

We don't have two tier policing. We do have people in...

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I am angered by commentary on two tier policing, some of which has turned up in comments posted on this blog that I have deleted.

The allegation that there has been two tier policing in the UK is false.

The claim is based on the suggestion that the police, politics and media have been soft on Black Lives Matter and Gaza protests but tough on the far-right.

First, I do not agree with the suggestions about BLM and Gaza protests. Many politicians have called the latter hate marches, when they oppose a well documented and now legally described genocide.

BLM marches opposed police violence against people of colour. We have institutionally racist police forces in the UK: official reports say so. Profoundly unwise politicians seem to want to deny this.

The police are also misogynist, and we saw the heavy handed policing of those pointing that out too. There has been political and too much media denial on this too.

So, all these protests were about:

- Upholding human rights
- Respecting the dignity of all people
- Maintaining the rule of law

In contrast, far-right rioting has been tackled by the police as criminality intent on causing harm to particular people, promoting racism and damaging property.

From the intent through to the action there is nothing that requires that comparison be made between Gaza and BLM protests, which have been legal, peaceful (with rare exceptions usually resulting from deliberate provocation from the far right) and the rioting of the last few days.

To make the claim that these actions are alike and should have been treated in the same way is to deliberately provoke misinformation to encourage division, hate and racial discrimination in our society. But then, that is what far right politicians do.