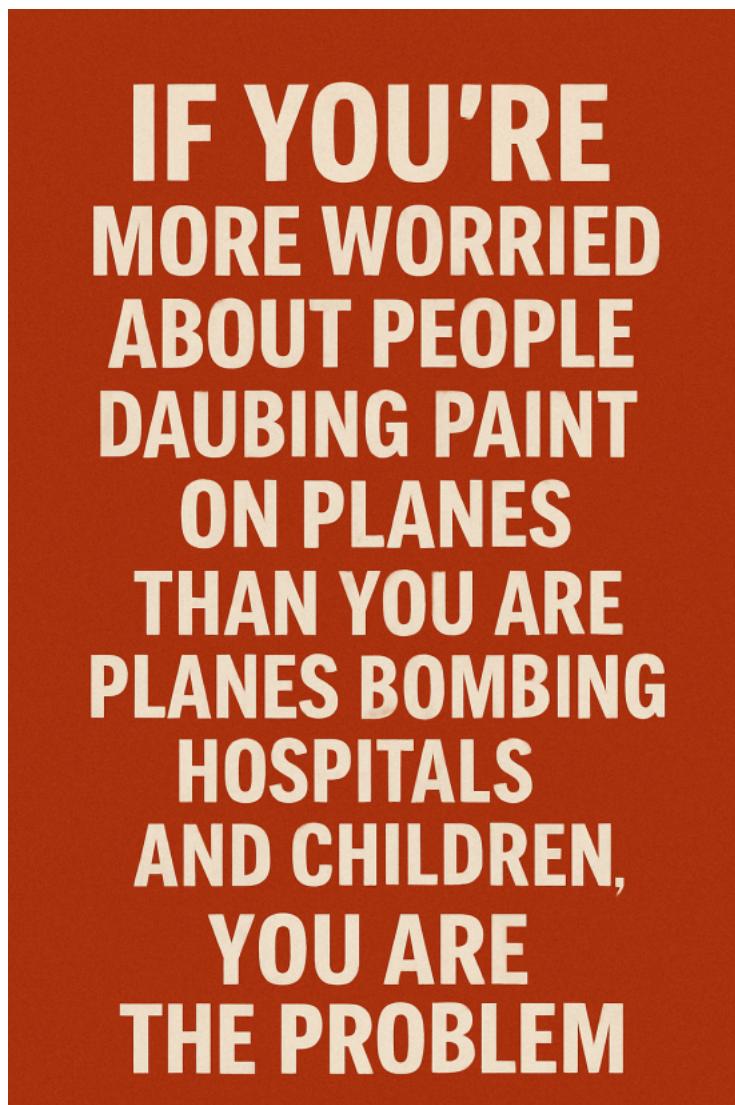


# Our government is the problem

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As some will know, [I posted this poster of my creation here yesterday](#), and I am doing so again now:



I am unapologetic for doing so.

After posting it, [I saw this article in The Guardian](#), written by Sally Rooney, the writer of Normal People and other great books, which I recommend, having read most of her stuff:

Israel kills innocent Palestinians. Activists spray-paint a plane. Guess which the UK government calls terrorism

Sally Rooney



If Palestine Action becomes a proscribed group, writing these words of support could become a serious offence. It's vital we fight this alarming attack on free speech

As Sally Rooney says in the piece:

*International organisations could hardly be more unanimous in their assessment that Israel is committing extremely grave war crimes in Gaza.*

And then she notes, entirely appropriately, that:

*And yet the UK continues to provide Israel with military intelligence, and British companies continue to sell lethal weapons to the Israeli state.*

Of course, objecting to that is legitimate, whatever the law says. As she puts it:

*The activists who broke into the RAF facility at Brize Norton knew, of course, that their actions were illegal. From the suffragettes to the gay rights movement to the anti-apartheid struggle, genuine political resistance has always involved intentional law-breaking. As [Martin Luther King Jr wrote](#) from a Birmingham jail: “One has a moral responsibility to disobey unjust laws.” And the provision of weapons to facilitate genocide is more than unjust: it is an abyss of moral horror. Those brave enough to break the law in protest – many of whom are already [serving time in prison](#) for their actions – deserve our highest respect.*

And then she rightly notes that proscribing an organisation then means even writing an article of the type she has could carry a prison term of 14 years, which is an example of legal insanity if ever I saw one.

I go back to my poster. Our government is the problem.