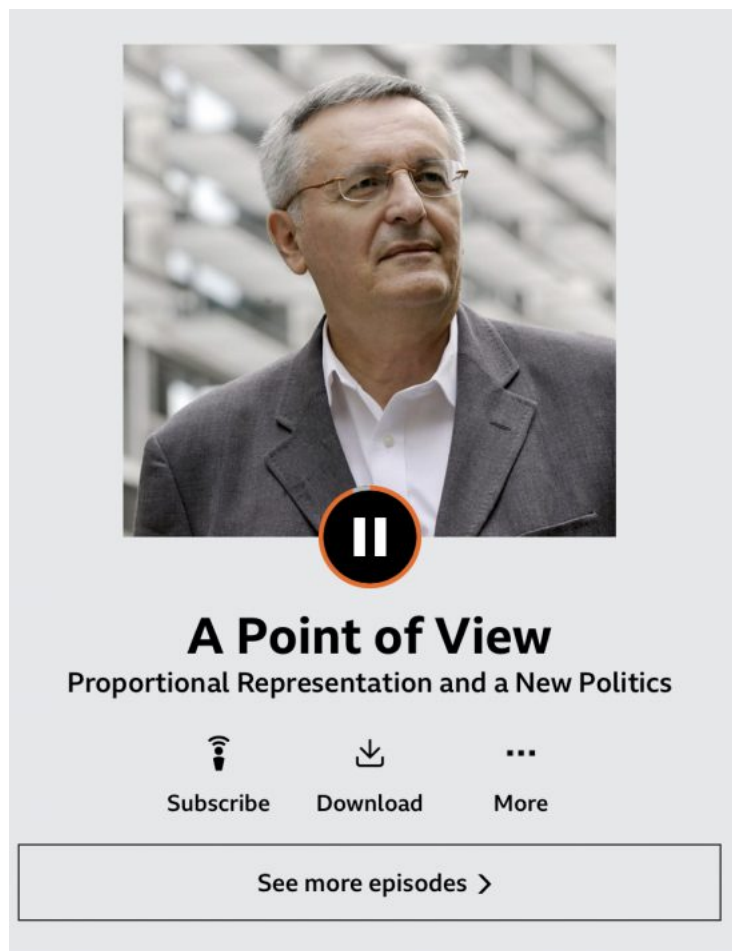


The UK needs a strong state

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A commentator here suggested it with listening to this programme. I am grateful for the suggestion.



The programme [is available here.](#)

John Gray makes a point familiar to many who comment here that we are now being presented with two major political parties in the UK, both of whom are dedicated to enabling markets rather than protecting people, the state and essential services from abuse by the market.

He makes the point that this cult of the market is only 40 years old. It is not the natural order.

He believes that we need a strong state. He thinks that without it our further decline is inevitable. We need a government that protects us from abuse by the market, not one that enables it.

And without proportional representation he sees no way to be rid of this cult which he strongly suspects does not represent the beliefs of most people.

These opinions closely accord with findings in a poll here yesterday.

The argument is well written and presented. It is well worth nine minutes of your time.