

I don't do GB News

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I got this message from GB News in the last hour:

iMessage
Today 12:12

Hi Richard,
I hope you are well.
I'm a producer on GB News.
I have saw your tweet on tax.
Just wondering your availability for tonight to
appear on Jacob Rees-Mogg's show between
8-9pm tonight at Westminster. Cabs and fee
included. Please let me know if this is
something you would be interested in? Thank
you,
Kind regards,

The message was followed by a call.

I made it clear to the producer that I will never do GB News because of the wholly unacceptable political message that it delivers.

I stressed that I was not making the issue personal and said I had no idea as to the producer's own views but hoped that they would think very hard about what they were doing as GB News exists, in my opinion, to advance conspiracy theories and to undermine the fabric of the society we live in.

I was then asked if I might do it because it was the Jacob Rees Mogg show that they wanted me on. I made it clear that was the very worst reason. GB News providing a persistent platform to Tory MPs alone is contrary to Ofcom rules as far as I am aware and I was certainly not going to lend this ultra-biased broadcasting credibility by being on the programme.

I think they got the message.

I will not be there, or take their cabs and fee. Now now, not ever.