

The Tories are now the Very Nasty Party

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Theresa May once described the Conservative Party as the Nasty Party. As Home Secretary and Prime Minister, she went out of her way to prove her point. However, things have become much worse since then. The Tories have now become the Very Nasty Party (VNP), or maybe something a little worse than that.

Under Kemi Badenoch, aided and abetted by the utterly gormless Chris Philp, the Tories are rudderless and grasping for anything that they might find that might gain them a shred of support from those of their one-time supporters who have not yet left to support Reform.

So, Badenoch has failed to speak out about Musk's shameless attacks on Jess Phillips, who, whatever you think of her politics, is not the person he has described.

She has not condemned Musk's claim that Starmer should be in prison, which is obvious interference by one state in another, given that he is now part of the incoming US government.

Nor has she condemned Musk's support for the so-called Tommy Robinson and his ugly racism.

Come to that, she has ignored Musk running a poll to ask if the US should liberate the UK from Labour rule.

Nothing, it seems, makes her think she needs to do more than echo Musk's comments, either by her indifference to them or by suggesting that she does not know if they are true or not.

She is even in denial about her own party's past governments and their utter failure to address the grooming issue, despite funding Commissions that looked into the issue, about whose findings they then did nothing.

The Tories have been playing in the political gutter for some time. Now they're in the sewers. It would seem that there is nothing that they will not now say to out-Farage

Reform.

I doubt this will work for Badenoch. She lacks charisma, ideas, style, and voter appeal. She has nothing to offer in the House of Commons or outside it. Few, except Liz Truss, of such incompetence have been promoted as high as she has been. And she has no way back on her left flank: Starmer is firmly placed where May, Johnson and Sunak once were, ranking with them amongst the recent pantheon of useless UK prime ministers on the centre-right, whilst heading rightward whenever the opportunity presents itself.

Is there really any chance that the Tories will survive this failure? I am not convinced that there is. That leaves space open for Farage. Badenoch's problem is that most in her party rather like that idea. The days of the Very Nasty Party might be short-lived.