

Why did the Tories permit Golden Visas that clearly ass...

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The [FT has a headline](#) this morning that says:



As the related report notes:

The UK is preparing to abolish its so-called “golden visa” regime within weeks, as Russian actions over Ukraine spurred renewed calls to tackle “dirty money” flooding into the UK. The Tier 1 “investor visa” route has in the past attracted wealthy Russian and other international investors, who have resettled in the UK under the scheme.

As some of us have always suggested, such schemes have only ever existed for three reasons.

First, to promote inequality.

Second, to bolster the economy with hot money.

Third, to permit easy entry of funds into the London Money-laundromat.

It is good to note that the FT categorises the move under the last of these three characteristics.

But the questions now exists as to why the Tories permitted this for so long, because it was clearly very deliberate on their part? Is it that they were quite simply indifferent to

corruption, or was it worse than that?