

Funding the Future

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Keir Starmer [said yesterday](#) that the Tories were sliding into an abyss and that Reform were now Labour's main political challenger.

He was right about the Tories.

He was wrong about Reform being the main challenger to Labour.

A combination of indifference and loathing is now the main challenger to Labour.

I wonder if Starmer really understands how despised he is for what he has done?

I also wonder if he has any clue about the scale of indifference there now is to neoliberal politics, which contempt covers both Labour and the Tories, and also extends to the LibDems and maybe the SNP as a party that has been in power for a long time?

The fact is that people know politics is not working. Although they might not express it as such, they are very aware that neoliberalism has destroyed what was of value in politics. They have seen the instruments of social democratic power and policy delivery, which worked so well, debased and even destroyed by right-wing politicians, and have watched supposed left-of-centre politicians stand by and let that happen, and even participate in the process. All that they feel is despair as a result.

Most people do not support Farage.

Most people hate Farage and all that he stands for.

Most people want fairness, justice and opportunity for all, and most especially those who the market excludes from having it.

Most people want to live peaceably alongside their neighbours.

Most people do not want to hear doctrine or arguments about why markets are best when they know they are not.

Most people want systems that work, and they know that once upon a time, they did.

And now they know that the Tories and Labour no longer believe themselves capable of delivering what worked.

That's the real challenge to Labour. Reform is not.

The challenge to Labour comes from a man who does not know what he is for. Who does not believe in government and who does not understand government, economics, politics, and people, and what they want.

The biggest challenge to Labour is Starmer.

But even if he goes, the next most significant challenge to Labour is all those in the Cabinet who think like him.

The reality is that Labour has destroyed itself.

The challenge to Labour is to reinvent itself, or exit, stage right, because it forgot where the left was five or so long years ago.

How can Starmer get so much wrong?