

The future of human rights and civil liberties: Do Dave, Ed and Nick agree?

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Civil liberties

We will ... implement a full programme of measures to reverse the substantial erosion of civil liberties and roll back state intrusion

Coalition programme for government

I won't let the Tories or the Liberals take ownership of the British tradition of liberty. I want our party to reclaim that tradition.

Ed Miliband, 28 September 2010

Human rights

We will establish a Commission to investigate the creation of a British Bill of Rights that incorporates and builds on all our obligations under the ECHR, ensures that those rights continue to be enshrined in British law and protects and extends British liberties. We will seek to promote a better understanding of the true scope of those obligations and liberties.

Coalition Programme for Government.

Ministry of Justice and the spending review

‘The MoJ settlement includes ... plans to reform legal aid, targeting funding on those that need it most.’

‘The government will consult on major reforms to the legal system to deliver access to justice at lower cost to the taxpayer. This will involve taking tough choices [and] will also increase competition in the market and reform remuneration ...’