

# Is the era when style and storytelling triumphed over f...

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Will Hutton suggested in [The Observer today](#), when discussing the treatment of Emily Maitlis by the BBC:

*Trust can only be earned in public health policy by testing answers. Evidence bending in order to justify a political position is not going to work. One of the reasons Keir Starmer's approval rating is rising is that he is in step with the times. The period of British politics in which style and storytelling triumphed over fact and evidence is ending. The tragedy is that it has taken a first-order health crisis to remind the British of the tradition that Francis Bacon pioneered — and once again to live by it.*

But is he right? Is that change really happening?

I would like to agree with Will on this one. But simply by asking the question it is clear that I have doubts.

Thoughts?