



53% of left-wing ex-Labour voters ditched party over genocide

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Keir Starmer with a pair of scissors behind his ear

The Labour right and their friends in the media are constantly pushing the party to become more regressive to appeal to Reform voters. As we've reported in the past, though, [Labour actually lost four times as many voters to parties on its left](#) And now, we have a clearer picture of what pushed them in that direction.

EXCLUSIVE: More than half of former Labour voters who intent to back a centre or leftwing party in the next general election have cited the government's record on Gaza as a reason for abandoning Labour, new polling shows.

by Harriet Williamson (@harriepw) [June 8, 2026](#)

Labour genocidaires

Labour offered both political and material support to Israel and its genocide on Palestine. An example of the political support was [denying Israel's actions constituted genocide](#) despite the [UN](#) and [human rights watchdogs](#) saying otherwise. An example of the material support was [continuing to send arms](#)

[Conducted by Opinium](#) the poll was commissioned by the Palestine Solidarity Campaign (PSC) and Friends of the Earth England, Wales and Northern Ireland (FoE). Highlighting what was found, PSC produced the following infographic:

 **BREAKING:** New polling shows that Labour's policy on Gaza is a significant factor in progressive voters ditching the party in huge numbers  pic.twitter.com/9ftj4Y1QWQ

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The Green Party has been the primary beneficiary of Labour's losses.

These voters overwhelmingly support stronger action for Palestine (4/6):
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These findings come as Israel escalates its violence against Palestinians.

The Labour government must heed this message and finally end its shameful complicity in Israel's genocide and apartheid against Palestinians.

For the full results, see here (6/6):

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What the above shows is that a new PM could potentially win back a substantial cohort of voters by adopting a moral stance. In other words, it would be a win-win. The question is whether any of Starmer's potential replacements care more about winning than saving Israel's blushes.

Mealy-mouthed Andy Burnham has refused to describe Israel's actions as a genocide, [stating](#)

I can't judge things of that enormity from where I am as mayor of Greater Manchester.

This might wash if he wanted to remain a regional mayor, but he doesn't. And if he's unable to make big decisions now, maybe he's not cut out for a more important role?

Burnham also said:

But I do have concerns about the disproportionate nature of what has happened in terms of the destruction, and there has to be a full process of investigation and accountability.

In other words, he wants a lengthy inquiry which concludes years after everyone responsible is out of office.

Wes Streeting â?? the other man angling to become PM â?? is also not to be trusted on this matter:

You spent two years supporting genocide and now pretend you didnâ??t? Just staggering dishonesty from these human pieces of excrement. <https://t.co/Vz7iEYsHIW>

â?? Bog Standard Marxist  (@muskeatsbogeys) [June 2, 2026](#)

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[As HG wrote for the Canary](#)

Streeting has no backbone. If he truly cared about Gaza, heâ??d have spoken out and publicly condemned Israelâ??s war crimes. He would not have just done it via text to Epsteinâ??s pal. He also wouldnâ??t wait until now, when there is a potential leadership contest in the not-so-distant future. Itâ??s pretty convenient that heâ??s suddenly taking a hardline stance against a genocidal terrorist state. What good are your faux morals if they only appear to benefit your potential run as party leader?

â??Sensibleâ?? politics

At this point, we have to stop pretending these Labour politicians are pursuing â??sensible, grown-up politicsâ??.

Supporting genocide and apartheid isnâ??t just morally evil; itâ??s a certified vote loser. This means theyâ??re not doing it for electability reasons; theyâ??re doing it because theyâ??re ideologically committed to the far-right ideology of Zionism.

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