_\_\_
3. When the prime minister's brother resigned from the government, \_\_\_\_\_  
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4. Jo Johnson said in a Tweet he was torn \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 5-1. By resigning - he effectively told the nation \_\_\_\_\_
- 5-2. and the prospect of the UK \_\_\_\_\_
6. All this just before Johnson had a chance \_\_\_\_\_  
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UK PRIME MINISTER, BORIS JOHNSON, SAYING:

"Jo doesn't agree with me about the European Union because it's an issue which divides families and divides everybody. But what I'm sure Jo would agree is that we need to get on and sort this thing out."

- 7-1. He may have lost \_\_\_\_\_
- 7-2. but Pence reassured the prime minister \_\_\_\_\_
- 7-3. and a president \_\_\_\_\_

U.S. VICE PRESIDENT, MIKE PENCE, SAYING:



"I spoke to President Trump this morning, your friend, and he asked me to send you his very best greeting. And to assure you that the United States supports the United Kingdom's decision to leave the European Union."

8. Johnson moved on to Yorkshire in north England \_\_\_\_\_

9. In recent days, he's lost 21 MPs from his party, a majority in Parliament, \_\_\_\_\_

10-1. He's cast an alliance of opposition parties \_\_\_\_\_

10-2. now set in law - as defeatists \_\_\_\_\_

11. An election \_\_\_\_\_

12-1. Johnson will be hoping \_\_\_\_\_

12-2. or he could end up \_\_\_\_\_

### [Vocabulary]

**come out of:** to leave

• *The country is expected to come out of the recession next year.*

**kick off:** to begin, or to begin something

• *The show kicks off this week in San Francisco.*

• Holiday shopping season kicked off.

**in effect:** in actuality or reality or fact

• *With the death of Mr. Smith, you are, in effect, the new company president.*

**campaign:** a series of things that a politician or political party does to try to win an election

• *The real campaign has always been the race between A and B.*

**election campaign:** a time when a politician or party try to persuade people to vote for them

• *During his election campaign he promised to put the economy back on its feet.*

**overshadow:** to be a negative feature or influence that spoils something

• *The game was overshadowed by violence.*

**parting shot:** an unpleasant or angry remark made at the end of a conversation by someone when they are leaving; a final critical comment

• *As her parting shot, she said that the other candidate simply did not understand the ordinary citizen.*

**sibling:** one of two or more individuals having one common parent; a brother or sister

• *Do you have any siblings?*

• *Her name was included on that list together with her parents and siblings.*

**Jo Johnson:** (born 23 December 1971) is a British politician who has served as the Member of Parliament (MP) for Orpington since 2010. He is a member of the Conservative Party. His older brother, Boris Johnson, is the leader of the party and Prime Minister.



Johnson was appointed Director of the Number 10 Policy Unit in 2013 by Prime Minister David Cameron. He became Minister of State for the Cabinet Office in 2014 and Minister of State for Universities, Science, Research and Innovation in 2015. Following the January 2018 cabinet reshuffle, Johnson served as Minister of State for Transport and Minister for London; he resigned in November the same year, citing the failure of the Brexit negotiations to achieve what had been promised by the Vote Leave campaign and his wish to campaign for a new EU referendum. In July 2019, he became part of his brother's Cabinet, again as Minister of State for Universities. In September 2019, he resigned from the Cabinet and announced that he would stand down as an MP at the next United Kingdom general election.

□ **loyalty**: support that you always give to someone or something because of your feelings of duty and love toward them

- *She inspires great loyalty among her staff.*
- *'his extreme loyalty to the Crown'*

□ **national interest**: the interest of a nation as a whole held to be an independent entity separate from the interests of subordinate areas or groups and also of other nations or supranational groups

□ **effectively**: used for saying what the situation really is, although its appearance or official description might be different

- *With Australia 24 points ahead at halftime, the game was effectively over.*
- *Effectively the loan is interest-free.*

□ **prospect**: something that you expect or know is going to happen in the future, or the thought of this

- *Prospects don't look good.*

□ **Mike Pence**: (born June 7, 1959) is an American politician and lawyer serving as the 48th and current vice president of the United States

□ **sort out**: to make free from confusion or ambiguity; make clear • I got that problem sorted out.

□ **fondly**: in a way that shows that you like and care about someone; with fondness; with love

- *She spoke to her children fondly.*

□ **MP**: = Member of Parliament; someone who has been elected to represent people from a particular district in a parliament

- *MPs will vote on the Human Rights Bill this evening.*



- **alliance**: an arrangement between two or more people, groups, or countries by which they agree to work together to achieve something
  - *The center-right alliance will probably win in France's National Assembly.*
- **opposition**: the political parties or groups that are opposed to a government.
  - *The main opposition parties boycotted the election, saying it would not be conducted fairly.*
- **alliance of opposition parties**:
- **defeatist**: someone who always thinks that they will fail
- **surrender**: to say officially that you have been defeated and will stop fighting
  - *Rebel forces have surrendered after three years of fighting.*
- **beckon for**: if something beckons for someone, it will probably happen to them
  - *Early retirement beckoned for George.*
- **buy into**: to accept, believe; to accept that an idea is right and allow it to influence you; If you buy into an idea or plan, you give it your support or agree with it
  - *I never bought into this idea that you have to be thin to be attractive.*
  - *Parents are expected to buy into the school's philosophy when they enroll their children.*
- **end up**: to finally be or do something; to reach some conclusion, state, or situation due to a particular course of action.
  - *Thanks to that traffic jam, I ended up being late to the meeting.*
  - *Sara has always loved to read so I'm not surprised that she ended up an English major.*

[参照辞書: Merriam-Webster, Oxford English Dictionary, America Heritage of the English language, Collins English Dictionary, Macmillan Dictionary, Wikipedia]