

## Funding the Future

# Politics is not a game without consequences. It really ...

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Dominic Cummings [said this on Twitter yesterday](#):



Dominic Cummings  
@Dominic2306

...

Shd we generally stick to deals? Of course. Sometimes break them? Of course. Just like the EU, US, China and every other state does. International diplomacy cannot be judged by the standards of a student duel, and lawyers are hired help not the masters

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He added:



Dominic Cummings  
@Dominic2306

...

We took over a party on ~10%, worst constitutional crisis in century, much of deep state angling for BINO or 2REF. So we wriggled thro with best option we cd & intended to get the 🛒 to ditch bits we didn't like after whacking Corbyn. We prioritised. Now time for IM2  
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In other words, the Tories knowingly lied about both Brexit and its consequences for Northern Ireland to win the 2019 general election. They knew the deal was not 'oven ready'. They knew they would have to renegotiate because what they were signing was, as far as they were concerned, unacceptable. And they did not give a hint of that.

I agree [with this comment](#) from John Cotter, a law lecturer at Keele University on this:



John Cotter  
@John\_Cotter

...

So Cummings is \*openly\* admitting that he and others agreed to the Protocol to win a general election, with no intention of abiding by it. Reminder: that is the Northern Ireland peace process they were playing with to win an election.

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Peace in Northern Ireland is too important for such games to be played. Lives are at stake.

And politics does require integrity.

If Cummings is right (and he may not be) both were treated as incidental to the gains that the Conservatives might make. No wonder politicians are held in contempt in that case.

Surely we can do better than that?