

PM JULIA: ATHEISM, ADULTERY, FEMINISM AND FABIANISM

On June 24th Australia experienced one of its most tumultuous days in federal politics since Gough Whitlam was dismissed by Governor General John Kerr. Only this time it was a Fabian socialist moving into the Prime Minister's chair, rather than being ejected out of it, that was making all the headlines. Julia Gillard may be Australia's first female PM but, more importantly, her biography indicates that some of her past associations are even redder than her Prime Ministerial hairdo.

Julia Eileen Gillard was born on 29th September 1961 in Barry, Wales. When Julia was four years old her family (father John, mother Moira and older sister Alison) immigrated to Adelaide, partly because doctors believed the warmer climate would help young Julia recover from bronchopneumonia. In Adelaide she attended Unley High School and then went on to the University of Adelaide. Her father John became an avid supporter of the pink 'hot-shorts' wearing Premier of South Australia, the ALP's Don Dunstan, known for his extreme socially progressive views.



"...the speculation (that I would challenge Kevin Rudd for the leadership) is, in my view, completely absurd!"

Julia's political career really began in her University days. After becoming heavily involved in Labor student activism in her second year at Adelaide Uni she then transferred to the University of Melbourne in 1982. Her prominence within the student-left reached its zenith when she became President of the Australian Union of Students, the umbrella representative group for student politicians around the country. Shortly after this she became Secretary of a far Left-Wing faction called the Socialist Forum which was started as an intra-Labor pressure group in 1984.

The Socialist Forum from the very beginning attracted dozens of ex-card carrying members of the Communist Party of Australia to its senior ranks (Julia boasted about this fact in Forum publications) and inherited the CPA Victorian Branch's bank balance. According to *The Making of Julia Gillard*, author Jacqueline Kent, "most of the executive members of the Communist Party Victorian branch walked out in 1984 to form the Socialist Forum." Julia's pitch to the Forum membership in the mid-1980s was her credentials as 'a feminist and a socialist' who was committed to steering the Labor Party towards a more radical policy platform.

Kent's biography of Gillard includes the *Statement of Identity* for Gillard's communist affiliated Forum: "Our commitment to a reshaped socialist objective and strategy arises from our firm belief in the need for a radically different society. We seek a socialist society which includes the realisation of feminist and environmental objectives and which is non-racist... The Socialist Forum supports the election of Labor Governments and making them more responsive to their constituency." The Forum was basically a Communist Party splinter group.

Some of the Forum's proposals during Gillard's tenure were legalisation of abortion on demand, an end to the Australian-American alliance (when Reagan was President), making the USSR's Leningrad a 'sister city' of Melbourne and a push for 'radical tax reform' which would mandate massive redistributions of wealth in the Australian economy. This last plan was brought across to reflect the tax policy of the Communist Party of Australia (for details see 'Will Julia Gillard's past cause red faces?', Herald Sun, 7/10/07).

Julia Gillard has since tried to play down her role with the Socialist Forum in the 1980s. She told *Lateline's* Tony Jones that "It is more than 20 years ago when I was in my 20s. I was a full-time university student and I had a part-time job for an organisation called Socialist Forum, which was a sort of debating society. It ultimately amalgamated with the *Fabian Society*."



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Many Fabian socialists have reached the top of Australia's political establishment: Gough Whitlam, Bob Hawke, Paul Keating, John Cain, Neville Wran and Jim Cairns. For those unfamiliar with the concept of 'Fabianism' it is named after Roman general Quintus Fabius Maximus. His whole military strategy was to delay and to engage in a war of attrition to wear down opponents. The Fabian socialists who formed in 1884 in Britain chose him as their model because they believed communistic and socialistic goals would only be achieved incrementally rather than through revolution.

Julia Gillard's official parliamentary disclosure page has listed among



The Wolf in Sheep's Clothing

Crest of the Fabian Socialists Society
(founded 1884)

her continuing affiliations the Fabian Society of Australia. Bob Hawke, one of Julia Gillard's political heroes, was a proud Fabian Socialist during his Prime Ministership. In fact, at a very recent party overlooking Sydney Harbour on 12th July (to launch a book by Hawke's wife, Blanche d'Alpuget) Julia Gillard, proclaimed Hawke her "role model" and the "gold standard" for running Australia! In 1984, at a one hundred year anniversary gala event for the Fabians, Bob Hawke famously remarked, "I gladly acknowledge the debt of my own government to Fabianism... The Fabian Society acknowledges the principal tenet of Marxism, the abolition of private property, in this case to own land. They then align themselves with the non-violent arm of Marxism by accepting the non-violent road of patient gradualism to total government." Gillard was involved in the far-left Socialist Forum from 1984-1987 (hardly a 'minor blip' during her formative political action training years). It is interesting that the Communist Party in Victoria adopted incremental Fabianism over revolutionary goals in 1984, with future PM Julia Gillard at the vanguard of the CPA splinter group Socialist Forum. It has the makings of political-action-thriller novel. It could be titled 1984! (Literary critics have actually suggested that Orwell set his novel in 1984 because it represented the 100th anniversary of Fabianism).

