

## It's all falling apart for Nigel, again

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One of the consequences that I predicted would flow from Trump was that the far-right elsewhere would suffer serious reputational damage.

I suggested that this might arise from:

- \* Their inability to put clear water between their positions and those of Trump.
- \* Their own sense of grandeur from association with Trump, and the feeling of superiority that they might claim as a result, representing pride before a fall.
- \* Their own inability to manage fallout within their ranks, which is a characteristic of many extremist parties.

It looks as if all those expectations are proving to be justified. Last night [The Guardian reported](#) that:

*Reform UK has erupted into open civil war after the party said its MP Rupert Lowe had received complaints about bullying and had made threats against the party chair, a day after Lowe criticised Nigel Farage for being “messianic”.*

I will not repeat all aspects of the allegations - which look to be both serious for Lowe, if they prove to be true, which is not the case at present - and disastrous for Reform, which yet again proves that a party led by Farage is nothing more than a personal ego-trip on his part, lacking in any political substance, ideas, policy or ability to attract anyone with any significant political acumen to work in the shadow of his considerable ego.

It would be premature to suggest that yet another Farage vehicle is going to crash, but what is happening looks very dangerous for Reform. They want to be taken seriously. It is going to be very hard for anyone to really do that when it is so obvious that the kindest that can be said of them is that they are a complete shower, and anything only slightly less kind is pretty brutal.

I would be delighted to see the demise of Farage, yet again, but let's be clear that this:

- \* Might boost the Tories, except for the fact that Badenoch makes even Starmer look like a man of political genius, which I will make clear for the sake of first-time readers here, is not even remotely what I think him to be.
- \* Provides no answer to the real problem in UK politics, which is that there is no credible party that can win power from the left of centre in England now, given that Labour is well to the right of where David Cameron was and that the LibDems are neoliberal, meaning that very large parts of the UK electorate have no one to vote for, not least because the Greens seem unable to get their act together in any meaningful way.

The mess that is English politics does, then, deepen, but if Farage was to suffer a massive blow to his fortunes I will not pretend to be anything but pleased.