

Will the Tories ditch Sunak and go for PM number 4?

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As the Guardian notes in an email news alert this morning:

[Rishi Sunak is facing a Conservative meltdown](#) over the Rwanda deportation bill after two deputy chairs said they would support rebel amendments aimed at blocking international human rights laws. Lee Anderson and Brendan Clarke-Smith have defied the prime minister by backing rightwing challenges to the bill, which will be debated by parliament on Tuesday.

It is thought that sixty or more Tories might vote for amendments to Sunak's Rwanda legislation this week.

Whether that means that they will defeat Sunak depends on what Labour does and, more importantly, whether they would vote for the Bill either amended or unamended at the end of the day once they have had their say. It seems no one knows the answer to that question.

That, however, is not stopping the more extreme and stupid Tory MPs from hoping that they might push Sunak out this week. Dame Andrea Jenkyns meets both those criteria and is certainly making the case for them doing so.

Rationally, you have to think the Tories would not want to take the risk of four Prime Ministers in a single parliament, but then you realise how far the Tories really are behind and realise that a big Tory backer was willing to pay for the mega-poll that showed that which was [published in the Telegraph yesterday](#) and rationality ceases to be a factor in this. Might fear make them do it? Nothing should be ruled out, but I really cannot imagine who number four might be or how they might help.