# Nigel Farage Plans 'Reverse Takeover' of Conservative Party as Reform UK Gears Up for General Election



Nigel Farage, now leader of Reform UK, has announced plans for a "reverse takeover" of the Conservative Party, aiming to shape it in a similar manner to Canada's Reform Party, which eventually rebranded as a "new Conservative" government under Stephen Harper. Farage is also campaigning for the Clacton seat in the upcoming General Election.

On Good Morning Britain, Farage stated that if Reform UK succeeds, a significant portion of the Conservative Party may join them, flipping the dynamics rather than merging with the current Tories. Farage's decision to stand in the election is a pivot from his earlier stance of not contesting.

The announcement coincided with Rishi Sunak and Keir Starmer preparing for their first televised debate. Projections from YouGov suggest the Conservatives could experience a major defeat, potentially reducing their seats to just 140.

Home Secretary James Cleverly downplayed Farage's impact, asserting that Reform has primarily served as a vehicle for Farage's self-promotion. Meanwhile, Labour is emphasizing energy independence with plans for a clean energy company, GB Energy, funded by a windfall tax.

Additionally, Sunak announced a proposed annual cap on worker and family visas to reduce migration figures, an issue likely to be contentious in the upcoming elections.

Farage’s return comes amidst a bleak landscape for the Tories, who face significant competition not only from Labour, predicted to have a historic majority, but also potentially from Reform UK, which could splinter the Conservative vote.