

# A party that has for four decades promoted the idea tha...

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I said yesterday morning that I was not making forecasts for the day. And in the end Truss accepted the inevitable and resigned.

As Truss was my MP for a while I remember the fuss when she was appointed the local candidate. She was not much liked by many then. She proved as disastrous as felt likely at that time. I have no sorrow at her downfall.

Instead I see this mess as the inevitable consequence of forty years of neoliberalism hollowing out the state and its institutions in a deliberate attempt to undermine the democratic process to secure advances in the interests of a wealthy few in society.

That deliberate process now leaves democracy so undermined we cannot get rid of the rotten party that imposed a rotten prime minister and which sees no problem with giving us another rotten replacement who they think will have the right to govern for two years.

I do not believe that they have that right. At this juncture I do not think they have the right to govern at all. I also very much doubt that they can.

If Johnson is the new leader I think sufficient Tories will rebel to pass a vote of no confidence.

If Sunak or Mordaunt secured office I doubt either could persuade a majority of MPs to vote for their legislation. The Tory party is now too divided and factional for that to happen, with those factions openly defying and obviously loathing each other.

There is, then, no one who I think could command a majority in the House for the Tories now. The semblance that they are a party has gone. A party that has for four decades promoted the idea that self interest is paramount is now being destroyed by it. That is the only justice I can see in the situation that has developed. Everything else is too grim for much comfort to be found.

And then, when this hollowed out wreck of party collapses the fascists will be ready to

pounce.

I take little comfort from what has happened.