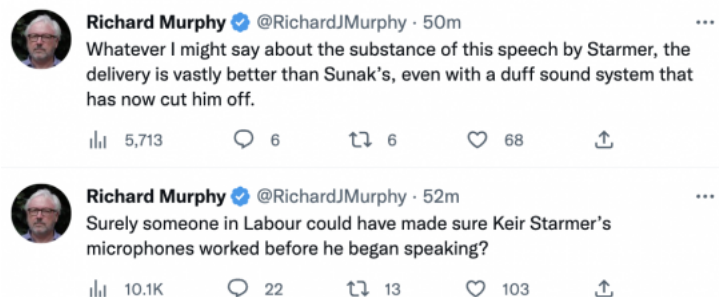


Starmer's big idea is to deny responsibility for Labour...

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I watched Keir Starmer give his 'vision speech' this morning.

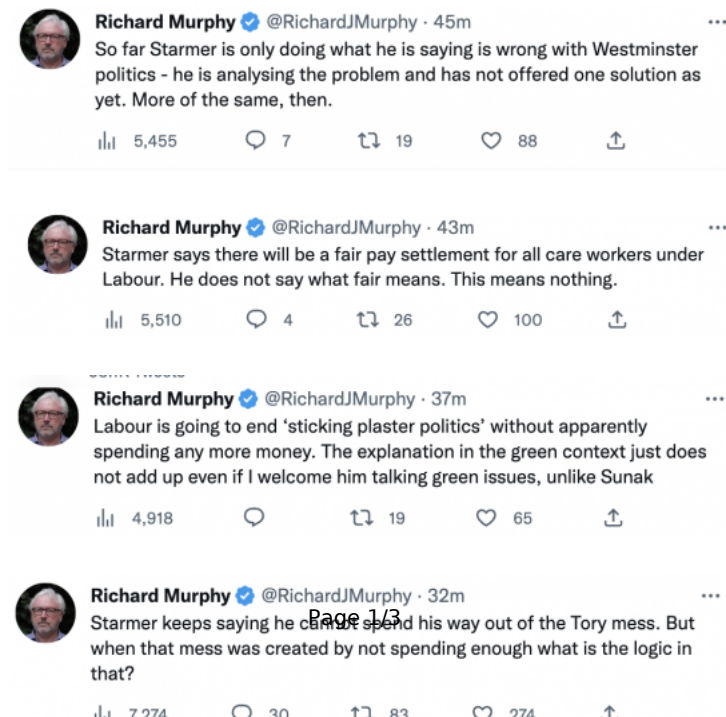
My initial reactions were tweeted as follows:



The sound quality throughout this broadcast was dire: Labour really has to get the basics right.

That said: Starmer beat Sunak hands down on presentation.

Content was another issue. On this I noted the following as the speech progressed:



Bluntly the speech was virtually devoid of content, excepting his one big idea, which was around devolution. The premise of this was however worrying. As I noted before he got to the issue:



I should perhaps have added 'existing' before devolution in that second tweet.

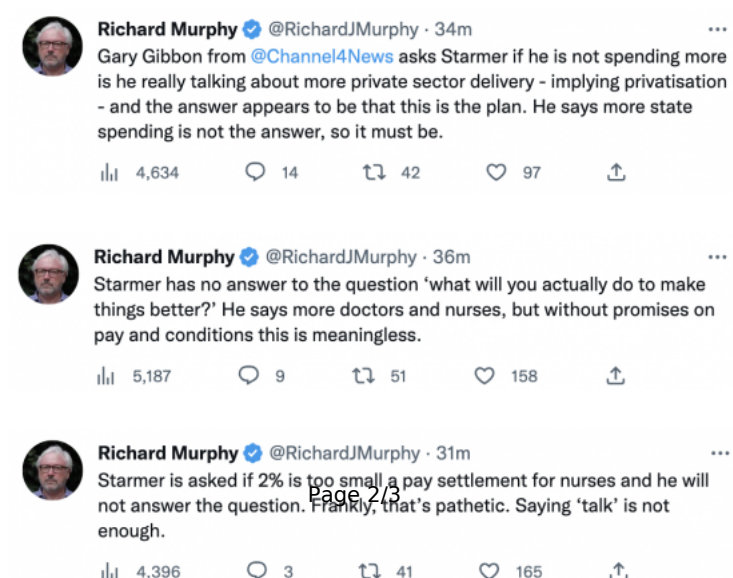
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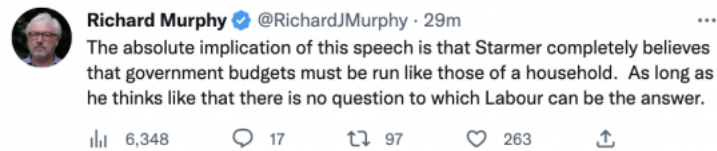
I summarised this saying:



Indisputably this was a better speech than Sunak's, but there were massive issues, like these:



In summary, I posted this:



The presentation was vastly better than Sunak's.

And maybe there was a little more substance.

But was this a vision for a government? It fell very, very far short of that.

I will have more to say on what that vision should be soon, I hope.