

Secret Service

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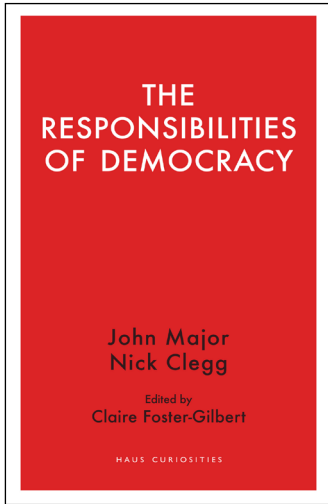
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In this short book, former Director General of the British Security Service Jonathan Evans describes how the secret services dealt with the need for greater openness and transparency during his tenure, even as national security needs were heightened. He draws insightful similarities between investigative journalism and espionage – from following leads and checking information to protecting sources – and welcomes the benefits of a mature relationship between the security services and journalism. He explores differences and similarities between other security services around the world, especially those in the United States, and how Brexit might impact the UK's future collaboration with other European security services.

Secret Service is a fascinating insight into the world of the security services and a reminder of the importance of actively attending to the moral health of both the institution itself and its operatives who, by their very nature, are its greatest strength and also its greatest weakness.

Jonathan Evans, was Director General of the British Security Service from 2007 to 2013. In 2018, he was appointed Chair of the Committee on Standards in Public Life.

Claire Foster-Gilbert is the Founding Director of the Westminster Abbey Institute and the Co-founder of the St Paul's Institute.



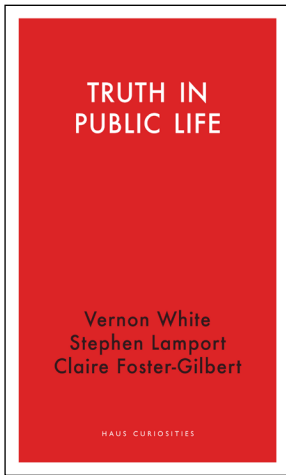
The Responsibilities of Democracy

John Major
Nick Clegg

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Essays on the state of democracy from those who occupied positions at the heart of British politics. Democracy operates on consent. That means politicians have to argue their causes and win consensus. But democracy has its flaws, not least in the lack of efficiency in the decision-making process. In this new book, two figures of the British political establishment, John Major and Nick Clegg, share their thoughts on where democracy is heading and how it can survive in the 21st century. Major writes of the qualities on which a healthy democracy depends, as he deplores the coarsening of political exchange. Clegg writes of the ways in which political language has always involved trading insults, and argues that compromise is not betrayal, but the very substance of our politics and our democracy. This balanced analysis of the state of UK democracy is a clarion call to the electorate and politicians to nurture and protect the values on which that democracy depends.

Nick Clegg was Leader of the Liberal Democrats for eight years from 2007 and Deputy Prime Minister from 2010 to 2015. He is currently Vice-President for Global Affairs and Communications at Facebook. **John Major** was Prime Minister of the United Kingdom and Leader of the Conservative Party from 1990 to 1997.



Truth in Public Life

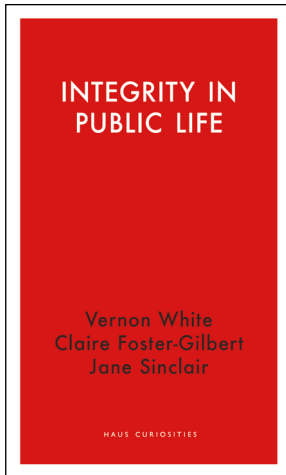
Vernon White
Stephen Lamport
Claire Foster-Gilbert

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Truth in Public Life explores the difficulty in defining truth, its critical importance in civilised society and the challenges and threats to telling the truth in different public service settings.

Three leading experts reflect on subjects related to truth in public life. Vernon White, in his essay 'Truth Pursued, or Being Pursued by Truth', shows that absolute truth exists and explains why and how it matters morally. In 'Truth Sustained', Stephen Lamport describes why truth is important to sustaining civilised society and argues that truth is central to other essential qualities, such as objectivity, honesty, openness, leadership, selflessness, integrity and accountability. In her essay 'Truth Told', Claire Foster-Gilbert explores the challenge of truth-telling for public servants: for politicians, who are routinely not believed; for civil servants, whose ministers may only want to hear those facts that support their policy ideas; for journalists, tempted to tell the story that is 'too good to check'; for judges, who may suffer from unconscious bias; for police officers, who must win the trust of the public by believing accusers, without jeopardising justice for the alleged perpetrators.

Vernon White is an Anglican priest and theological scholar. **Stephen Lamport** is a former Receiver General of Westminster Abbey and Private Secretary to the Prince of Wales. **Claire Foster-Gilbert** is the Founding Director of Westminster Abbey Institute and the co-founder of the St Paul's Institute.



Integrity in Public Life

Vernon White
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Good governance is one of the UK's fundamental values, and citizens are entitled to expect that public officials behave according to the highest ethical standards. This new Haus Curiosities volume, published in collaboration with Westminster Abbey Institute, looks at the place and meaning of integrity in the individual public servant, in public service institutions, and in the wider public they purport to serve. It addresses the fundamental questions of what integrity means in public life and why it has such a critical part to play in the constitution of Britain. The book also explores how people in public service institutions can cease to behave with humanity when those institutions deny the individual human spirit. The authors argue for the critical importance of institutions in upholding values when fallible humans forget them.

Vernon White is an Anglican priest and theological scholar. **Claire Foster-Gilbert** is the Founding Director of Westminster Abbey Institute, the Co-founder of the St Paul's Institute, and a current member of numerous medical and theological ethics committees. **Jane Sinclair** is Canon of Westminster and Rector of St Margaret's Church, Westminster Abbey.



