

The Tories have ceased to speak for the sane majority, ...

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This is by Matthew Parris in The Times this morning:

([Via Tom Sutcliffe on Twitter](#))

Parris did not mince his words. This is another quote (via [Sarah Murphy](#), no relation):

And this is what he has to say on the existence of cost-benefit analyses, previously denied:

Yes, it is.

I am writing this sitting a few hundred yards from Oliver Cromwell's house. What did he say when dismissing the corrupt Rump Parliament? [It was this](#):

It is high time for me to put an end to your sitting in this place,

which you have dishonored by your contempt of all virtue, and defiled by your practice of every vice.

Ye are a factious crew, and enemies to all good government.

Ye are a pack of mercenary wretches, and would like Esau sell your country for a mess of pottage, and like Judas betray your God for a few pieces of money.

Is there a single virtue now remaining amongst you? Is there one vice you do not possess?

Parris said much the same thing, in a different way:

Cromwell concluded:

In the name of God, go!

Let me be clear, I am not calling for a Protectorate. But the sentiment is right: in the name of whatever you might believe in it is time for this rotten government to go.