

Raab is playing by the far-right rule book

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Dominic Raab says he was forced out of office by 'activist civil servants'.

His former permanent secretary, [speaking this morning](#), clearly disagrees. He said:

I witnessed a tough task master, I witnessed a minister who knew what he wanted to do, and frankly I witnessed somebody whose methods did not help him achieve what he wanted to do and that I raised with him more than once.

The investigation into Raab's conduct clearly agrees with that.

So what is the agenda Raab is raising now? It is, of course, that there is a left wing enemy within, seeking to undermine the government's purpose. The Daily Express has already bought the line, suggesting Raab could not do what he wished for the country because civil servants prevented it. No doubt [Matthew Goodwin's views](#) on there being a woke elite ruling Britain now will surface soon.

<https://www.theguardian.com/world/2023/apr/14/first-edition-new-elite-matthew-goodwin>

The agenda is, of course, very clear gross misinformation. It is a distortion of the truth. Call it disingenuous, at best. But what does that matter if the Express, Mail and Telegraph reader buys it? Raab believes the claims will work for him. He would not, I presume, be taking this line if he did not.

So what is his goal? There are three.

First he wants to create 'an enemy within'. The notoriously reliable civil service is being chosen as the target.

Second, the object is to spread division. 'Us v them' (in this case 'us v those nasty people in the civil service who are trying to undermine all we want') is the aim.

Third, the objective is to permit the abuse Raab wishes to pursue. Whether that is Brexit, the racist migrant policy, the undermining of the rule of law, or other ongoing

abuses does not really matter. The aim is to create a diversionary tactic that makes 'the other' the focus so that the abuse might continue.

This is straight out of the far-right playbook, of course.

Raab is still delivering. Even his wrongdoing serves up the opportunity to create division, and nothing else matters to the Tories anymore.