

The 'bastards' have always done for the Tories

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As the [Guardian notes this morning](#):

Rishi Sunak was losing control of an increasingly anarchic Tory party on Saturday as former cabinet ministers openly criticised the direction of policy under his leadership and dozens of backbench MPs plotted a new rebellion over Brexit.

Amid recriminations over the heavy Conservative losses in recent council elections, and with pro-Brexit MPs incensed that Sunak's government is dropping plans to shred more than 4,000 EU laws within months, discipline was at risk of completely disintegrating on the right of the party.

Johnson is getting his retribution in as failed Cabinet ministers (who should never have reached that level of appointment) from Dorries, to Patel and Rees-Mogg fly the pre-Brexit and anti-woke flag on GB News and at the [Conservative Democratic Organisation](#), whose whole purpose for being seems to be to undermine Sunak.

The allegations are flying.

The prospect of there being rebellions in the Commons on post-Brexit legislation appears to be high.

Sunak must be reminded of the dying days of John Major's administration, when those he termed 'the bastards' ground his command of the party down, and made clear that its days in power needed to come to an end. The impression that there was unity within the Tory coalition was shattered back then, and it is being shattered now.

What is more, on both occasions the party is being shredded by people hopelessly out of touch with what the public want. Most people in the U.K. now realise that Brexit was a massive mistake. And as the Guardian noted when it did recent focus group research on why former Tory voters switched to the LibDems, people have no time for the Tory anti-woke and identity politics agenda that these opponents of Sunak promote.

The Tory right wing had nothing to say that now resonates with this country. But they

can make Sunak look incompetent, out of control and powerless. That is enough to end his chances of re-election. When governments have to lose elections, because oppositions (and most especially the one we have) rarely win them, this is the biggest likely indicator that there is that the Tories have no hope at the next general election, and maybe for a while after it.

In that case there is little doubt that Starmer is heading to be prime minister. Neoliberalism is safe for a few more years then. It's just that the custodian will be changed.