

No wonder Starmer is in trouble

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As [Politico](#) has noted in the context of Labour MPs rebelling against Keir Starmer:

Keir Starmer heads an army of 402 MPs. There's one problem: some of them have never met him.

"I met him on the day we had our group picture taken — in the sense he moved through the crowd," Neil Duncan-Jordan, a new MP, told POLITICO by WhatsApp.

"I've never had a conversation with him. He's never sent me a note congratulating me on my amazing victory etc. The public can't believe it, but it's true. I doubt he knows who I am." A second backbencher told POLITICO they had never met the PM in their life.

A man who can't be bothered to work out who he is demanding respect from, or to talk to them, is not a leader.

No wonder he is in trouble. You cannot treat people like that and expect loyalty in return. It is not going to happen.