The Power of Politicians

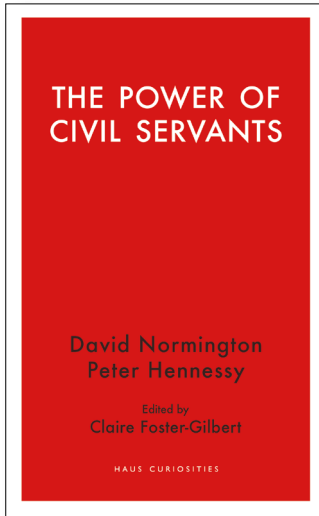
Frances D'Souza
Tessa Jowell

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The Power of Parliament is an account of Tessa Jowell's experience of entering politics and making effective sense of her role. Here, with Frances D'Souza, she gives fascinating insights into the workings of Parliament, the successful development of policy into legislation and also her interior life: how she protected herself against the morally corrosive force of power-seeking, what inspired her and what troubled her. The result is a masterclass in how to be a good politician. *The Power of Parliament* not only offers a case study of the life and work of a politician, but also attends to deeper questions about what is morally and emotionally demanded of our political class — exposed as they are to the corrosive effects of having to seek and retain power — and of the institution of Parliament itself, in the face of public hostility and indifference.

Tessa Jowell was an English Labour Party politician and was secretary of state for Culture, Media and Sport between 2001 and 2007. **Frances D'Souza** is a British scientist and Lord Temporal. **Claire Foster-Gilbert** is a member of the British Medical Association's Medical Ethics Committee and the McDonald Centre for public theology and ethics, Oxford.



The Power of Civil Servants

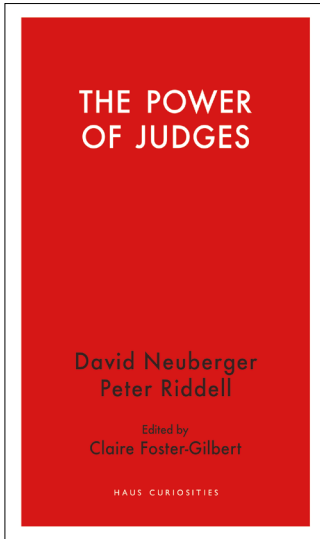
Peter Hennessy
David Normington

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The Power of Whitehall provides rich and informative observations about the nature of the Civil Service, its values and effectiveness, what threatens it and how it should continue to adapt to a changing world. David Normington and Peter Hennessy address themes such as the importance of politicians trusting civil servants and the difficulties that arise when they don't; the role of special advisers and the extent to which they are a threat to the minister–civil servant relationship; and the effects of select committees and the media. Civil servants are now exposed to the public in unprecedented ways, with both negative as well as positive consequences. *The Power of Whitehall* is an accessible introduction to the life of the civil servant as well as the Civil Service itself.

Peter Hennessy spent 20 years in journalism and was a regular presenter of BBC Radio 4's *Analysis*. He is the author of numerous works on British history. **David Normington** served as the permanent secretary of the Department for Education and Skills and then of the Home Office.



The Power of Judges

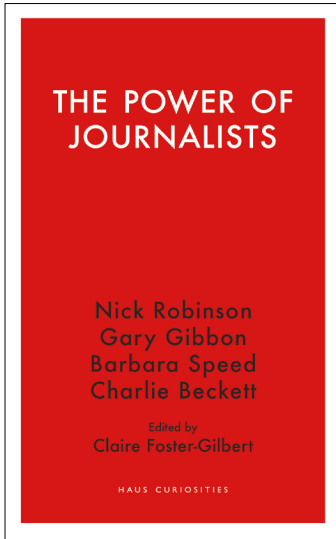
David Neuberger
Peter Riddell

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The role of the Supreme Court has often been portrayed as incomprehensible to the vast majority of the public, while judges might be seen as a caste apart from society. *The Power of Judges* tried to defy this logic, exploring the fundamental concept of justice and explaining in a simple way the main functions of the courts, the challenges they face and the complexity of the judicial system. David Neuberger and Peter Riddell lead the reader through a vast array of subjects such as the relationships between morality and law and between Parliament and the judiciary. They explain the effects of cuts in legal aid and try to shed light on complex and controversial issues like the matter of assisted dying, the complex balance of dealing with mass terrorism while protecting personal liberty, the validity of an unwritten constitution, and the robustness of the legal system today.

David Neuberger was President of the Supreme Court of the United Kingdom from 2012 to 2017. **Peter Riddell** is a journalist and Commissioner for Public Appointments.



The Power of Journalists

Nick Robinson, Barbara Speed,
Charlie Beckett, Gary Gibbon

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Journalism has the vital function to defend and promote truth in public discourse. And yet the news media has never been under so much pressure to move away from this critical role into more partial campaigns or commercial public relations. Here four of the UK's foremost experts introduce us to the role of the journalist as truth-teller as well as interpreter of controversial facts. The authors draw from their own work to reflect on the necessity of maintaining an impartial and independent public information service and protecting quality information from the mounting pressure exerted by political parties and the business world. The role of new technology is also taken into consideration as the explosion of social media generates trends that threaten good quality journalism and contribute to the collapse of its traditional business model.

Nick Robinson is the presenter of BBC Radio 4's Today Programme. **Barbara Speed** is the opinion editor of *i*. **Charlie Beckett** is director of the Polis think-tank. **Gary Gibbon** is the political editor of Channel 4 News.

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