

Are the Tories ever fit for office?

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This image was of the Guardian website this morning:

Headlines

Thursday **26 January 2023**

Nadhim Zahawi / Treasury was aware of investigation into finances, sources claim

No 10 says 'categorically untrue'
that Rishi Sunak knew about tax
fine at time of appointment

Exclusive At least 24 civil servants
involved in complaints against
Dominic Raab, say sources

Richard Sharp BBC chair was
shareholder in firm awarded £600k
while he was a No 10 adviser

The message is clear, as is the juxtaposition: this is a government incapacitated by allegations of tax abuse, abuse and unethical conduct.

I know a great many deeply ethical people. A few of them are politicians. The question is, why does the Venn diagram that contains the overlap between these two groups so small? And why is it that the Tories have such a problem with this?

Could it be that believing that the pursuit of personal wealth is the ultimate objective in life and the pursuit of power over others through securing political power are aims that are incompatible if the objective is transparent, open, accountable and honest government? Are the Tories ever fit for office as a result of a basic flaw in their ethos, in other words?