

# The Mail never saw that coming

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This is from the editorial column of the Mail today:

Of course there's a load of nonsense in there: this is the Mail.

And equally there is a message worth noting. It is that the Mail no longer trusts this government with freedom of the press.

Even the Tories' natural allies now think that they are a threat to a freedom that underpins democracy.

First they came for the Opposition, and The Mail rejoiced.

Then they went for the judges, and The Mail sang along.

After that they went for the civil service, and The Mail joined in.

Then they went for press freedom and The Mail never saw that coming despite all the precedents in the USA.

There are moments to despair. And moments to be angry. And moments to worry. And there are moments for all three.