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Tackling religious persecution	"Protect those persecuted for their faith" and "implement the Truro Review recommendations"	 Labour's Race and Faith manifesto commits to "appoint a Special Envoy for Freedom of Religion or Belief to work across government to promote Freedom of Religious Belief in the UK and abroad" It also stated: "At home and abroad we will ensure all Foreign Office staff receive training on religious literacy" 	 "Protect, defend, and promote human rights for all, including LGBT+ individuals who are persecuted across the world as well as those persecuted for their religion or belief"
Supporting family life	 "A strong society needs strong families. We will improve the Troubled Families programme" "We will establish a new £1 billion fund to help create more high quality, affordable childcare" "Continue our efforts through the tax and benefits system to reduce poverty, including child poverty." "Legislate to allow parents to take extended leave for neonatal care" Consider making flexible working the default for jobs 	 "We will pay childcare costs up front so that parents aren't forced to turn down work or get into debt to pay for childcare" Extend paid maternity leave to 12 months Develop a National Strategy for Children "focusing on health, security, well-being and poverty" "Scrap the benefit cap and the two child limit" "Give all workers the right to flexible working" Remove the Married Couple's tax allowance 	 Pass law to allow the Church of England and Church in Wales to conduct same-sex marriages and introduce legal recognition of humanist marriages Provide free childcare for all children with parents in work from nine months and for all children from two years, up to the time they start school. Invest £1 billion in Children's Centres Remove the two child limit and the benefits cap Scrap the Marriage Tax Allowance

Defending freedom of conscience	 "We will continue to ensure that parents can choose the schools that best suit their children and best prepare them for the future. And we will continue to build more free schools" 	 Labour's Race and Faith manifesto commits to "ensure the views of communities with or without faith are respected and protected across our society" and "support religious education about all faiths in all schools" "We will close the tax loopholes enjoyed by elite private schools" and "ask the Social Justice Commission to advise on integrating private schools and creating a comprehensive education system" 	 "We champion the freedom, dignity and well-being of individuals, we acknowledge and respect their right to freedom of conscience and their right to develop their talents to the full" "Enforce safe zones around abortion clinics, make intimidation or harassment of abortion service users and staff outside clinics, or on common transport routes to these services, illegal"
Helping the marginalised	 "We will add 10,000 more prison places, with £2.75 billion already committed to refurbishing and creating modern prisons" "We will maintain the ban on prisoners voting from jail" "Fully enforce the Homelessness Reduction Act" "We will also end the blight of rough sleeping by the end of the next Parliament" 	 "Restore total prison officer numbers to 2010 levels" "Introduce a presumption against prison sentences of six months or less for non-violent and non- sexual offences" Provide an additional £1 billion a year for councils' homelessness services Repeal the Vagrancy Act 	 "Recruit 2,000 more prison officers and improving the provision of training, education and work opportunities." Introduce a presumption against short prison sentences Publish a cross-Whitehall plan to end all forms of homelessness. "Ensure sufficient financial resources for local authorities to deliver the Homelessness Reduction Act"
Upholding human dignity	No manifesto commitments	 "We will uphold women's reproductive rights and decriminalise abortions" "Women in Northern Ireland should have access to abortions in Northern Ireland" 	 "Decriminalise abortion across the UK while retaining the existing 24-week limit" "Fund abortion clinics to provide their services free of charge." "Access to reproductive healthcare is a human right"