

Why Tories like facts

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Quote of the day (so far) from [Simon Jenkins in the Guardian](#):

Tories have always liked facts — dates, places, weights and measures âš„,Ã® because they brook no argument from sceptics and leftwingers. They are "academic", intellectual authority on stilts. But history's facts are deliciously dangerous. Set them going and they race to conclusions. That is why a history lesson for ministers might be a lesson of advantage to us all.

I recommend the rest of the article too. It's good

Please note, Michael Gove.