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I have to agree with [Jenni Russell's article in the Guardian this morning](#):

Politics needs mavericks, not just the same old chumocracy and groupthink

That Margaret Hodge and Nigel Farage are arousing passions shows how sick we are of the professional political class

And her conclusion is as good:

Party leaders don't want irreverent, troublesome, freethinking mavericks. Otherwise, why have the very able MPs Gisela Stuart and Andrea Leadsom not been given jobs? They prefer, as do bosses the world over, the chumocracy; people who will defer to and think like them. But the world's too complex and uncomfortable a place for that. Groupthink isn't working, and the electorate can see it. Too many of us look at parliament and feel that people like us are excluded. It's time the bright, the difficult, the grey-haired and the underprivileged were given a voice, not just on the airwaves or on the net, but at the centre of power.

I wish I could see it happening.