

England does not feel like a country asking to be turne...

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Janan Ganesh's [column in the FT](#) is usually a source of irritation to me, which is probably why I read it. George Osborne's biographer usually wears his prejudices on his sleeve so when he writes this today I think it would be wise for Osborne to take note:

Britain, or at least England, does not feel like a country asking to be turned upside down by zealots.

There is no mistaking what he means. He is saying the Conservatives may have won but there is no desire to shred to the BBC, tear up the Green Belt, or move right in so many areas. His conclusion is:

If Mr Cameron rules moderately, with a reformist edge, his party might indeed take out a long-term lease on power. If he tries to do Thatcher's unfinished business, he could saddle his party with a foul reputation by 2020.

I did not expect wise words from such a source. I must re-appraise him