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There are things we know about politics in the UK.

Boris Johnson is a liar.

A civil servant resigned because a case of bullying was dropped against Priti Patel.

Dominic Raab is incompetent.

Liz Truss is way out of her depth.

Rishi Sunak wants to impose callous cuts in government spending that will hit those least off the most.

Gavin Williamson was given a knighthood despite leaking secrets.

But apparently the biggest villain in politics is John Bercow, who has been found to have thrown a mobile phone onto a desk so hard it shattered into hundreds of pieces of shrapnel, which I suggest very unlikely if you have any experience of dropping mobile phones.

Am I defending Bercow if he really was a bully? No, of course not.

But am I saying that this feels like a very odd case when we are well aware that he was politically hated by many Tory MPs? Yes, I am saying it feels like that.

And, candidly, I'd rather we focussed on the incompetence of those now in office.