

I don't apologise for being so angry

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I might appear to be angry of late. The reason is that I am.

I am incandescent with Labour and its callous indifference to people.

I am frightened by Starmer's refusal to condemn fascists in the US government.

Starmer's support for the genocide being pursued by the government of Israel is unforgivable.

I am profoundly troubled by the collapse of democracy and the rule of law in the USA.

I know that democracy only hangs on here in the UK by a thread.

I am livid that the Bank of England still treats the people of this country with contempt by imposing utterly unnecessary interest rates on them so that wealth can flow upwards to those already privileged in society.

And always and almost everywhere, I see almost wholly inadequate responses to all this from the supposed left-of-centre think tanks and political parties and their tame media, all of them so incapacitated by their neoliberal bias, failure of empathy, and elite concerns that they have not a clue between them as to what to do about any of this.

So, yes, I am angry and less inclined than ever to suffer fools gladly.

And what would you expect me to be? Is anyone happy right now?

What is more, if I wasn't angry, do you really think I would keep writing about all these things, day in and day out?

It's precisely because I know we can do better that I do keep writing.

We could have a politics of care when we now have a politics of indifference.

We could manage the economy to ensure everyone flourished instead of balancing the books whilst ensuring only the wealthy prosper.

We could choose peace - and resolve the issues that the world faces.

We could choose the rule of law and democracy.

We could do these things. But we don't.

Why not be angry?