

Subverting democracy

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

Thousands of voters in the May local elections are at risk of being disenfranchised because of “cynical” rule changes that make photo ID compulsory, Labour’s metro mayors argue.

Mayors including Sadiq Khan in London, Tracy Brabin in West Yorkshire and Andy Burnham in Greater Manchester have come together to raise awareness of changes they say are a “brazen assault on our democracy”.

The new system, they argue, is a Tory attempt to make it easier for the Conservative party to win and are “inspired by the voter suppression tactics of the US Republican party”.

It is apparently impossible for us to consider PR in the UK.

We cannot reform the House of Lords.

Scotland is denied a referendum on its future as, no doubt, one will also be denied on Northern Ireland in due course.

We may not talk about the EU, ever again.

But rigging the voting system to make it harder for everyone, and most especially the young, to take part in elections? That's just fine. Bring it on, they say.

And you can be sure Labour will do nothing about it.