Moving forward (where have I heard that recently?) Julia graduated from Melbourne University with a Bachelor of Laws/Arts in 1986. After doing further study at the Leo Cussen Law Institute Julia ended up at the prominent litigation firm Slater & Gordon. By 1990 she was a partner at the firm and her industrial law work meant close ties with the Trade Union movement. All the while she remained active in Labor Party branch politics.

Her next political job (1996-1998) was working as then Victorian opposition Leader John Brumby's Chief of Staff. John Brumby himself will always be remembered as the Premier who legalised abortion on demand up to birth. Julia's influence on Brumby with regard to the issue of abortion could only have been very bad during her time working for him. Gillard was a 'foundation member' of *EMILY's List Australia*, when it was launched that same year that Julia began working in the Brumby office (1996). The entire modus operandi of EL is to have radically pro-abortion women elected to the Parliament and it was Julia Gillard who helped place many of these women into the future Labor government of Victoria. These 'Listers' dutifully eradicated the abortion laws in that state under John Brumby.

Not content to be a faceless back room planner for the Socialist left, Julia Gillard stood for and won the federal seat of Lalor (Werribee and surrounds) at the 1998 election. Since that time she has been a reliable anti-life vote. Gillard voted for the legalisation of destructive embryonic stem cell research, the legalisation of human cloning and the legalisation of abortion drug RU486. In Government, as Deputy Prime Minister, she was one of the Cabinet members who pushed Kevin Rudd to OK foreign aid money for 'abortion services' (this had been illegal until Rudd & Gillard changed the rules).

In defending abortion during the RU486 debate Gillard said, "It seems that abortions are being had by women in committed relationships in the older age range. We do not necessarily know why, but I say that we should respect their decision because we will never know as much about their individual circumstances as they do." (Hansard, 14 Feb, 2006) She is also a long standing member of the *Parliamentary Group on Population & Development* (PGPD) and has campaigned vigorously on 'population issues' since ascending to the Prime Ministership.

Since 2006 Julia Gillard has been in a 'de facto' relationship with divorced father-of-three hairdresser Tim Mathieson (he now works for influential Israel lobbyist and property developer Albert Dadon). Tim is just the latest man Julia has called 'partner'. She famously started a relationship with fellow Labor MP Craig Emerson whilst he was still married with three children. It is interesting that the media has not pried into the Emerson affair seeing as the glossy magazines usually attempt to trip up politicians for such personal follies. Can we imagine that Tony Abbott would receive such soft treatment if he started an affair with a married woman? If Labor wins the election, Julia and Tim will be the first de facto couple to take up residence in the Lodge (The Prime Ministerial residence). Gillard has had several 'partners' as a lawyer-turned-politician, and her rotating 'partner' policy means that if Australia



Knowing the damage a bad hair day can do - Julia Gillard makes Tim Mathieson Australia's 'First Partner.'



PM Julia - Athiest

elects her to be Prime Minister for three more years then voters won't necessarily know who will be shackled-up with her in the lodge by the time another election swings around.

She is also an atheist. For those of us who have been in the gallery it is always the case that Julia Gillard is among the dozens of members who enter the chamber immediately after the prayer to open a parliamentary sitting day. This is so she does not have to listen to, let alone participate in, the recitation of the *Our Father*.

Upon being sworn in as Prime Minister she chose to make a never before used secular affirmation rather than the traditional Oath which includes references to 'Almighty God' (a first for a Prime Minister). It made for interesting theatre; Australia's first woman (and active pro-abort feminist) PM sworn in by Australia's first woman (and active pro-abort feminist) Governor General, Quentin Bryce. Bryce and Gillard are connected in a typically dysfunctional fashion. Governor General Bryce is the mother of Chloe Bryce who is married to Bill Shorten. Bill Shorten (another Fabian) was the union leader, now MP, who was tipped for quick promotion under Rudd but he did not receive it. Some thought that Shorten's decision to abandon his first wife Debbie Beale and date Chloe Bryce, fathering a child with her, whilst both were still married to their first spouses, harmed his political future. Shorten's fortunes have now turned around because he is widely regarded as the man principally responsible for arranging Kevin Rudd's political assassination (revenge for not promoting him quickly enough perhaps?). Shorten and Gillard are now political allies because he got her the top job. Shorten, like Gillard, is a Fabian Socialist who cut his teeth as an industrial lawyer working for the Trade Unions. He is now considered a top candidate for 'next leader of the ALP'. When Shorten's new mother-in-law swore Julia Gillard in as the nation's 27th Prime Minister, Socialists and home-wreckers alike must have been rejoicing in their twin formed ascendancy.

Although Gillard may not be married in the traditional sense we can see she has had several long term committed relationships with *atheism, adultery, feminism and Fabianism* during her political life.