

A note to those defending those who attacked Keir Starmer...

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There were a number of comments on this blog yesterday from those of left wing persuasion that appeared to share much in common.

All sought to excuse the attack on Keir Starmer by a small group of protestors outside parliamentary buildings earlier this week.

Most said they had not seen the footage, which is very odd when it is readily available.

Despite that they were quite sure there was no physical violence. There very clearly was physical intimidation during the protest, and it was very clearly deliberate.

They claimed they did not hear mention of Jimmy Savile or any reference to it. This is absurd. The very clearly heard claims that he had protected a paedophile clearly relate to the accusations Boris Johnson made about him. Denying this is to lie about the obvious reason for the aggression on display.

Instead these commentators had only apparently heard reports referring to complaints about Starmer's supposed treatment of Julian Assange, and about his links to freemasonry. Try as I might I have not heard the latter, or of them. Of the former, the suggestion would seem to be that the CPS should not do its job with regard to extradition requests.

Thereafter the suggestion was that I was opposing the right to demonstrate by blocking those making comment. I was cast in poor light when compared with Craig Murray, who I have long considered a person of remarkably poor judgement.

So why did I react as I did?

There are several reasons. First, all those commenting in this way were in my opinion disingenuous, at best. This protest was violent. Those protesting clearly intended to, and did, harass Keir Starmer, who did require police protection as a result. I am all in favour of the right to protest but am never in favour of violent protest. This was violent protest. That is unacceptable in a democracy. Those supporting it, as those banned did,

have no place here, and I will continue to say so.

Second, claiming that this was not about Savile is just wrong. At the point where the left make that claim they are acting in union with the fascists. I always condemn those on the left who happily do that, and too many do.

Third, they were simply fabricating their evidence, and that is utterly unacceptable.

Fourth, they are happy to support any protest against Starmer, who is the democratically elected leader of a political party. As such they oppose democracy itself. I am a democrat and this is not a site willing to promote anything else. It is apparent that I do not agree with Keir Starmer in all his policies. But I absolutely respect his right to hold them. Those who think otherwise are the enemies of democratic politics and are utterly unacceptable to me. And this, I might remind those claiming I censor them, is my site and it is my right to exercise my editorial freedom.

So please feel free to submit such comments, but you will go straight on the banned list, whoever you might be. The cause of democratic politics is bigger than any one commentator.