

Government by fantasists

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It is indisputable that the UK faces significant economic and social crises.

It is also beyond dispute that there are substantial failings in the UK's public services, whether due to underfunding of many of them or institutional misogyny in police forces.

In the face of this the government has three major legislative proposals at present.

One is to create impose a new and costly law aimed at preventing voter fraud, which is a crime that hardly exists.

Another will allow action against those who might organise or take part in protests that have yet to happen.

The third is require minimum service level guarantees from those who plan strikes in the public sector when the government cannot offer such guarantees on any other day.

It is as if we have a government that has noticed and understood its inability to legislate for the real world and has decided to legislate for a parallel universe instead.

This is, in other words, a government so detached from reality that it now addresses issues arising in its own fantasy.

I too have a dream. It is that this government be gone. The problem is that I am aware that this is unlikely to happen for almost two years as yet. Government for another place, time and real-world scenario will continue until then.