

Seeking to overthrow the government is what political o...

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The FT [provides a clear indication](#) of the way in which populist thinking is moving this morning. As they report:

An Istanbul court has sentenced a prominent Turkish businessman and philanthropist to life in jail without parole in a landmark case — a verdict campaigners described as an “outrageous” blow to human rights.

Osman Kavala, whose prosecution has become a litmus test of the rule of law in Turkey, was found guilty of having sought to overthrow the government despite years of objections to his treatment by western officials, human rights groups and one of Europe’s top courts.

Extensive research by many groups and governments has shown Kavala is nothing more than political opposition.

I give due notice that on this basis I have been seeking to overthrow this government for years because it has failed the people of the UK and because it has served its own self-interest and that of its clients very well.

Those of us who have done so should take due note. Is this where the populists will want to go next? It would not surprise me.