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Yvette Cooper, the Home Secretary, has written in the Telegraph this morning:



I don't pay for the Telegraph and have no desire to do so, and I do rather resent ministers making announcements behind paywalls. It seems to me to be the opposite of what accountability should be about. But let me assume that she has summarised her arguments correctly in her tweet. I gather from other media comments that this is pretty much the case.

Of course, it was a disgrace that the police were attacked.

It will be appropriate to impose significant penalties on those who did that.

And it is wholly appropriate that respect be restored for each other. That is true for people of whatever origin, ethnicity, creed, orientation and gender they might be. I should, however, add that this is also true for all children, however many siblings they might have, if it so happens that their parents might need state social security support, but Cooper does not seem to want to go that far. Her beliefs appear to be entirely conditional on Rachel Reeves' balancing of her books.

And yes, we should respect law and order. But Labour's failure to announce it will get rid of bad Tory laws, like many on legitimate protesting, undermines that commitment on its part.

That commitment from Labour is also undermined by the absence of any comment from it on the denial of the right to a fair trial for climate protestors who have been refused the right to explain their actions in court by totally biased judges who are bringing their political prejudices into the legal system.

And it is also undermined by Labour being apparently unable to decide that an Israeli government genocide in Gaza is a breach of international law.

So, of course, I agree with Yvette Cooper. I just wish she would act in accordance with her own demands.