ANDREW MARR:
Well Ed Miliband’s still with me and we’ve been joined again by Boris Johnson. Boris, London is full as you were saying earlier on of very wealthy people – non doms and so on – what do you make of Ed’s policy on that?

BORIS JOHNSON:
Well I think it’s an interesting policy that’s been announced by the shadow chancellor, as far as I can remember, Ed Balls in the full admission that it would actually produce less money from rich people than they are paying already do I think it’s a..
ED MILIBAND:
Boris, let me just ask you, there are people here who are living here permanently settled here, you are saying that we should carry on with this tax loophole, this state-sponsored tax avoidance are you?

BORIS JOHNSON:
I am in favour of the rich, of the rich paying as much tax as is consistent with a successful economy.

ED MILIBAND:
What about non dom status?

BORIS JOHNSON:
And your policy by the admission of your own shadow chancellor Ed Balls actually yields less income… I thought Andy gave you a very easy ride.

ED MILIBAND:
But Boris can I ask this question about non doms? Are you for keeping non dom status? I think it’s an important point. Are you for keeing non dom status? You’re defending those people who come here, they live here for thirty years, they are permanently and they don’t pay taxes here.

BORIS JOHNSON:
Hang on is this the Ed Miliband who was in the treasury with Gordon Brown for about ten.. (over).

ED MILIBAND:
Don’t get rattled come on now.

BORIS JOHNSON:
…are you the same creature?... I mean is there some sort of doppelganger going on.

ED MILIBAND:
come on, come on Boris.

BORIS JOHNSON:
I seem to remember.

ED MILIBAND:
I just asked you about non dom status.

BORIS JOHNSON:
I think you were the guy...

ANDREW MARR:
…(over) I have a premonition that this is things to come…

BORIS JOHNSON:
Well, the thing is, not only did we go to the same university, we went to the same primary school, a fact, a fact…

ANDREW MARR:
…(over) and a very good primary school it was too.

ED MILIBAND:
(over) secondary school Boris, not the same secondary school.

BORIS JOHNSON:
A fact you won’t hear Ed Miliband admitting very often. Now, I would like to know... neither of us went to a school as smart as Loreto…
ANDREW MARR:
You attacked Ed Miliband very forcibly today, Boris, in the Sun on Sunday for back stabbing
do you really think that is a fair approach to somebody who is standing in an election?

ED MILIBAND:
He doesn’t believe it. Well, Lynton Crosby putting him up to it. Come on, Boris, you are
better than that. Come on, don’t just do what Lynton says to you. Come on, Boris, I mean,
look if you become leader of the Tory party I’d get rid of Lynton if I were you, you know,
honestly, he doesn’t do much for you.

BORIS JOHNSON:
I am not saying, I am not saying that your brother had to present himself at A&E with a
dagger in his back. (over).

ANDREW MARR:
Gentlemen.

BORIS JOHNSON:
But he would do…

ANDREW MARR:
… (over) best television of the week so far. It’s only just started.

BORIS JOHNSON:
…do more damage to this country than to his brother and that is the key point.

ANDREW MARR:
Enough from both of you all right. Thanks to all my guests including you two, shut up now,
please, sorry. Next Sunday, the last before the election, I will be talking to Nick Clegg and
Nigel Farage – I don’t know if they’ll be on the sofa together, I hope so – the Sunday politics
is on BBC1 at 2.30 when Andrew Neil will be joined by Sajid Javid, Tessa Jowell and David
Laws. But for now, as promised, we leave with you some great music. Who says that country has to be American? The Shires are the first every UK country act to be signed to a major Nashville label. From their top ten album, this is entirely appropriately ‘Nashville Grey Skies’.

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